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Sub: Comments regarding Notice dated 13/10/2020 on Minimum Requirements for MBBS admissions Regulations 2020

Ref: NMC public notice regarding amendments in the establishments of Medical Colleges dated 13/10/2020

Respected Sir,

As per the reference cited above the suggestions/ Comments of the stakeholders with regards to Minimum requirements for MBBS admissions have been invited. Sir, I propose on behalf of Indian Society of Transfusion Medicine, a registered society of Transfusion Medicine Specialists that the Department of Transfusion Medicine/IHTM/IHBT should be considered as a separate Mandatory Department for the Undergraduate MBBS admissions. The policy-makers in India envisaged this branch as applied hematology/ Hemotherapy and the one which is distinct from laboratory-based Pathology/ Microbiology. Objective Number 6 of the NATIONAL BLOOD POLICY ( 2002) clearly outlined the need for a dedicated and trained manpower in this field and the existence of this specialty in all medical colleges. Already postgraduate courses in this specialty are run approved by MCI keeping in view this far-sighted vision. My proposal representing the ISTM to include this branch as a Separate Department is based on the thorough comparison of the curricula of both MD Pathology & MD (Transfusion Medicine/IHTM/IHBT). Blood and blood products being a principal requirement in all clinical treatments and modern therapies make it still important that the subject is included as a mandatory subject in establishments of Medical Colleges in our country .

In view of the above-mentioned facts, I earnestly request you to kindly consider the inclusion of the Department of (Transfusion Medicine/IHTM/IHBT) as a mandatory specialty for the MBBS courses for the benefit of patients and population at large as well as to optimally utilize the skills of trained manpower in the important field of Transfusion Medicine/ IHTM/ IHBT after sensitization during Medical Graduation. The office-bearers of the society are open to discussions in this regard.

Hoping for kind consideration,

Thanking you

With sincere regards

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