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**Sub: Regulations on Graduate Medical Education-2012-few suggestions thereof**

Sir,

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This is in reference to our meeting last week regarding implementation of revised Graduate Medical Education-2012. Several communications through emails were sent from across the country by forensic fraternity in response to proposed regulations put on MCI website in May/June 2012; extending our sincere appreciation for showing such a concern for the subject of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology (FMT) and giving its proper due. The proposal of M C I to place assessment of FMT in Final year Part-I is certainly a longed-for move and our consistent demand. We appreciate this document; accept it wholeheartedly and there are hardly any qualms about this proposal. Sir, we have a couple of concerns, which need proper redressal at this juncture which will definitely go a long way in reorganising the MBBS education in our country for common good.

1. The first two months of "Professional development including Ethics" part should be clarified as to what will be taught and by whom regarding Ethics. If the part to be taught is related to the ethical aspects as being taught in forensic medicine, then the said teaching hours need be included under Medical Jurisprudence part of Forensic Medicine so as to avoid any confusion/duplication. The assessment of it with Medical

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Jurisprudence part should be done under separate paper clubbed with Toxicology having 50 marks each and total 100 marks. There should be TWO theory papers of 3 hours each and total 200 marks. Paper-1 should cover all other syllabus of Forensic medicine as specified and paper-2 should comprise of Medical Jurisprudence including Ethics etc.-part 1 and Toxicology- part 2. Thus Forensic Medicine should be evaluated for 300 (100X2 theory & 100 practical) marks.

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2. Toxicology being integral part of Forensic Medicine needs to be exclusively covered under it. The management of poisoning cases in Emergency/Casualty should also be given to FMT since now the subject itself has been shifted to Final Prof Part-1 making it more of a clinical subject. It will not only rationalise whole scenario but also automatically reduce the workload of other specialties like medicine, emergency medicine, paediatrics etc.

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3. More emphasis should be given to practical training of post-mortem and medico-legal examinations. The medico-legal autopsy should be mandatorily required to be conducted at every medical college under supervision of teachers of Forensic Medicine where MBBS students are trained. Mere presence of mortuary without any medicolegal autopsy facility is of no use. Prior permission of conducting post mortem examination by respective state Government must be taken while granting permission to start a new medical college during cooling off period of one year. Minimum 2-3 police stations falling under area of jurisdiction should be notified before issuing letter of permission for 2<sup>nd</sup> year. In private medical colleges where MBBS/MD course is running without post mortem examination, State Governments should be advised to grant permission for medico-legal autopsy to full time faculties of Forensic Medicine. This can be notified as a pre-requisite for opening any new medical college. Faculties

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of Forensic Medicine of all (Government/private) medical colleges must be permitted to conduct medico-legal post mortem examination.

4. Interns should be compulsorily posted for 15 days in FMT if the total internship period is of 6 months only. It should be doubled if total duration is one year.

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5. Since more emphasis is given on small group learning; at least a team of four teachers (not demonstrators) is required for 100 students (Professor -1, Associate Professor -1, and Assistant Professors – 2). Depending upon number of intake of students, it needs be further rationalised by additional faculty on every 50 admissions. The post of senior resident also need be created for smooth running of the medicolegal autopsy services depending upon workload.

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In this context, it is pertinent to mention that MCI in 2010 arbitrarily reduced number of teachers required for forensic medicine. Whole forensic fraternity under IAFM strongly opposed this move and ultimately then BOG-MCI agreed to restore the previous strength vide our meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> December 2010. They also assured that it will be done in next few months because it has to undergo certain official procedures. A memorandum to this effect from IAFM vide No.IAFM/AK/20 dt 28.12.2010 was submitted immediately after our discussion with BOG-MCI (copy attached for ready reference) for further follow-up. Afterwards, BOG-MCI was dissolved and new members of BOG took over in May 2011. Things have moved in positive direction albeit at snail's pace during the last year or so but we sincerely believe that all our concerns regarding proper teaching strength will be taken care off.

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6. Last, but not the least the Graduate Medical Education-2012 so approved must be implemented uniformly in true spirit without meddling with the final approved

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document as regards to teaching as well as conduction of theory and practical examinations by various Universities, Deemed universities. It should be uniformly implemented all over country. It will have greater impact specially when there is proposal to have a Common PG Entrance (NEET) test at all India level.

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Additionally, to further improve quality of medicolegal services, MCI may recommend to state governments for creating separate post of District Medicolegal Experts who shall be MD Forensic Medicine and overall in-charge of all medicolegal matters.

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I, on behalf of whole forensic fraternity extend my sincere thanks to all concerned MCI officials and Curriculum Committee for making this revolutionary "Graduate Medical Education-2012" document which will go a long way in improving the undergraduate medical education in our country. If any clarification or meeting is required with IAFM to ponder upon any issue, please let me know by email or phone mentioned below so as to fix it up immediately.

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With warm regards

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