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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 07.  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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/Kelaniy/Sri Jayawardenepura

**POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN VENEREOLOGY EXAMINATION –AUGUST 2020**

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - a. Completion of Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology training course with at least 80% attendance in lectures and in-service clinical training appointments.
  - b. Obtain satisfactory progress reports from assigned trainers for in service training (MOH and clinical)
  - c. Satisfactory completion of the case studies and acceptance of same by the Board of Study.
3. The examination consist of three parts,
  - i. Written Papers - Paper I – Essay Type Questions (3 hours)  
Paper II – Short Answer Questions (3 hours)
  - ii. Clinicals - Two cases (45 minutes/case)
  - iii. OSPE - 20 Stations (2 hours)
4. Requirements to pass the Pg. Diploma in Venereology Examination;
  - Candidate should obtain;  
  
50% or more (500 marks or more) of the total 1000 marks  
And  
50% or more for written (250 marks or more)  
And  
50% or more for clinical cases (150 marks or more)  
And  
50% or more for OSPE (100 marks or more)

5. Past question papers are available for sale in the PGIM/Library or can be download from our website [www.cmb.ac.lk.pgim/library](http://www.cmb.ac.lk.pgim/library)
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the Postgraduate Diploma examinations 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 Postgraduate Diploma Examination which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of the first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth attempt. This requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998.
8. Post MD trainees should commence Post MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local Post MD training. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.
9. Post MD trainees who delay commencing overseas Post MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local Post MD training will have their trainee status terminated.
10. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows;
  - a. Application fee - Rs. 2,500.00 (Non Refundable)
  - b. Registration fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non Refundable)
  - c. Examination fee - Rs. 34,500.00
  - d. Case Book Assessment fee - Rs. 6,000.00 (Non Refundable)

***(Only online payments through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM)***

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
11. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
12. Applications with every cage duly filled should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Senior Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No. 160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.** The envelope should be marked “Application for Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Examination” at the top left hand corner **incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**  
**(Please send the advance copy of your exam application along with the payment slip to [exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:exam@pgim.cmb.ac.lk) on or before the deadline. You are permitted to send soft copies without the signatures of relevant authorities. However, you are required to send the duly completed application to be eligible to sit for the examination once the situation normalizes.)**

13. Please refer the new regulations laid down by the Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health web site – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
14. Please bring the contents of the Circular letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in you department/division/faculty.
15. **There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.**
16. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
17. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the admission documents. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (e.g. perceived biases, discriminatory behavior, harassment, intimidation) and **NOT** regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover **within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination. No concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
18. The candidates who pass the Postgraduate Diploma in Venereology Examination and are enrolled for the MD (Venereology) programme should undergo the “Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand” organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first 02 years of Pre MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully
19. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updated details.



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