

# Gap

A break or space in an object or between two objects.

One central gap included limited formal opportunities at many institutions, including medical schools without neurosurgery programs. Another gap included an absent structure to many forms of mentorship and delayed engagement of medical students in neurosurgical training, which significantly impacts career interests. Current available resources for these aspects of career development are listed.

These studies highlight the current endeavors to encourage medical student careers however ample gaps and missed opportunities were also identified. Further work at both institutional and national levels is needed to improve the current environment. tremendous contribution by students, residents, and faculty in neurosurgery towards the development of medical student careers in neurosurgery. Nonetheless, there is need for further work on this issue <sup>1)</sup>.

<sup>1)</sup>

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