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**Changes in perception about anatomy subject after 1st year of medical course.**

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**Abstract**

**Introduction:-** Study of human anatomy is the first step taken by students in the long road to become a successful medical practitioner. Students enter the medical course holding certain views about the subject of Anatomy, which changes over the subsequent one year of study. These changes are brought about by vast syllabus, limited teaching period and professional collage environment. The study investigated these changes which occurred in the perceptions about the subject of Anatomy in 1st year medical students.

**Methods:**- A 7 question survey targeted 100 students enrolled in 1st year of medical course at the beginning of the session (1st assessment). The same survey was again done at the end of the teaching year (2nd assessment) and the difference in opinion was recorded.

**Results:**-The difficulty level of anatomy as perceived by students, decreased along the course of one year. The knowledge of Anatomy was important for clinical practice according to majority of students. The time frame of one year was inadequate to study anatomy effectively.

**Conclusion:**- Anatomy is an important subject for clinical practice and the 1st year of medical course inadequate to cover the subject. Anatomy must be taught in the subsequent years for a effective clinical outcome.

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