

Circular Letter No 102 /2020

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Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Rd
Colombo 7.
13th October 2020

MD (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART II EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2020

1. The above examination will commence on Wednesday **28th October 2020***

***The date given in the circular is subject to change due to the current COVID-19 situation of the country. You will be given two weeks' time with the notification of actual date of the examination once the normality of the country is restored**

2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

- (a) Successful completion of Part I Clinical Oncology examination;
- (b) Participated and satisfactorily completed the Stage II Training programmes.
- (c) Submission and acceptance of all progress reports and Peer Team Review reports. In case of unsatisfactory report/s from the trainer/s, the BOS/ Clinical Oncology would take appropriate actions according to the PGIM General rules and regulations
- (d) Submission of a case book 6 months prior to the date of commencement of the MD part 2 examination and acceptance of the same by the Board of Study in Clinical Oncology.

and

- (e) Should have completed Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand-
(certificate to be submitted along with the application.)

3. The MD (Clinical Oncology) Part II examination shall consist of seven components (labeled C1 to C7) Covering the subjects in Clinical Oncology i.e

- C1- Paper I Short Essay Type Question paper of 2 hrs duration
- C2- Paper II Structured Essay Type Question paper of 3 hrs duration
- C3- Paper III Structured Essay Type Question paper of 3 hrs duration

- C4- Clinicals - Long Case (45 minutes for examination and 30 minutes for the discussion)

- C5- Clinicals - Short Cases (Two panels & 30 minutes each and minimum of three cases for candidate per each panel)
- C6- Practical Planning (1 hour)
- C7- Viva voce - 1 hour (2 panels. 30 minutes each.)

4. Pass mark of each component is 50%

(i) A mark 50% or more is obtained in each of the seven components of the examination.

or

(ii) In the event that a score of 50% is not obtained for any one of the written components of the examination the candidate will be considered to have passed the examination **if all the following criteria are met.**

- a. An aggregate mark of 50% or more is obtained when the marks of all seven components is totaled
- b. Has obtained an score of 50 % or more in each of the clinical components, long case, short cases, practical treatment planning and viva voce and,
- c. Obtained a minimum mark of 45% in only one of the three written papers ,ie., Paper I,II and III . The candidate should have scored 50% or more in the other components.

5. Trainees could also be Board Certified with special training in **Paediatric Oncology** and **Haemato - Oncology** A trainee should have obtained prior board approval for such training after being successful at the MD(Clinical Oncology) Part II examination.

6. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>

7 Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part II 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 examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.

8. **Please note that candidates are allowed 6 attempts only, in the MD which must be completed 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. These requirement will not apply to those candidates who have sat the Selection/Part I examinations before 1998

9. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “ General Regulations and Guidelines - 2020” which is available on the PGIM web site www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk .The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.

10. 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 date of effective Board Certification.

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.

11. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.

12. 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.

13. The candidates who shall commence the post MD (Senior Registrar) training after 1st August 2011 should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal. (PBCA)

14. Following the completion of prescribed requirements for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.

15. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-

(a) Registration fee	-	Rs.	5,000/= (non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	-	Rs.	59,000/=
(c) Application fee	-	Rs.	3000/= (non refundable)
(d) Case book Ass. Fee	-	Rs.	3000/=

Only online payment through the PGIM online portal will be accepted by the PGIM.

16. The application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
17. Applications with **every cage duly filled** should be forwarded through the Head of Department confirming that the applicants if selected would be released for postgraduate training in the PGIM. The applications should reach the Assistant Registrar/Examinations, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, 160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mawatha, Colombo 7 on or before **20th October 2020. Incomplete Applications and late applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.
19. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.
20. There shall be no repeat or additional examinations which are not scheduled in the approved examination calendar for the year 2020.
21. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the **Senate of the University.**
22. 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 (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, 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.
23. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM web site (www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.


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