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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
03rd November 2014

To : Director/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya,
Sri Jayewardenepura,

MD (VENEREOLOGY) EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2014

1. The above examination will commence on **16 December 2014**. The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Venereology) examination.

- (a) Candidates who in the opinion of the Board of Study, have satisfactory progress reports including satisfactory attendance (log book) from those who supervised all attachments will be eligible to sit the examination.
- (b) The candidate should have at least 80% attendance in each of the attachments including 80% attendance in each component in Venereology.
- (c) If a progress report is not satisfactory, or the candidate does not have the required attendance for any attachment he/she will have to repeat that attachment in the same unit or a different unit as decided by the Board of Study.
- (d) Approval of the Board of Study in Venereology should be obtained for detailed protocols of the research projects to be carried out by the MD trainees as a prerequisite to sit the MD Venereology examination.

Note:- Candidates should submit along with the application, a certificate/s from the supervisor/s concerned that they have at least 80% attendance at each of the training attachment and have satisfactorily completed the training programme.

3. The examination consists 03 components.

- (i) Written Papers - Paper I (Essay Type Questions) and Paper II (Short Answer questions)
- (ii) Clinicals - Long case and Short cases
- (iii) OSCE

4. Candidates who obtain at least 50% of the total marks, with a minimum of 50% in written papers and 50% in the clinical examination in one sitting will be awarded the MD Venereology. This is to be effective from 2008 MD group.

5. Past Essay Question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination, or subsequent scheduled examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examination will be counted as an attempt.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed 6 attempts only in the MD which must be made within a period of 08 years from the date of the first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998. However after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt.

8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “Guidelines for enrolment of non-state sector trainees in to PGIM training programmes-2011 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

9. The candidates should commence the overseas training within five years after passing the MD Examination and if not the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

10. **There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly**

11. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

12. The candidates who shall commence the Post MD (Senior Registrar) training after January 2010 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.

13. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows :

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| (a) Registration fee | - | Rs. 4,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Examination fees | - | Rs. 40,000.00 |

15. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs. 1,000/-. Requests for application and other details by post should accompany a SASE 9” x 4” in size and a money order for Rs. 1,000/- drawn in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medicine and payable at the Cinnamon Gardens Post Office, Colombo 7. The envelope should be marked **“Application for the MD (Venereology) Examination”** at the top left hand corner.

16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department, confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach Senior Asst. Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM, No. 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 **on or before 14 November 2014. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

17. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM . web site – www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim

18. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled on the approved examination calendar.

19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

20. The unofficial results of the examination will be only released following approval by the Board of Management. However for the results to be valid and official the **Senate of the University should approve the results** by the Board of Management.

21. The candidates will be issued an **“Examination Feedback Form”** with the admission documents. It should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination**. If the form is not received it will be confirmed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it had been conducted according to the Prospectus/rules/regulations of the PGIM. **No complaints or concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.**

Professor H Janaka de Silva
Director, PGIM

- c.c. 1. Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Welfare.
2. Director General of Health Services.
3. DDGHS/Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Welfare.
4. Registrar, Sri Lanka Medical Council.
5. Secretary of Board of Study in Community Medicine/Venereology.
6. Hony. Secretary, GMOA.
7. National STD/AIDS Control Programme, Central VD Clinic.
8. Director, FHB
9. Director, Health Education Bureau
10. Director, Anti Malaria Campaign
11. Director, National Blood Transfusion Service
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