

Right from childhood, I have always been drawn to science. Its usages and vast potentials awe me pushing my curiosity out of the box. Growing up in a society that infant mortality was on the high side. 2 of 5 children born to an average earner in the community – Toknia State in the countryside of Nepal die from minor diseases and sickness that any simple antibiotics can cure. Fuelled by the need to halt the unnecessary death and render a helping hand to my people, I began developing an interest in pediatric Medicine. My interest grew even stronger when the child law was enacted in my state giving all infants of age 0-12 years free access to medical attention which include medical consultation with a professional Paediatrics and access to drugs for treatment. One limitation that was still faced by members of my community even after the enactment of this law was the availability of medical practitioners who specialize in Paediatric medicine. Although medicine and surgery are offered in 12 universities out of a total of 54 universities in my country. Out of these 12 universities, only 2 offer a specialization in Paediatric medicine therefore the demand for Paediatric doctors is usually higher than the supply.

After my high school, I successfully gained admission into one of the two Universities that offer Paediatrics with excellent high school results, scoring 97% in the entrance examination. Being the best student, I was awarded a merit scholarship that lasted through the four years of my undergraduate study. As a fresh student of Medicine, I knew my life will be dedicated to saving lives. This was not an issue as the commitment to saving human lives has been my drive for years. As an undergraduate student, I played active roles in students' government both at the school level and in the School of Medical Science. I was also part of over 5 organizations on campus with activities ranging from peer education, sensitization about the prevention and management of STDs, campaign for gender equity, fundraising to help the indigent students, and other activities. I was also a member of one of the numerous research groups in Paediatric Medicine. During my final-year research, I worked on the Modern Trends used for Early Diagnostics of Lumps in Infant. This project infused into me the yearning to delve deeper into the early diagnostics of lumps in an infant. I made three publications in the International Journal of Medical Science and I was widely referenced.

My research publication was instrumental to the medical internship program offer I got from Tokina state hospital. In the hospital, I had the opportunity to work with senior specialists in the field of Paediatric Medicine, Neonatal, Haematology/Oncology, Child Abuse Paediatrics, etc., where we successfully treated varieties of illness ranging from trauma to internal medical emergencies. I was part of the team that successfully carried out surgery on a set of twins who were born and co-joined with a lump. I took an active part in voluntary medical trips and fieldwork in the community. I co-founded Save Our Children Foundation - An organization that offers medical outreach to members of the remote community. Since the foundation of the organization, we have been able to offer free medical services to over 1,000 patients, we have also crowdfunded for a patient who needed a kidney transplant. Aside from Save Our Children Foundation, I have also been an active member of Colour Our World – A non-governmental organization that takes care of the less privileged and children born with disabilities.

After graduation, I have always wanted to gain more experience and knowledge in Emergency Paediatric Medicine in an advanced country where I would be exposed to world-class practitioners, sophisticated treatment equipment, and modern trends in Paediatric medicine. During my undergraduate days, I was always passionate about the work and research of Prof. James – A Paediatrician and senior faculty at the University of Ontario, Canada. His research objectives and methodologies helped in the formation of the hypothesis for my research. It's safe to say my undergraduate research was a subset of his research on Infant Mortality. These

and many more were all parts of what ignited my interest in a graduate program at the University of Ontario. Moreover, I am fortunate to know a few graduates from the school who were not reluctant in educating me about the quality of education at the University of Ontario. From the alumni, I was informed that the university of Ontario offers students experiential learning opportunities in a serene environment with professors that are so particular about the success of students. Daring Science Magazine also noted that the advanced learning facilities at the University of Ontario are one of the best in the world.

After my postgraduate study, I hope to utilize the knowledge, experience, network, and skills in establishing a world-class Paediatric Hospital in my community. I will partner with governments, organizations, corporate bodies, individuals, and others to ensure that quality medical treatments are available to indigent members of my community.



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