

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
SECTOR-8, POCKET-14, DWARKA PHASE-1, NEW DELHI-110077**

MINUTES

Thirty Second meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 28th July, 2020 (Tuesday) from 2.30 P.M onward.

The following members of the BoG attended the meeting through video conference:

1. Dr. V.K. Paul	-	Chairman
2. Dr. Randeep Guleria	-	Member
3. Dr. Nikhil Tandon	-	Member
4. Dr. Jagat Ram	-	Member
5. Dr. Rajiv Garg	-	Member
6. Lt. Gen.(Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar	-	Member
7. Dr. Pankaj M Shah	-	Member
8. Dr. R.V. Ramani	-	Member
9. Dr. K. S. Sharma	-	Member

Leave of absence were received from Dr. Balram Bhargava & Dr. B.N. Gangadhar Member(s), BoG.

Dr. R.K. Vats, Secretary General, BoG, Dr. S. Venkatesh, Principal Adviser, Dr. Siddarth Ramji, Sr. Adviser & Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta, Chief Consultant, BoG also attended the meeting.

The Chair welcomed the members.

Following is the summary of proceedings and decisions of the meeting.

1. Schedule and conduct of UG Examination – reg.

The Board of Governors after considering various representations received from Students/Colleges/ Universities raising various queries about re-opening of Medical colleges and conduct of University examination and the opinions of Vice-Chancellors provided during the meeting through video conference held on 16.07.2020 decided as under:-

1. It was decided that no batch will be permitted to move to the next level of the MBBS course without an examination.
2. The colleges should aim to complete the First MBBS course within 2 months of re-opening of the colleges and thereafter the First MBBS University exams should be completed as soon as possible, preferably within a month.

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3. The pending supplementary examinations for Final year MBBS students which were scheduled during the first half of 2020 should be conducted as soon as possible, as the students are waiting to appear for the examinations having completed the course once already and need not have to wait for the formal re-opening of the colleges. Such students will be joining the medical colleges/hospitals for doing internship after passing final exams.
4. Regarding the conduct of 2nd/3rd (Pt.1) and Final year MBBS examination for 2020, the time required for completion of the course would depend on the timing of the re-opening of the medical colleges. It is anticipated that as for the 1st MBBS students, these students would also need about two to three months to complete the interrupted course curriculum and training. Consequently, the University exams for 2nd and 3rd (pt 1) MBBS students may have to be delayed by two to three months beyond their scheduled dates.
5. It was further decided that relaxations similar to the ones that were provided for the conduct of final year postgraduate examination in terms of the appointment of examiners and the exam patterns, would also be applicable for the conduct of MBBS University examinations.

The members requested the Chairman, BoG to seek permission of MHA for opening the medical colleges as they constitute a distinct category where potential doctors are being trained and students should not miss the opportunity to learn about the management of current pandemic.

2. Role of MBBS Medical students in Health Care Activities during the CoVID pandemic.

The Board of Governors considered the enquiries regarding posting of MBBS students for CoVID care duties. The MCI-BoG had in its letter dated 15.06.2020 clarified its stand on this issue stating that while interns can be posted for clinical duties under supervision, the MBBS students who have not yet passed their Final MBBS exam can only be taught during this period and cannot be posted for clinical duties. However, since this is also an opportunity for MBBS students to gain experiential learning about CoVID-19 during the pandemic, the BoG considered it appropriate to issue an enabling advisory for allowing interested MBBS students to learn more about management of the current pandemic by engaging in selected health care activities. So, MBBS students (other than interns) can also participate in health care activities , as soon as Medical Colleges / Institutions are permitted to be opened by Central / State / UT Govts. with the following conditions:

1. Respective State/UT Government would decide on the need for involving interns/medical students in COVID related work taking into account the prevailing local situation and circumstances.
2. The role assigned to interns / students should commensurate with their existing training, skills, maturity and preparedness to ensure that they are not unduly exposed to risk of contracting any infection.

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3. Interns/students may be allowed to participate in activities outlined hereunder:

Status	Pre-condition for engagement in CoVID learning activities	Type of activities in which medical students/Intern can be engaged during CoVID-19 pandemic <i>under supervision</i> for learning		
		Activities such as triaging, counselling, tele / helpline support, data capture, general assistance etc.	Field surveillance activities	Direct clinical work
Internship	-	Yes	Yes	Yes*
3 rd MBBS (Pt. 2)	After re-opening of college	Yes	Yes	No
3 rd MBBS (Pt 1)		Yes	Yes	No
2 nd MBBS		Yes	Yes	No

*As a part of internship rotations

4. It would be the responsibility of State/UT administration (where the medical colleges are located) to ensure the safety of the students by providing adequate personal protective equipment/gear wherever required and to make necessary arrangements for keeping a close watch on their own health when engaged in such activities.
5. Likewise, adequate social distancing enablement/facilities should be ensured in their lodging/hostel premises, messes, during transportation etc.
6. The time they spend in such activities should not impinge on their routine MBBS training and learning.
7. While being assigned to health care activities, the objectives of the activities should be clearly spelt out to the students keeping in mind the extent of MBBS training the student has completed thus far.
8. The assigned activities must be under the supervision of the medical college faculty/staff.
9. Students with co-morbidity, if any, should be exempted from performing such activities.
10. No inducements or incentive should be offered to the students to volunteer for above activities.

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3. Proposal for further Extension of last date of receipt of Postgraduate Applications (Broad Speciality) for the academic year 2021-22.

The Board of Governors considered the E-mail dated 24/07/2020 received from the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur requesting for extension of last date for submission of PG applications to MCI for starting/Increase of seats in PG Courses from 31/07/2020 to 31/08/2020 for the academic year 2021-22 in view of COVID-19 pandemic and decided to approve the proposal for extension of last date for submission of Postgraduate applications to MCI for starting/Increase of seats in PG Courses for the academic year 2021-22 upto 31st August, 2020.

4. Proposal for inclusion of DNB in Common Counselling for PG Courses-Reg.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the proposal for inclusion of DNB in Common Counselling for PG Courses in view of Order dated 26.05.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) Dy. No. 11011 of 2020 – Alapati Jyotsna & Ors vs. Union of India & Ors. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should be informed accordingly.

5. Implementation of reservation of 10% seats for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates by enhancing of undergraduate seats in the existing Medical Colleges/Institutes for the academic year 2020-21 -reg.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the proposal with regard to one time increase in MBBS seats for implementation of 10% Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota for the Academic Year 2020-21 in States which had not been granted the required seats during the academic year 2019-20. It was informed to BoG that Govt. of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have not applied for implementation of EWS Quota in their States.

6. Consideration of matters pertaining to Internship – inclusion of non-teaching hospital

The Board of Governors considered various issues related to Internship and decided to constitute a Sub-Committee with the following members to examine all issues concerning internship and suggest appropriate formulation/revision in the internship regulations/provision being followed:-

1. Lt. Gen.(Dr.) Madhuri Kanitkar
2. Dr. Nikhil Tandon
3. Dr. Rajiv Garg
4. Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta

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7. Correction in TEQ's for the department of Dentistry in a medical college from Council's website.

The Board of Governors considered the following proposal for correction in TEQ's for the department of Dentistry in a medical college on the Council's website:

In the Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 with regard to the department of Dentistry, the following anomalies have been noted.

- (i) In 2010, a regulation was notified to equate DNB qualification with MD/MS degree in MCI recognized medical college. Since, the NBE does not offer any degrees in dental sciences, this notification is not applicable to those being appointed as Dental Faculty and the same which has been inserted under the column of Teaching or Research experience needs to be deleted.
- (ii) In 2012, a notification was made for granting equated designation for Consultant and Specialist as Associate Professor or Professor for those specialists who were in possession of a Postgraduate medical degree in that speciality. The same has been inserted within the department of Dentistry for the promotion to Professor and Associate Professor and is required to be deleted from our website as it is not applicable to dental degree holders.

The BoG approved the corrections as requested.

8. Amendment in Minimum Qualification for teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 with regard to department of Dentistry – reg.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the following revisions with regard to department of Dentistry in Minimum Qualification for teachers in Medical Institutions Regulations, 1998 as placed in the agenda:

- (i) Amend the Research and experience requirements in accordance with notification No. MCI-12(2)/2019-Med.Misc./189334 dated 12.2.2020 in the Minimum Qualifications for Teachers in Medical Institutions (Amendment) Regulations, 2019
- (ii) Include experience both in medical and dental college while considering promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and from Associate Professor to Professor

9. Proposed amendment in the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 to prescribe feeder qualification for Super-Speciality course –reg.

Agenda item is deferred.

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10. Change of affiliating University from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar to Al-Karim University, Katihar in respect of Katihar Medical College, Katihar, Bihar – Reg.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the change of affiliating University from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar to Al-Karim University, Katihar in respect of Katihar Medical College, Katihar, Bihar and further recognition 5 Diploma Courses in respect of Katihar Medical College Katihar under Al-Karim University, Katihar, only for one batch admitted in 2018-19.

11. Change of University from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences to Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, Dharwad in respect of SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital, Dharwad.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the change of University from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences to Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara University, Dharwad in respect of SDM College of Medical Sciences and Hospital, Dharwad.

12. Establishment of Bhaikaka University/Change of affiliating University of Pramukhswami Medical College from Sardar Patel University to Bhaikaka University, Karamsad from the academic year 2019-2020.

The Board of Governors considered and approved change of university from Sardar Patel University to Bhaikaka University, Karamsad in respect of Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad from the academic year 2019-20.

13. Recognition of D-Ortho qualification of 02 seats by Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada in respect of students being at Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagunur, Karimnagar – Request to modify the date of retrospective date – reg.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the request of Dean, Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences, Karimnagar, Telangana with regard to necessary correction in the Notification issued by the Ministry vide Notification dated 26.09.2019 recognising D-Ortho qualification in respect of students being trained at Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences, Karimnagar, Telangana from 2011 instead of 2016 upto the academic session 2019-20. Accordingly, the Central Government may be requested to issue notification for recognition with correction of year from 2011 instead of 2016 upto the academic session 2019-20.

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14. To consider the representation dated 29/12/2019 received from Dr.Sonali Shah of Pune regarding grant of registration of Doctor of Medicine in Osteopathic Medicine qualification and Obstetrics & Gynecology qualification awarded by American Osteopathic Association, USA.

The Item is deferred.

15. Report of CISP-II Orientation Program for RC/NC Conveners, Co-conveners and Faculty held from 10-12 June and 17-19 June, 2020-approval of.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the report of CISP-II Orientation Program for RC/NC Conveners, Co-conveners and Faculty held from 10th to 12th June, 2020.

16. Requests for permission to reproduce extracts from competency based Undergraduate Curriculum in Microbiology from two separate agencies-reg

The Board of Governors considered therequests for reproducing MCI Competency based UG curriculum in Microbiology from KLE Academy of Higher Education & Research, Belagavi, Karnataka and Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., 3-6-752, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad and decided to approve the request for reproduction of CBME microbiology curriculum, subject to acknowledgement of BoG,MCI in the publications.

17. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors - appointed Expert Group held on 7th June, 2020 to discuss conduct of CISP II online in view of COVID situation -approval of.

The Board of Governors considered and approved the minutes of the meeting of the BoG-appointed Expert Group held on 7th June, 2020 for conducting CISP II online for faculty of Regional & Nodal Centers and Medical Colleges.

18. Conduct of Faculty Development Program for faculty involved in UG Medical Education-Status Report on 10 years experience prepared by Academic Cell - approval of.

The Board of Governors accepted and approved the report of (2009-2018) 10 years experience of Faculty Development Programs (Basic Course Workshop, Orientation Program and AETCOM) conducted by MCI Nodal and Regional Centres and Medical Colleges which had been complied by Academic Cell.

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19. Grant of financial upgradation under MACP Scheme to Sh. Parmod Kumar, Computer Programmer – Constitution of Screening Committee.

The Board of Governors considered the matter and nominated the following two members for constitution of DPC/Screening Committee apart from Chairman, BoG and Secretary General for grant of financial upgradation under MACP Scheme to Sh. Parmod Kumar, Computer Programmer :-

1. Dr. Randeep Guleria
2. Dr. Balram Bhargava

20. Appointment of Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta as Chief Consultant.

The BoG ratified the decision of the Chairman, BoG, with regard to appointment of Dr. Siddhartha Datta Gupta as Chief Consultant for a period of three months w.e.f. 21.07.2020 in the Council office on a consolidated remuneration as per the formula of last pay drawn minus pension (with prevailing rate of D.A.), as per extant rules.

21. Terms and conditions of appointment of Consultants and Officers on deputation/loan basis – reg.

The Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to terms and conditions of appointment of Consultants and Officers on deputation/ loan basis and approved the proposal of providing transport facility to such officers on the basis of their seniority and entitlement. BoG further decided to constitute a Committee for formulation of guidelines for condition of service for serving, retired Govt. officers as well as consultants who have not served in the Govt. for getting the most efficient and effective manpower for BoG/MCI on the lines of ECI, UPSC, CERC, RERA, CCI, TRAI and such independent regulators. Chairman, BoG was authorized to constitute such Committee.

22. Basic Course In Biomedical Research (BCBR) for the medical Post Graduates-reg.

The Board of Governors considered therequests dated 15.07.2020 received from Dr. Manoj Murhekar, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai, with regard to Basic Course in Biomedical Research (BCBR) for the medical Post Graduates and approved the following:-

1. Cancellation of all forms of final proctored exam for cycle 1 of BCBR.

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2. Use of the modified pass certificate (based on 50% score in assignments) issued by NPTEL as the final course certificate for BCBR
3. Refund of examination fees to all participants subject to technical feasibility by NPTEL.
4. Early start of Cycle 3 from August 2020 onwards.
5. The final course completion certificate with the logos of MCI and ICMR along with the e-signature of Dr. Manoj Murhekar (Director, NIE) & Dr. RK Vats, Secretary General, BoG, MCI.

Further, the BoG decided to issue an advisory relaxing the requirement of completing the online research method course by the end of Second Semester for the Batch admitted during 2019-20, and allowing them to complete the same by the end of the 4th semester due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

23. Approval of the proceedings of the Ethics Committee meeting held on 09th & 10th October, 2019, 27th & 28th January, 2020 & 1st & 2nd February 2020.

The Board of Governors ratified the following proceedings of the Ethics Committee meetings held on 09th & 10th October, 2019, 27th & 28th January, 2020 & 1st & 2nd February 2020:-

Sr. No.	Subject	Date of meeting of Ethics Committee
1.	Appeal dated 21.09.2018 filed by Sh. Brijesh Kumar Jha alias Aman Jha against order dated 24.07.2018 passed by the Delhi Medical Council - Reg (Appeal – 65/2018). & Appeal dated 16.08.2018 filed by Dr. Manisha Mittal against the order dated 24.07.2018 passed by Delhi Medical Council. & Appeal filed by Dr. Manisha Mittal Vs. Medical Council of India & Ors. – Writ Petition © No. 9476/2018 in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court.	09 th & 10 th October, 2019
2.	The matter with regard to Submission of fake & forged documents for increase in PG seats at Index Medical College Hospital & Research Center, Indore, as forwarded by the PG Section of the Council.	27 th & 28 th January, 2020
3.	पश्चिमबंगालमेडिकलकाउंसिलद्वारापारित 04.09.2018 केआदेशकेखिलाफडॉमाणिकचन्द्रखानद्वारादायर25.10.2018अ पील	27 th & 28 th January, 2020

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4.	Appeal dated 13.11.2019 filed by Dr. Shalit Jolly against Order dated 22.10.2019 passed by Delhi Medical Council.	01 st & 02 nd February, 2020
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24. Proposal for starting of standalone PG Courses in private institution by allowing private sector to run regular PG Courses without having pre-requisite of an MBBS program-reg.

The Board of Governors considered the proposal for starting of standalone PG Courses in private hospitals without having pre-requisite of an MBBS program and decided to constitute a Sub-Committee with the following members to examine the proposal and give its recommendations:-

1. Dr. Randeep Guleria
2. Dr. Nikhil Tandon
3. Dr. R.V. Ramani
4. Dr. K. S. Sharma
5. Dr. S. Ramji

25. Complaint against officials of Medical Council of India – Case with regard to M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar- reg.

The Board of Governors considered the matter of complaints against officials of Medical Council of India regarding M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar and in consideration of the report of CVO approved the proposal to recommend for closure of the case to CVC.

26. Consideration of Skill Training Centre.

The Board of Governors considered that National Board of Examinations (NBE) has started limited online teaching for DNB courses. Board of Governors may recall that for implementation of the directions of Ministry of Health & F.W. for Skill Training Centre for Foreign Medical Graduates a curriculum was prepared by a Committee under Director, AIIMS, New Delhi for imparting skill training. It is proposed that NBE and accredited medical colleges having high academic calibre and functioning skill training lab of high quality may be involved for skill training of FMGs. Process of accreditation may be initiated for medical colleges while NBE may be requested to start such training at the earliest.

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27. Request of DGAFMS for Inclusion of Dermatology and Psychiatry as recognized specialities in recognized AFMS teaching hospitals.

The BoG considered the request of DGAFMS wherein it was pointed out that Dermatology and Psychiatry had not be mentioned as internship specialities while conveying the granting of recognition to 10 AFMS Internship hospitals as teaching hospitals in the letter MCI-23(I)/2019/Med./184038 dated 23.01.2020. The BoG approved the inclusion of Dermatology and Psychiatry amongst the list of internship specialities in the 10 AFMS hospitals it had granted recognition as teaching hospital in the letter dated 23.01.2020 as it had done earlier for 17 AFMS hospitals at its meeting on 11.5.2019.

28. Proposal for withdrawal of grant of MACP in favour of Sh. Anupam Dhua, Computer Programmer.

The Board of Governors considered the matter and decided to withdraw the decision of grant of MACP to Sh. Anupam Dhua since full facts about audit para by C&AG were not available to BoG while this issue was considered on 25.02.2019. BoG further directed to comply with audit observation in all such cases of pay fixation and upgradation, irregular and recovery of excess amounts paid by MCI.

29. Regarding Review of suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f. 03.09.2020.

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 28.06.2020 to continue the suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 03.09.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

30. Regarding Review of 2nd suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f. 20.08.2020.

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 28.07.2020 to continue the 1st suspension of Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 20.08.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

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31. Regarding Review of suspension of Dr. Anshu Sethi Bajaj, Deputy Secretary (U/s.) w.e.f. 30.08.2020.

The Board of Governors approved the minutes of the Review Committee meeting dated 28.07.2020 to continue the suspension of Dr. Anshu Sethi Bajaj, Deputy Secretary (U/s.) for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. 30.08.2020.

The minutes of the above item were read out, approved and confirmed in the meeting itself.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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