

I have always had a great interest in chemistry and biology because these two subjects have a great impact on day today life. I have become fascinated by Medicine as a career as I was surrounded by doctor cousins and because it brings together chemistry and biology and play a distinctive role in well being of community.

During the days of graduation at Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Belgaum, I was found of Anatomy, Biochemistry and General Surgery. Studying these subjects gave me a good insight into surgical field. Surgical posting during my houseman ship, made me more determined to choose surgery as my future career. Those days as post graduate trainees were less in number, we as interns were called to assist surgeries. I performed appendicectomy, herniotomy and hydrocoele repairs under supervision of senior consultant. It gave me more confidence to pursue my higher education and training in surgery.

Soon after the houseman ship, I started working as resident medical officer in surgery department at S. Nijaligappa medical college Bagalkot, during this time my professor helped me to improve my clinical skills, communication with patients and relatives and colleagues, to take up individual responsibility, to work as team and also to take up post graduation.

My post graduation (DNB – General Surgery) was accomplished at Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain Hospital Bangalore, it is 600beds tertiary care teaching hospital with 6 OT room complex, 24 beds ICU, Emergency room, Cath Lab, serving central area and surroundings of Bangalore. As a postgraduate trainee we had structured programme, Case assessment, Grand rounds, assisting and performing open and laparoscopic surgeries under supervision, out patient management, Academic sessions. I presented thesis on *“Laparoscopic appendicectomy versus Open Appendicectomy – A Prospective study”* . While doing this research thesis, I happened to assist many laparoscopic surgeries, hence I became aware of many advantages of laparoscopic surgeries over open surgeries. After the post graduation I had a chance to work with many laparoscopic surgeons, and developed skills in the field of laparoscopy. It was my dream come true when I had the opportunity to join VGM gastro centre, I could not only upgrade my skill but also bring refinement. Now my aim is to evolve further to get training in Robotic surgery or Advanced colorectal surgery.