



## **CLARIFICATION**

Our attention has been drawn to a document which has appeared on the website of the Health Department, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore. It has been signed by a number of people, including allegedly a representative of CPSP.

It is informed to all Postgraduates who have successfully done their FCPS Part-I that the College does not agree with the contents of 50 – 50 ratio in particular and therefore refutes this document vehemently. The opinion expressed in the document might be the personal view of the signatories but the College does not agree with this view and must emphasise the procedure and rules followed for more than half a Century.

We are writing a letter to the Secretary Health, Government of Punjab to review this and accommodate if not all, then the maximum number of eligible candidates on merit, seeking the National Residency Programme. We believe every Pakistani doctor who has acquired the eligibility has a basic fundamental right to opt for a specialty of his choice on merit. It is further clarified the CPSP did not authorize verbally or in writing any person to sign any document on behalf of the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan. It is the sole prerogative of the College Council to make rules and byelaws and amend them, if required. For those who are desirous to join the National Residency Program and have cleared their FCPS Part-I, they are informed that CPSP does not reserve seats for a Province or an organization and places trainees slots on merit and transparency. Therefore, only those applications will be entertained for registration who:



Apply on Line in personal capacities answering all the questions asked in the form and then producing a certificate of having acquired a teaching slot which is duly signed by the Unit In charge, MS or Head of the Hospital of a Government teaching hospitals, CPSP accredited teaching hospitals, private hospitals or Armed Forces Hospital within a stipulated period for which the last date for January session is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. College does not entertain applications applied in groups or proxy applications, to maintain the transparency and strictly adhere to merit. It is further informed no extension in the date will be made because any shortage in the training period is likely to have a long term adverse detrimental repercussions internationally for the qualifications of the College.

Finally, it may be pointed out that the only person authorised to sign documents on behalf of the College is Professor Irshad Waheed (Prof. of Surgery - retd.) Secretary of the College. The College does not recognize any other signatory, whose views may be their personal opinion but do not represent those of the College.

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