

Amendment to the Pre MD training programme in Ophthalmology

The Board of Study in Ophthalmology recommends trainees to get some exposure to subspecialties of ophthalmology. These subspecialties are established formerly under the ministry of health in the recent past. The PGIM has trained the specialists on those areas. These include cornea and external eye diseases and orbit and oculoplasty. Further the board decided to increase the vitreoretina training period from two weeks to four weeks. The board strongly recommends these changes due to increased demand of some training for general ophthalmologist to handle the basic cases by them rather than referring to existing few units in the country. This will not only reduce the work load and long waiting lists of those units but also to reduce the need for patients to travel to major hospitals for basic treatment in these areas. This will also be helpful for the trainees to find overseas training opportunities.

According to the current prospectus "MD in Ophthalmology and board certification 2014" the stage two training is as follows

Four registrar rotations in general ophthalmology of 6 months each
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Neurology in relation to ophthalmology – 2 weeks.
Vitreoretina – 2 weeks

The recommended new training of the above training.

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Vitreoretina – 4 weeks
Cornea and external eye diseases –2 weeks
Orbit and oculoplasty – 2 weeks
General Medicine – 2 weeks.

This change will increase the current training period by 8 weeks.

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