

Pt. B. D. Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak

No. UHSR/AE-III/2020/

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To

1. The Director, Pt. B. D. Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak.
2. The Director, BPS G.M.C. For Women Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat.
3. The Director, Maharaja Agrasen Medical College, Agroha, Hisar.
4. The Dean, Command Hospital, Chandimandir, Panchkula.

Sub: Relaxation in the provision of appointment of External Examiners in the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations (PGMER) in view of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Reference advisory issued by the Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical College of India to all Medical College vide No. MCI-23(1)/2020-Med./101465, dated 22.05.2020.

In this regard, it is submitted that the practical examinations of MD/MS/PG Diploma may be got conducted in view of the following guidelines issued by the MCI vide letter under reference:-

1. In view of these representations, the Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical Council of India in their meeting held on 15.05.2020 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 College may engage External Examiners from any other college under that State Health University. Both External Examiners should be physically present during examination.*
2. *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 (Chandigarh), NIMHANS (Bengaluru), JIPMER (Puducherry) and Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology (Thiruvananthapuram).*
 3. *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*

As per the MCI advisory, it is desirable that the examination process gets over in the month of June 2020. While, exercising the options for inviting the external examiners for conducting the practical examinations, as per MCI guidelines, a prior approval needs to be sought while mentioning reasons thereof for exercising one particular option out of the above mentioned choices.

Asstt. Registrar (Exams)

For: Controller of Examinations

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Copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action.

1. Dean Academic Affairs, Pt. B. D. Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak.
2. Dean Pt. B. D. Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak, w.r.t. communicate these guidelines to all convenors of the PG Examination through the respective Heads of the Departments.
3. Professor In charge Telemedicine, Pt. B. D. Sharma PGIMS, Rohtak, with the request to make suitable arrangements as and when required.

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