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To : Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
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MD (OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY) EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2023

1. The above examination will commence on **04th December 2023**.
2. To register for the MD (Otorhinolaryngology) examination, a candidate should produce the following
 - Certificates of satisfactory completion of training, signed by the appointed trainers;
 - Duly completed log book;
 - Duly completed Trainee Assessment Forms;
 - The Case Book prepared as indicated in Annexure II and approved by the Board of Study;

The Case Book should be upload to the Google Form including the supervisor's signature along with a letter confirming the softcopy (PDF) contains the corrected final casebook. The first page of the softcopy should carry the title, the author's name in the center and the year at the bottom.

Note :- a) A minimum of 80% attendance at organized lecture courses modules, practicals, field work, and satisfactory completion of prescribed clinical training are requirements to be granted permission to sit examinations.

b) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM**

3. The examination shall consist of 7 parts.
 - **Theory -**
 1. Paper I - Otology, Audiology & Rhinology
 2. Paper II - Laryngology, Head & Neck Surgery
 3. Paper III- Principles of General Surgery
 - **Clinicals**
 4. Long Case in Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery - 1 hour.
 5. Short Cases in Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery - 45 min.
 - **Orals**
 6. (a) Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery – 30 minutes
 - (b) Operative Otorhinolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery- 30 minutes
 7. General Surgery – 30 minutes
4. Requirements to pass the MD examination. A total mark of 63 or more from all 7 components of the examination and not more than one mark of 8 for any of the 7 components of the examination and no marks of 7 in any of the 7 components of the examination.
A candidate who has obtained a single mark of 8 (i.e. one 8) can pass the examination provided that the candidate has obtained at least one mark of 11 in any of the components of the examination.

5. When a trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/ module examination/ assessments during pre MD training, and is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD (Otorhinolaryngology) 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 only 6 attempts at the MD examination 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.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2023 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. 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. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.
10. There shall be no delay in submitting the research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.
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 should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
13. The trainees must, within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant documents must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a delay of effective date of Board Certification.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

a)	Application fee	- Rs. 6,500.00 (non refundable)
b)	Registration fee	- Rs. 12,500.00 (non refundable)
c)	Examination fee	- Rs. 114,000.00

Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees
Only online payments will be accepted by the PGIM

15. Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.

16. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/gaVAKcXWgSiEWTDJA> on or before **3rd November 2023**. The trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM to log into the google form. The exam application with all the relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow you to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
17. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
18. 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.
19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation of the Senate of the University.
20. Candidates are requested to visit PGIM website (<http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>) for further updates.
21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk.
22. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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