I. Organisation and Function of the System of Postgraduate Medical Education

1. Joint Board of Postgraduate Medical Education

Summary of Organisation

1. The Joint Board is the policy making body of postgraduate medical education in the country on behalf of the Ministry of Public Health and the Faculty of Medicine, and has the authority to decide its organisational forms and implementations.

2. The Joint Board is the body that approves all programmes, i.e. it sets the minimum requirements, monitors the implementation, making sure that the programme, the staff, and the teachers of the postgraduate programmes are all properly accredited and evaluated from time to time. The implementation of programmes is the responsibility of coordinators, approved by the Joint Board.

3. Responsibility for the implementation of policies is delegated to the major policy-making bodies, because the way in which a policy is implemented is critical to the achievement of its purpose. By giving both functions to the Area Executive Committees it is hoped that a more effective implementation of policies will be secured.

4. The planning of management policies for the government of all postgraduate training programmes is the responsibility of the Joint Board.

5. The planning of policies for postgraduate training is the responsibility of the Area Executive Committees in their respective areas of responsibility in consultation with the Discipline Committees. These policies are submitted to the Joint Board for approval and returned to the appropriate Area Executive Committee for implementation.

6. Implementation of policies is the responsibility of the chairmen of the Area Executive Committee assisted by the Committee Secretariat.

7. Members of the Joint Board are to be the chairmen of the Area Executive Committees.

Detailed Organisation

In accordance with Ministerial Decree No. 293/79 and Ministerial Decree No. 72/79 the Joint Board shall be responsible for:

Medical Professional Training;
Medical Speciality Training and Continuing Medical Education.

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a) Membership

Ex-officio members:
Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health;
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine;
Head of the Training Division. Secretary.

Four members nominated by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
Four members nominated by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Health, one of whom shall be a chairman.
Two doctors—representatives of the doctor-residents and assistant registrars.

b) Functions and Responsibilities

It shall decide the general policies for managing postgraduate professional training.
It shall decide the terms of reference of the Area Executive Committees for Medical Professional Training, Postgraduate Medical Speciality Training, and Continuing Medical Education.
It shall appoint the members of the Area Executive Committees for Medical Professional Training, and Continuing Medical Education.
It shall decide the terms of reference of the Discipline Committees.
It shall appoint the members of the Discipline Committees.
It shall receive and approve Professional, Speciality and Continuing Medical Education programmes.
It shall receive and approve curricula for Professional, Speciality and Continuing Medical Education programmes.
It shall receive and approve the regulations, criteria and procedures for the appointment of course coordinators and tutors.
It shall receive and approve the regulations, criteria and procedures for the accreditation of departments, units and number of tutorial posts.
It shall receive and approve the accreditation of individual departments, units and tutorial posts.
It shall receive and approve the regulations, criteria and procedures for the admission of candidates.
It shall receive the names of those candidates who have satisfactorily completed a course.
It shall approve the annual budget.
It shall review regulations for licensing.
It shall revise and review the annual reports of the Area Executive Committees.
It shall monitor the progress of all programmes and the performance of the personnel responsible for them.

The procedures by which the Joint Board and its subcommittees are to conduct their business is laid down in the executive regulations of the Ministry of Public Health.

2. Area Executive Committees

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