

## **13. SPECIALIZATION**

The option of selecting a specialty/sub-specialty (former term used) is normally given to the trainees. Training opportunities are offered according to availability of trainers and training units/posts as determined by the relevant Boards of Study and the needs of the country as determined by the Ministry of Health. The number of available training positions will change from year to year and the number will be indicated in the examination circular calling for applications or before the allocation of specialties after the MD Examination. New specialties are introduced on a prospective basis, and no trainee will be permitted to request a subspecialty during the following year based on the MD merit position in the previous year, even if training positions are available.

The merit list is prepared according to procedures laid down by the University Senate. Allocation of trainees is done strictly according to the merit order. Availability of training positions will depend on the Ministry of Health and available facilities. Allocation of trainees is done to make the best use of all available training positions.

### **13.1 Introduction of New Specialties**

New specialties will be introduced only after:

- 13.1.1 A written request made by the Secretary/Ministry of Health based on the needs of the country.
- 13.1.2 Approval for the above request is granted by the BOM and/or the relevant BOS.
- 13.1.3 Preparation of the relevant prospectus and by-law as per UGC guidelines by the Boards of Study/ Specialty Board.
- 13.1.4 Approval for above by the AAAEC/Board of Management/Senate/Legislation Committee/University Council/University Grants Commission.

### **13.2 Changing of a Selected Specialty by Senior Registrars within a General Specialty**

The under mentioned general policy will be applicable in relation to requests for changing of specialties by the trainees.

- 13.2.1 Requests for change of a selected specialty will be allowed only within the first three months of Senior Registrar (post-MD) training, provided that training positions are available in the requested specialty.
- 13.2.2 Requests for such changes will be allowed only once.
- 13.2.3 The period of training the trainee has undergone in the first chosen specialty will not be considered for purposes of Board Certification.
- 13.2.4 The effective date of Board Certification will be calculated from the date of commencement of training in the specialty to which the trainee changes.
- 13.2.5 Such changes have to be approved by the Board of Study and Board of Management.