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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Study in Medicine will conduct a course in Diploma in Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases (DTCD). The objective of this course is to enable a medical practitioner to obtain focused specialized knowledge, skills and attitudes beyond those developed during the undergraduate and pre-registration period in the field of chest medicine. Special emphasis would be on Tuberculosis, specifically on the community aspects of tuberculosis. DTCD diploma is a qualification recognized by the Ministry of Health of Sri Lanka for promotion to grade I in the Ministry of Health. However the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) does not recognize it as a qualification for Board Certification as a specialist nor is it considered as an additional qualification of entry into a specialist-training programme leading to a Board certifiable postgraduate degree by the PGIM. The trainee who enters the DTCD course will be asked to give a written undertaking that, on completion of the DTCD examination, they would be willing to serve in any of the chest clinics in the country, if their services are required by the National Programme for Control of Tuberculosis and Chest diseases.

DURATION

The duration of training for the DTCD course would be one year.

ELIGIBILITY

The entry criteria for DTCD course would be

- (a) A medical degree with full registration with the Sri-Lanka medical council
- (b) Completion of pre-registration internship
- (c) Experience of minimum period of one year in a medical or surgical unit of a chest hospital and / or in a district or provincial chest clinic.
- (d) A minimum mark of 50% in a MCQ selection test.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

The trainee would be allocated to a training unit headed by a PGIM Board certified Chest Physician for a period of ten and a half months. Every trainee would be rotated to the Welisara Chest Hospital surgical thoracic unit for a period of six weeks. The selection of a training unit by a trainee would be according to the rank position obtained in the MCQ selection test. Assessment of the DTCD course In-course assessment Fifty percent (50%) of the total

marks allocated for assessment for the DTCD course would be in-course assessment. This would comprise of: -

- (a) Assessment of 2 case histories, one of which should be a case of tuberculosis and the other non-tuberculosis chest disease. Each case history would be allocated ten percent (10%) of the marks, twenty percent (20%) in total.
- (b) Log book. The log book would be assessed by two examiners every four (4) months on three (3) occasions and ten percent (10%) marks given for each assessment, thirty percent (30%) in total.

FINAL ASSESSMENT

Fifty percent (50%) of the total marks would be allocated for the end of the DTCD course final examination. Final examination would consist of :-

- (a) Ten station (10) objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) allocated fifteen percent (15%) of the total marks
- (b) Written paper consisting of five (5) data interpretation questions (7.5%) and five (5) case histories (7.5%) allocated fifteen percent (15%) of the total marks
- (c) One (1) long case (8%) and three (3) short cases (12%) allocated twenty percent (20%) of the total marks

The trainee should obtain a minimum of fifty percent (50%) in the in-course assessment (25% of the total marks) and fifty percent (50%) in the final assessment (25% of the total marks) to qualify. The candidate who does not achieve the minimum mark of fifty percent (50%) in the in-course assessment will not be eligible to sit for the final assessment. The candidate should have an overall total mark on or above fifty percent (50%) to qualify. The number

of attempts at the final examination would be limited to four (4) and should be completed within five years from the date of commencement of the first examination.

INTERPRETATION AND AMENDMENTS

On any other matter regarding this programme/s or on a matter of interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Board of Study in Medicine duly approved by the Board of Management of the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine shall be final.

The prospectus is subject to revision from time to time. Adequate notice will be given of such changes.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Candidates are referred to the General Regulations Book in addition to this book which deals with regard to specific regulations in medicine and allied specialities.