

Circular No. 77 /2015

My No. PGIM/EX/6/CO/2 (15)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Norris Canal Road,
Colombo 7.
20th August 2015

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 (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART II EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER 2015

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 7th September 2015**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) successful completion of Part I Clinical Oncology examination ;
 - (b) participated and satisfactorily completed the Stage II of the training programmes ;
 - (c) submission and acceptance of all progress reports and peer Team Review reports. (In case of unsatisfactorily report/s the Board of Study in Clinical Oncology would take appropriate actions according to the General PGIM rules and regulations.)
 - (d) submission of a Case Book 6 months prior to the date of commencement of the MD part 2 examination and acceptance of the same by the Board of Study in Clinical Oncology.

Note :- successful completion of the Stage II training has to be certified in the trainee's Log book by his/her tutors.

3.The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the training programme should pass the MD(Clinical Oncology) Part II examination. The current format of the MD (Clinical Oncology) Part II examination for the perusal of applications is described in the prospectus and relevant examination documents which are available at the PGIM.

4. The MD (Clinical Oncology) Part II examination shall consist of seven components. ie Short Essay Type Question paper, Structured Type Question paper I, Structured Type Question paper II, Long Case, Short Cases, Practical Planning, and Viva Voce.

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5. To pass the MD Part II Examination the candidate

Pass mark of each component is 50%

- (I) A mark of 50% or more is obtained in each of the seven components of the examination.

OR

- (II) In the event that a score of 50% is not obtained for any one of the Written components of the examination the candidate will be considered to have passed the examination **if all the following criteria are met:**
- a. An aggregate mark of 50% or more is obtained when the marks of all seven components is totaled.
 - b. Has obtained an score of 50% or more in each of the clinical components, ie, Long case, Short cases, Treatment Planning and Viva Voce and
 - c. obtained a minimum marks of 45% in **only one** of the three written papers ie, Paper I, Paper II and Paper III. The candidate should have scored 50% or more in the other 2 components.

6. Trainees could also be Board Certified with special training in Paediatric Oncology or Haemato Oncology if such a trainee has obtained prior board approval for such training after being successful at the MD (Clinical Oncology) Part II examination.

7. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM Library.

8. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part II 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 examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examination will be counted as an attempt.

9. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the Part II which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.** This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the MD (Clinical Oncology) Part I examination 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.

10. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2015” and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 4,000/= (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 44,000/=
(c) Case book Ass. Fee	- Rs. 2,000/=

17. Eligible candidates should obtain the prescribed application forms from the Examinations Branch, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine on payment of Rs.1,000/- . Requests for applications and other details by post should include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope indicate a 9” x 4” in size. The application form also could be downloaded from our website www.cmb.ac.lk/pgim . The envelope should be marked **“Application for MD (Clinical Oncology) part II Examination”** at the top left hand corner.

18. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicant if selected would be released for Postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Asst. Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Norris Canal Road, Colombo 7 on or before **28th August 2015. Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.

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

20. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2015.

21. The results of the examination will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**

22. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents and this 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 assumed that you do not have any concerns regarding the examination and it was 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.**

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Director, PGIM

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2. Director General of Health Services.
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