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POLICY DECISION

POLICY FOR UNRECOGNIZED ALTERNATIVE TO POST GRADUATE OR ADDITIONAL TO POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS (MDMS)

Numerous clinical Alternative to Post Graduate Programs and clinical Additional to Post Graduate Programs have been initiated by Universities which have not been inspected or recognized by Pakistan Medical Commission or the erstwhile PM&DC. Some of these programs have been meanwhile inspected and recognized by Universities as university programs.

The Council has decided that all such clinical programs and teaching hospitals where such clinical training is being conducted shall be inspected in due course after the criteria for teaching hospitals is framed by the Medical & Dental Academic Board and approved by the Council.

Until such time as these programs and teaching hospitals are inspected and recognized by the Pakistan Medical Commission, the Universities may provisionally continue with such programs as university recognized programs subject to the following terms;

- a) If a program and its teaching hospital is recognized by the Pakistan Medical Commission post inspection, qualifications awarded to trainees of such programs irrespective of their induction or qualification, shall be recognized for purposes of licensing.
- b) If a program or its teaching hospital is not recognized by the Pakistan Medical Commission post inspection, persons having qualified from such programs shall be required to undertake a minimum further training as per terms prescribed by the Commission and duly certified by the supervisor at a recognized equivalent program and teaching hospital to have their qualification recognized.
- c) Trainees at a program which is not recognized by the Pakistan Medical Commission post inspection shall be allowed to shift to any other recognized equivalent program subject to a further training period as per terms prescribed by the Commission, to be undertaken to obtain the requisite qualification.



POLICY FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS

All clinical Post Graduate, Additional or Alternative programs must be initiated at a teaching hospital recognized by Pakistan Medical Commission. Any university / institution seeking to initiate any new programs henceforth shall be required to intimate the Pakistan Medical Commission at the time of initiating such programs and the program and the teaching hospital shall be inspected at any time within 6 months of the program having been initiated by the Pakistan Medical Commission. During such period, any student registered in such program shall be at the risk and cost of the university / institution and shall not be eligible for any benefit of the period of training if the program is not recognized.

Pakistan Medical Commission shall inspect both the Program and the Teaching Hospital for purposes of recognition.



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