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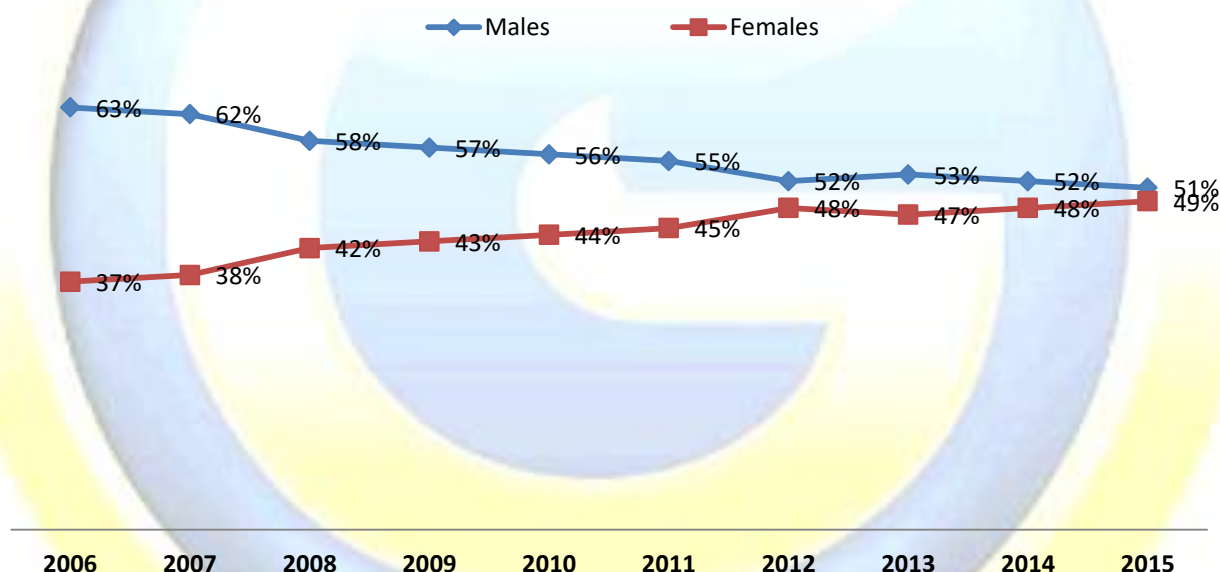
2006-2015: Gender gap in registered medical workforce reduced significantly. 12% increase in the proportion of female medical doctors in Punjab: Gallup Big Data Analytics Team

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According to Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) statistics reported in statistical pocket book, in 2006, out of 50,302 doctors registered with PMDC in Punjab, 63% were male doctors (31,700) and 49% were female doctors (18,602).

In 2015, out of 62,839 doctors registered with PMDC, 51% were male doctors (32,150) and 49% were female doctors (30,689). Over a period of 9 years, the percentages have nearly split evenly. The proportion of female MBBS doctors has significantly increased by 12%, thus balancing the previous gender tilt towards the males.

Proportion of Male/Female Doctors Registered in Punjab 2006-2015



Source: Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC), Islamabad.
 Quoted in Statistical Pocket Book 2017,
 Analysis done by Gallup Pakistan
<http://bos.gop.pk/system/files/pb%202017.pdf>

These statistics look promising for those female patients who are otherwise hesitant to be inspected by male doctors due to issues relating to culture, comfort and privacy. However, these figures are not representative of the number of “practicing” medical female professionals. Every year, countless female students either give up (forcefully/by choice) or fail to pursue their MBBS degree further.



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Methodology: The data for this analysis is based on Statistical Pocket Book 2017 and then analysed by Gallup Pakistan team. Any omission or error cannot be ruled out.

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