

Revision of the stage I – III Training Programme – MD Paediatrics

In order to improve the existing training programme and to accommodate two intakes per year, the BOS in Paediatrics held a special meeting on the 27th April at the PGIM. All trainers and representatives from all stages of trainees were invited and ideas were sought.

The Chair presented the consensus reached at the above meeting to the BOS meeting held on the 13th May 2016 and indicated that more than 24 candidates have qualified to enter the training programme from the recently concluded part one examination.

The BOS decided to enroll all qualified candidates to the training programme and to implement the necessary minor changes to the stage I training programme to accommodate the increased intake. The following changes were approved by the Board at the meeting held on the 13th May 2016. An allocation committee was appointed for the accreditation of training units for each stage of training.

Stage I training (1st year training)

A training in General Paediatrics in a resource rich unit with one month of Emergency Paediatric Training to be done within the first 3 months of the training period.

Training centres – The suitable training centres will be decided by the allocation committee appointed by the BOS depending upon the number of successful candidates at the part 1 examination. One trainee will be allocated for Ministry of Health consultant and for the Professorial Units with less than 4 trainers. Professorial Units with more than 4 trainers will be allocated 2 trainees.

Emergency Paediatric training will be provided at Sirimavo Bandaranaike Children's Hospital, Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital and Karapitiya Teaching Hospital.

Stage II training (2nd year training)

First 6 months

Neonatal intensive care training at a Neonatal Unit accredited by the BOS.

Second 6 months

General paediatric training in a peripheral setting. One trainee will be allocated for a consultant. The suitable units will be decided by the allocation committee.

Stage III training (3rd year training)

General paediatric training for 9 months and subspecialty training for 3 months. This part of the training will be offered at Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital (LRH). However if the number of trainees are too many to be accommodated at LRH, then BOS will decide on suitable alternative training station/s.

During this one year of training, trainees will be assigned to two different General Paediatric Units, each of 6 months. The 3 months of subspecialty training will be given during first 6 months and second six months would be fulltime General Paediatrics.

Comparison of core substance of the 2 programmes

	Current Programme	New Programme
General Paediatric training	27 months	26 months
Neonatal training	5 months	6 months
Subspecialty training	4 months	4 months

The new programme will be able to overcome many of the deficiencies of the current programme and is able to **accommodate 2 intakes** per year. The number of trainees that could be selected from each examination can be increased from **18 to 24**. However, flexibility exists for a maximum of 30 candidates (defense services, university, private etc).

This revision will be effective for the trainees who commence Pre MD training from 01st July 2016 onwards

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Paediatrics

The Senate approved the decision of the Board of Management, to have 30 TF and 30 SBA questions with a qualifying mark of 45% from each component and an overall mark of 50% as the pass mark at the selection examination in MD Paediatrics.

Senate Approved on 28.09.2016