

**Circular Letter No.99/2024**

My No. PGIM/EX/6/MD/CO/2 (24)  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,  
160, Prof. Nandadasa Kodagoda Mw,  
Colombo 7.  
28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

To: Deputy Director/NHSL  
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/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU.

**MD (CLINICAL ONCOLOGY) PART II EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2013)**

1. The above examination will commence on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**
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 Treatment Planning - (1 hour)
- C7- Viva voce - 1 hour (2 panels. 30 minutes each.)

4. Pass mark of each component is 50% case

- (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 are totaled
  - b. Has obtained a 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 i.e., Paper I, II and III . The candidate should have scored 50% or more in the other components.

5. At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training if any will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the MOH prior to the post MD allocation.

6. 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.

7. Please note that the **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts to pass the MD (Clinical Oncology) part II examination which must be made 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 of further training before permitted to the sixth attempt.

8. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2024” which is available on the PGIM web site [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://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. The minimum duration of post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification in Clinical Oncology 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. The trainees must, within one (01) 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 the effective date of Board Certification.

14. The candidates should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website for perusal.

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

- |    |                          |                                 |
|----|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a. | Registration fee         | - Rs. 14 000/= (Non refundable) |
| b. | Examination fees         | - Rs 125 500/=                  |
| c. | Case Book Assessment fee | -Rs, 7 500/=                    |
| d. | Application Fee          | -Rs. 7,500/= (Non refundable)   |

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

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

16. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)
17. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/cMBd99zuXRrr1PcS9> on or before **10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a **single PDF** document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
18. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the, harassment, intimidation) and **NOT** regarding the format or content of 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 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 by the Senate of the University.
20. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.
21. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examination will be held,
22. The candidates will be issued an “**Examination Feedback Form**” with the, harassment, intimidation) and **NOT** regarding the format or content of 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 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 website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)) for further updated details.
24. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

 **Professor Senaka Rajapakse**  
MBBS, MD, FRCP, FRCP, FRCPE, FACP, FASP, FNAS(SL)  
Director  
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine  
University of Colombo

Professor Senaka Rajapakse  
Director/PGIM