NOTIFICATION

DETAILED RULES & REGULATIONS FOR INDUCTION OF TRAINEES IN MEDICINE & ALLIED

In continuation of CPSP Notification No. CPSP/Secy/2013(20-A) dated September 24, 2013, this is notified for information of the accredited departments/ institutions and the eligible candidates seeking induction in the CPSP Fellowship program in Medicine and Allied specialties that the new scheme of induction and rotations will be effective from 1st January 2014 as under:

1. Induction shall be made in first year of the fellowship program by the accredited institutions under a CPSP approved supervisor in January/ July each year.

2. Candidates will be required to specify in the Registration Form of RTMC, whether they would pursue straight residency in Medicine or would like to join group A or B after Intermediate Module (IMM).

3. The groups A and B will pursue fellowship training in one of the specialties included in the opted group after IMM. The disciplines included in groups A and B are:

   Group A
   1. Cardiology
   2. Pulmonology
   3. Nephrology
   4. Neurology

   Group B
   1. Cardiology
   2. Dermatology
   3. Gastroenterology
   4. Medical Oncology

4. Each Accredited Unit comprising of at least a professor, an associate professor and an assistant professor who are CPSP approved supervisor, can induct a maximum of four trainees in General Medicine and four trainees who opt for allied specialties included in both groups A and B (i.e. a total of 8 trainees in a unit).

5. The 16 months of IMM training for both General Medicine and Allied specialties shall be same and will consist of:
   - 12 months training in Principles, Practice and basic clinical skills in Medicine.
   - 04 months of mandatory rotation in General Medicine.

6. The trainees in groups A and B will complete rotations of 02 months each in the specialties included in the opted group.

7. The trainees in straight fellowship in General Medicine shall do rotations of 02 months each in any four of the following specialties: Cardiology, Dermatology, Gastroenterology, Medical Oncology, Nephrology, Neurology and Pulmonology.

8. The trainees in General Medicine will be required to get their synopsis approved by the Research & Evaluation Department by the end of first year of training, whereas trainees in group A or B will be required to do so in first year of the specialty training.

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9. The first two years of training (IMM) would also include completion of all mandatory workshops.

10. After completion of first two years training in Medicine and Allied specialties:
   - Four candidates who had opted for General Medicine shall continue their advance training in General Medicine.
   - Four candidates who had opted for group A or group B shall be entitled to pursue further fellowship training in a specialty of the opted group. However, induction into specialty training will depend upon the availability of training position in accredited institution(s).

11. Choices made at the outset and subsequently shall be final and changeover to another group or specialty at any stage will not be allowed.

12. The IMM examination is a midway assessment and has two MCQ papers with 100 MCQs of Single Best type in each paper. The format of IMM Medicine examination under the new scheme will be:
   - Paper I will be common for all trainees and shall cover the course content comprising Principles and Practice of Medicine.
   - Paper II will also be common for all trainees and shall consist of two sections. Section I will be mandatory for all trainees and will consist of 40 MCQs in two blocks of General Medicine and Cardiology.
     Section II will have 120 MCQs, in blocks of six specialties with 20 MCQs in each block. Candidates will be required to attempt any three blocks in which they have undergone rotation (i.e. 60 MCQs from this section).
   - TOACS shall be same for all trainees and shall be based on core competencies covering basic clinical and life supporting skills, as well as procedural and communication skills.

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