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Mental health, public health and communication skills to be included in MBBS curriculum from 2019.

It is for the first time in the past 21 years that the Medical Council of India (MCI) has decided to bring about a change in the syllabus of MBBS.

MCI reveals to implement the revised syllabus from the next academic year, i.e. 2019.

### Changes in syllabus:

- According to the council, MBBS will consist of more classes which will focus on mental health, public health, as well as on communication skills.
- The new course will also focus on counselling patients and their relatives about organ donation and making them aware of its benefits.
- The new course will also comprise of a set of 'outcome-based' classes including attitude, ethics, and communication (AETCOM).

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### About AETCOM:

- AETCOM will be introduced to students from the first year
- It aims to train students on how to communicate with patients and their relatives
- Apart from this, the MCI officials believe that AETCOM will help to avoid miscommunication between doctors and patients

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