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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 2017**

1. The above examination will commence on **11<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. 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) The candidate should have at least 80% attendance in each of the attachments including each component in venereology.
  - (b) Candidates should have satisfactory progress report and completion of the Log Book.
  - (c) Approval of the BOS should have been obtained for the research project leading to the dissertation.

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

3. The examination shall consist of 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 - Ten Stations
4. Candidates who obtain 50% or more of the total 1000 marks (500 marks)  
AND  
a minimum of 50% in written papers  
AND  
a minimum of 50% in the clinical cases in one sitting  
AND  
A minimum of 50% in OSCE in one sitting shall be considered to have passed the MD examination
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 “General Regulations & Guidelines– 2017” 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 August 2011 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 document 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) Application fee  | - | Rs. 2,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| (b) Registration fee | - | Rs. 5,000.00 (Non Refundable) |
| (c) Examination fees | - | Rs. 51,000.00                 |

***(Only online payments will be acceptable by the PGIM)***

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)

15. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/on> payment of Rs. 2000/-.

16. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/ Examinations, PGIM. No.160, Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw, Colombo 7 **on or before 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. The envelope should be marked "Application for MD Venereology Examination" at the top left hand corner  
**Incomplete applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
17. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in PGIM website – [www.health.gov.lk](http://www.health.gov.lk)
18. Please bring the contents of the Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
19. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar year 2017.
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University of Colombo**
21. 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 returned 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 the release of results** nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further details

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Professor H Janaka de Silva  
**Director, PGIM**

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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