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**Attitudes and Practices of Postgraduate Students towards Medical Research**

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**Abstract:
Introduction:** Medical research is essential in improving the health care. It is particularly valuable to the physician in evidence based medical practice as it imparts the skill in review of literature, collection and analysis of the data and critical appraisal of evidence.

**Material and methods:** A cross sectional study was carried out on the postgraduates of various specialties in the period 2013-14 after getting an approval from Institutional Ethics Committee. Out of 64 postgraduates approached, 58 students gave consent and they were included in the study. 15 were from nonclinical specialties and 43 were from clinical specialties.

**Results:** Though the level of attitude towards research (mean score 57.41 ± 24.96) better, we report a poor level of knowledge towards research (mean score 45.51 ± 20.44) and poor participation of the postgraduates in medical research (mean score 35.51 ± 20.53).

**Conclusion:** Limited time is the most important obstacle cited for not being able to engage in research.