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Advisory

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Subject: - Relaxation in conduct of Postgraduate Examinations for Broad Specialty Courses (Diploma/MD/MS) - Reg.

The Council Office is in receipt of communications from University/State Government on the above mentioned subject in which it has been suggested that the BoG, MCI may consider modifying the conduct of practical examinations in clinical subjects (such as case based scenarios/simulations) during the current COVID 19 Pandemic in view of safety and security concerns for the students.

2. In this regard, it may be noted that Regulation 14 (4) of the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 inter alia regarding Clinical/Practical and Oral states as under:-

**For MD/MS {14 (4) I. (c) (i) - Clinical/Practical and Oral}**

Clinical examination for the subjects in Clinical Science shall be conducted to test the knowledge and competence of the candidates for undertaking independent work as a Specialist/Teacher, for which candidates shall examine a minimum one long case and two short cases.

**For Diploma {14 (4) III (b) - Clinical and Oral}**

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3. It is stated that due to COVID 19 Pandemic, most Medical Colleges have expressed their difficulty in adhering to the existing Regulations to examine the candidates by giving a minimum of one long or two short cases. Since, the objective of the Practical Examination is to ascertain skills relevant to the Specialty as outlined

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in the respective Course Curricula, alternative methods of skill evaluation which may include simulations, case scenarios etc. may be used in lieu of clinical cases, wherever the latter is not feasible, as provided for in the Regulations referred above for the examination to be held in 2020.

4. This exception is one-time and is being made in view of COVID 19 Pandemic.

  
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