

REGULATION FOR REGISTRATION OF SUBSPECIALITY CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS



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Background

As Maldives does not have provision for medical education at present, medical training of the local students has been dependent on seats offered by foreign institutions, mostly from the SEAR region. It is evident that obtaining medical seats from foreign institutions has been a challenging process and most times have required bilateral discussions and memorandums of understanding between governments.

In this regard obtaining opportunities for accredited trainings in both medical and surgical sub specialties has been the biggest challenge as the annual allocated slots for these trainings are of limited number and in short supply all over the world.

With the developments and advancement of the medical field in Maldives, the training requirements and expectations of the medical specialists continue to expand with a demand for increasing sub specialization for added expertise and skill development. Hence there is a recognized need for training opportunities in sub specialty areas as except for a handful of trained local subspecialists at present, we are fully dependent on foreign subspecialty services.

Local specialists need to pursue additional fellowship training to build up a pool of subspecialists so that these services are available within the country thereby decreasing the need for patients to travel abroad to seek such services resulting in more accessible care while decreasing the social and financial burden for the patients.

To facilitate this, MMDC has decided to modify the existing registration requirements in order to accommodate clinical fellowships at the subspecialty level for a defined time period, while maintaining the training quality and competency.

It was deliberated with other stakeholders as well and considering the dire need at present, MMDC has formed this regulation, which will be valid for a period of 5 years commencing from the date this regulation comes into effect. And at the end of the 5 year period the need will be assessed and the regulation reviewed accordingly.

It should be noted that a branch of a subspecialty will not be considered for approval under this regulation. Refer to Annex of this document, for registrable branch of subspecialties under this regulation.

A CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP REGISTRABLE BY THE MALDIVIAN MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL (MMDC) CONSISTS OF:-

1. PRIOR APPROVAL

- The candidate should obtain prior approval from MMDC in writing before leaving for the fellowship



2. ELIGIBILITY

- In order to be considered for a clinical fellowship training, applicants should have a medical or surgical postgraduate degree recognized by MMDC
- The candidate should have minimum of 2 years of clinical work experience in the area of his/ her specialty after the postgraduate training.

3. DURATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- Minimum duration of the fellowship should be of 2 years and should be a full time, formally structured and supervised clinical training.

4. INSTITUTE OF STUDY

- Fellowships will be approved only in institutions capable of providing a scholarly environment for acquiring the necessary clinical and research skills essential to the practice of trainees and it is imperative that appropriate resources and facilities be present
- The institute offering the fellowship should be recognized by both, the medical council or the regulatory authority of that country and by MMDC
- The institute should have at least a minimum of 5years experience of conducting the fellowship program

5. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- Fellowship program content should be submitted to MMDC for approval by the applicant which should include the program structure, governance procedures, the curriculum, the training facilities and resources, presence of assessment and research activities
- The fellowship must have clearly defined goals and objectives and be affiliated or have close interaction with an accredited residency training program
- The fellowship must provide advanced education such that fellows can acquire the special clinical skills, medical knowledge and competence to practice in the field represented by the fellowship. The training should consist of both a cognitive and a technical component where the cognitive component should emphasize the scholarly attributes of self-instruction, teaching, skilled clinical analysis, sound medical judgment and research creativity and the technical component must provide appropriate opportunity for fellows to acquire the skills required for the practice of his field.
- The fellowship program content should cover general contents including related basic sciences, communication skills, professional ethics and conduct in addition to emergency content related to the subspecialty and should provide opportunity for sufficient number of procedures and interventions and treatment of sufficient of number inpatient and outpatients.
- The program must provide the fellows with opportunities to participate in conferences, including medical/surgical reviews, analyses of complications and seminars during the program.

- The fellow must participate in research activities, participate in development of new knowledge, learn to evaluate research findings and produce a scientific output during her/his training. which may be participation in a research/ paper publication /paper presentation
- The fellowship must include regular and a final evaluation of the fellows knowledge , skills and overall performance

6. FELLOWSHIP COMPLETION.

- The fellowship program should be completed by the fellow and on successful completion of fellowship, he/she should receive a certificate/letter of completion
- The Certificate of completion should be submitted to MMDC at the time of application for registration of the fellowship training

7. TRANSCRIPT OR LOG BOOK

- The Fellow should submit the transcript of the training or a log book maintained during the training to MMDC at the time of application for registration.

This regulation is made based on the authority conferred by the health professional act, 13/2015 (13th May 2015) to this council under article 33.

This regulation is effective from 24th July 2018.



Annex

The subspecialty areas that will be registrable under the regulation to register subspecialty fellowships in effect from July 2018:-

Anesthesiology

Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine
Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine
Pediatric Anesthesiology

Emergency Medicine

Medical Toxicology
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine

Internal Medicine

Cardiovascular Disease
Critical Care Medicine
Endocrinology
Gastroenterology
Geriatric Medicine
Hematology and Medical Oncology
Infectious Diseases
Medical Oncology
Nephrology
Pulmonary Disease
Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine
Rheumatology
Neurology

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Gynecologic Oncology
Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Orthopaedic Surgery

Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedic Surgery
Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Pediatrics

Adolescent Medicine
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Pediatric Cardiology
Pediatric Critical Care
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Pediatric Endocrinology
Pediatric Gastroenterology
Pediatric Hematology Oncology
Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Pediatric Nephrology



Pediatric Pulmonology
Pediatric Rheumatology
Pediatric Neurology
Clinical genetics

Psychiatry

Addiction Psychiatry
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Radiology

Neuroradiology
Pediatric Radiology
Vascular Interventional Radiology

Surgery

Surgical Oncology
Pediatric Surgery
Surgical Critical Care
Vascular Surgery
Neurosurgery
Urology
Plastic surgery
Cardiothoracic surgery



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