NOTIFICATION

DETAILED RULES & REGULATIONS FOR INDUCTION OF TRAINEES IN SURGERY & 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 Surgery 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 fellowship in General Surgery 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. Neurosurgery
   2. Orthopaedics/Trauma
   3. Plastic Surgery
   4. Urology

   **Group B**
   1. Cardiovascular Surgery
   2. Orthopaedics/Trauma
   3. Paediatric Surgery
   4. Thoracic Surgery

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 Surgery 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 18 months of IMM training for all groups shall be same and will consist of:
   - 12 months training in Principles and Practice of Surgery.
   - 03 months of mandatory rotation in General Surgery.
   - 03 months of mandatory rotation in Orthopaedics/Trauma.

6. The trainees in groups A and B will complete three rotations of 02 months each in the three specialties included in the opted group except Orthopaedics/Trauma, which they would complete as mandatory rotation.

7. The trainees in straight fellowship in General Surgery shall do three rotations of 02 months each in any of the following specialties: Cardiovascular Surgery, Neurosurgery, Paediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery and Urology.

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

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

10. After completion of first two years (IMM) training in Surgery and Allied specialties:

   - Four candidates who had opted for General Surgery shall continue their advance training in General Surgery.
   - Four candidates who had opted for group A or 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 Surgery 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 Surgery.
   - 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 Surgery and Orthopaedics/Trauma.
     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 of specialties 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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