

# **The Impact of Family Influence on the Educational Choices of Bangladeshi Female Medical Aspirants**

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## **Abstract**

In Bangladesh, many female students choose medical studies, often influenced by family and societal pressure. This study explores how family expectations shape these decisions, often overshadowing personal interests. A large number of female students prefer medical fields, driven by cultural norms and the idea of job security. However, these choices are not always based on their passions. The research focuses on understanding the role of family influence in pushing female students toward medical studies instead of other fields. A survey was conducted among 55 medical students across Bangladesh, asking about their initial career preferences, reasons for choosing medical college, and the role of family and society in their decisions. Results showed that 47.3% chose medicine as their first choice, while 63.6% were influenced by societal or familial expectations. Many students admitted that family pressure was the main reason behind their decision to study medical college. Some students pursued it out of interest, but societal expectations often played a big role.

To help female students make their own career choices, it is important to reduce family and societal pressure. Raising awareness about different career options could inspire them to follow their true interests.

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