

210 medical students participated in a survey. **Women** and **man** were equally interested in **brain** pathologies (38% vs. 47%, strongly agreed), whereas interest in **neurosurgery** was significantly greater in men (12% vs. 26%, strongly agreed). Men were less likely to believe that **women neurosurgery residents** would face inequality at work. They were also less likely to support a gender quota in neurosurgery. Yet, both women and men were convinced that a rise in the number of women would positively impact the field. No gender-dependency was seen in students' strive for success and prestige. Men felt discouraged from pursuing neurosurgery because they feared an unpleasant work environment whereas women were concerned about neurosurgery not being family-friendly. Regardless of gender, the greatest factor deterring students from neurosurgery was poor **work-life balance**.

Awareness must be raised concerning **gender equity** and **discrimination** in **neurosurgery**. A multifaceted approach is imperative to develop neurosurgery into a **profession** where gender no longer hinders access to training and success in the field ¹⁾

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