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भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान परिषद के अधिक्रमण में शासी बोर्ड  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

No.MCI-23(1)/2020-Med./101465

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ADVISORY TO ALL MEDICAL COLLEGES

**Subject:- Relaxation in the Provision of Appointment of External Examiners in the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations (PGMER), 2000 in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic- Reg.**

The Board of Governors considered the representations from Universities across the country, wherein they have expressed their difficulties in getting External Examiners for conduct of exams due to restriction in travel imposed due to the current Pandemic situation. The representations also had sought relaxation in the existing norms for the conduction of the exams regarding the appointment of External Examiners.

2. In view of these representations, the Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical Council of India in their meeting held on 15.5.2020 decided as under:-

A) Universities in the first instance must try to adhere to the existing norms regarding External Examiners.

B) The Universities are advised to follow one of the following options with respect to External Examiners for the PG examinations considering the risk stratification of the areas wherein the Medical Colleges /Institutions are located, if two external examiners from outside State are not available due to the pandemic.

- (i) Two External Examiners to be selected from a different University in the State. Both of these Examiners have to be physically present at the venue of the examinations.
- (ii) In case option (i) above is not possible, one of the two External Examiners to be selected from a different University, who would be physically present at the venue of the examinations and the second External Examiner from another different University outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.
- (iii) In case option (ii) is also not possible, both the External Examiners from two different Universities outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.
- (iv) In case of States having the medical colleges under the same University i.e. State Health University, the Medical Colleges may engage External Examiners from any other College under that State Health University. Both External Examiners should be physically present during examination.

3. External Examiners may also be taken from any of the following Institutes of National Importance- AIIMS, (New Delhi), AIIMS (Jodhpur), AIIMS (Bhubaneswar), AIIMS (Bhopal), AIIMS (Raipur), AIIMS (Rishikesh), AIIMS (Patna), PGIMER

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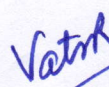
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**4. Further, this advisory is a one-time measure for the current exams to be held in 2020 only in view of the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic.**

5. The Universities are advised to complete the University Examinations for PG Broad Specialities by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

  
(Dr. R.K Vats)  
Secretary General

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