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REGULATIONS & SYLLABUS

D.M. Neurology

2013-14 onwards

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REGULATIONS FOR D.M. PROGRAMS**

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CHETTINAD ACADEMY OF RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Regulations for DM (Doctor Medicine) Post Graduate Super speciality Courses

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 12(IV) of Memorandum of Association and Chapter III of Bye-laws of Chettinad Academic of Research and Education, the Academic Council of the University hereby makes the following Regulations;

1. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- a. These Regulations may be called DM Doctor of Medicine Postgraduate super speciality course Regulations 2013
- b. They shall come into force from the Academic Year 2013-14
- c. These Regulations are subject to modification as may be approved by the Academic Council from time to time.

2. GOALS AND GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF DM POSTGRADUATE SUPER SPECIALITY PROGRAMME TO BE OBSERVED BY POSTGRADUATE TEACHING INSTITUTION

The goal of postgraduate medical education shall be to produce competent specialists and/or Medical teachers.

- a. who shall recognize the health needs of the community, and carry out professional obligations ethically and in keeping with the objectives of the national health policy
- b. who shall have mastered most of the competencies, pertaining to the speciality, that are required to be practiced at the secondary and the tertiary levels of the health care delivery system;
- c. who shall be aware of the contemporary advance and developments in the discipline concerned;
- d. who shall have acquired a spirit of scientific inquiry and is oriented to the principles of research methodology and epidemiology;
- e. who shall have acquired the basic skills in teaching of the medical and paramedical professionals.

3. GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF POST-GRADUATE TRAINING EXPECTED FROM STUDENTS AT THE END OF POST-GRADUATE TRAINING.

At the end of the postgraduate super speciality training in the discipline concerned the student shall be able to;

- a. Recognize the importance to the concerned speciality in the context of the health needs of the community and the national priorities in the health section.
- b. Practice the speciality concerned ethically and in step with the principles of primary health care.
- c. Demonstrate sufficient understanding of the basic sciences relevant to the concerned speciality. Identify social, economic, environmental, biological and

- emotional determinants of health in a given case, and take them into account while planning therapeutic, rehabilitative, preventive and primitive measure/strategies.
- d. Diagnose and manage majority of the conditions in the speciality concerned on the basis of clinical assessment, and appropriately selected and conducted investigations.
 - e. Plan and advise measures for the prevention and rehabilitation of patients suffering from disease and disability related to the speciality.
 - f. Demonstrate skills in documentation of individual case details as well as morbidity and mortality rate relevant to the assigned situation.
 - g. Demonstrate empathy and humane approach towards patients and their families and exhibit interpersonal behaviour in accordance with the societal norms and expectations.
 - h. Play the assigned role in the implementation of national health programme, effectively and responsibly.**
 - i. Organize and supervise the chosen/assigned health care services demonstrating adequate managerial skills in the clinic/hospital or the field situation.
 - j. Develop skills as a self-directed learner, recognize continuing education needs; select and use appropriate learning resources.
 - k. Demonstrate competence in basic concepts of research methodology and epidemiology, and be able to critically analyze relevant published research literature.
 - l. Develop skills in using educational methods and techniques as applicable to the teaching of medical/nursing students, general physicians and paramedical health workers.
 - m. Function as an effective leader of a health team engaged in health care, research or training.

4. COMPONENTS OF THE POSTGRADUATE CURRICULUM

The major components of the Postgraduate curriculum shall be:

- a. Theoretical knowledge
- b. Practical and clinical skills
- c. Writing Thesis / Research articles
- d. Attitudes including communication skills.
- e. Training in research methodology, Medical Ethics and Medico legal aspects.

5. NOMENCLATURE OF PG COURSE IN DM SUPER SPECIALITY COURSES

The nomenclature of PG degree super speciality course should be as laid down in the PG Medical regulations prescribed by the Medical Council of India.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- i) DM (Doctor of Medicine) for which Candidates must possess recognized degree of MD (or its equivalent recognized degree) in the subject shown against them.

- ii) A person possessing DNB in the concerned broad-specialty, is eligible for admission in the Super-Speciality / Higher course (D.M.)

Sl.No.	Area of Specialisation	Prior Requirement
1	Cardiology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Paediatrics) MD (Respiratory Medicine)
2	Neonatology	MD (Paediatrics)
3	Nephrology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Paediatrics)
4.	Neurology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Paediatrics)
5.	Reproductive Medicine	MD (General Medicine) MD (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)
6.	Clinical Haematology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Pathology) MD (Paediatrics) MD (Biochemistry)
7.	Clinical Pharmacology	MD (Pharmacology)
8.	Endocrinology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Paediatrics)
9.	Immunology	MD (General Medicine) MD (Pathology) MD (Microbiology) MD (Paediatrics) MD (Biochemistry) MD (Physiology)
10.	Medical Gastroenterology	MD (General Medicine)
11.	Medical Genetics	MD/MS in any subject
12.	Medical Oncology	MD (General Medicine) MS (Radiotherapy) MD (Paediatrics)
13.	Neuro-radiology	MD (Radio-Diagnosis)

14. Rheumatology

MD (General Medicine)

MD (Paediatrics)

- a) He/ She having qualified for the Post-graduate degree of this University or any other Universities recognised as equivalent thereto by the authority of this University and the Indian Medical Council and obtained permanent registration from any of the State Medical Council(s) or shall obtain the same within a period of one month from the date of his / her admission, failing which his/her admission shall stand cancelled
- a. Provided that in the case of a foreign national, the Medical Council of India may, on payment of the prescribed fee for registration, grant temporary registration, for the duration of the post graduate course limited to the medical college/institution to which the candidate is admitted for the time being exclusively for pursuing post graduate studies.
- c) Provided further the temporary registration to such foreign national shall be subject to the condition that such person is duly registered with appropriate registering authority in his own country wherefrom he has obtained his basic medical qualification, and his duly recognized by the corresponding Medical Council or concerned authority.

7. RECOGNITION FEE AND ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE:

Candidates who have passed the M.D. Degree Examination other than that conducted by Chettinad University shall obtain Eligibility Certificate from this University at the time of admission and also remit recognition fee as prescribed.

8. REGISTRATION:

A candidate admitted to the Post Graduate Super Speciality Course shall register with the University by submitting the prescribed application form for registration, duly filled in along with the prescribed fee, through the Head of the Institution.

9. DURATION OF THE COURSE

The period of training for obtaining the degree shall be three completed years including the examination period) after obtaining MD / Degree or equivalent/recognised qualifications in the required subject.

10.ADMISSION AND COMMENCEMENT OF COURSES

On the basis of academic merit as determined based on the competitive All India Common Entrance Examination conducted by the Chettinad Academy of Research and Education.

Time schedule for the completion of admission process for super speciality courses is as per statutory norms prevalent at that point of time.

11.SYLLABUS

The Syllabus for the course shall be as specified in the annexure to these regulations.

12.MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION:

English shall be the medium of instruction for D.M. Super Speciality Courses.

13.WORKING DAYS / ATTENDANCE

All candidates joining the Super Speciality Course shall work as full time residents during the period of training, attending not less than 80% (Eighty percent) of the training during each academic year, and given full time responsibility, assignments assessed full time responsibilities and participation in all facets of the educational process.

It is desirable that the candidates should have 100 per cent attendance to enable their objective to be achieved. However, a minimum of atleast 80 per cent attendance and achievement of satisfactory standards in both theoretical and clinical would be required for every academic year before they are allowed to appear for the University Examination.

The Attendance details may be submitted to the Controller of Examinations at the end of every academic year. The student should also be intimated quarterly regarding the lack of attendance.

13. (a)STIPEND AND GRANT OF LEAVE

The Post Graduate students undergoing Post Graduate Degree / Diploma/Super-Specialty course shall be paid stipend on par with the stipend being paid to the Post Graduate students of State Government Medical Institutions / Central Government Medical Institutions, in the State / Union Territory where the institution is located. Similarly, the matter of grant of leave to Post Graduate students shall be regulated as per the respective State Government rules.

14.CONDONATION FOR LACK OF ATTENDANCE

There shall be no condonation for lack of attendance.

15.MIGRATION

Under no circumstances, Migration/ Transfer of student in super speciality course shall be permitted by the University.

16.TRAINING PROGRAMME

The training given with due care to the Post Graduate students in the recognised institutions for the award of various Post Graduate medical degrees / super speciality degrees shall determine the expertise of the specialist and / or medical teachers produced as a result of the educational programme during the period of stay in the institution.

- (a) Every institution undertaking Post Graduate training programme shall set up an Academic cell or a curriculum committee, under the chairmanship of a senior faculty member, which shall work out the details of the training programme in each speciality in consultation with other department faculty staff and also coordinate and monitor the implementation of these training Programmes.

The training programmes shall be updated as and when required. The structured training programme shall be written up and strictly followed, to enable the examiners to determine the training undergone by the candidates and the Medical Council of India inspectors to assess the same at the time of inspection.

During the training for Super Speciality Courses to be awarded in clinical disciplines, there shall be proper training in basic medical sciences related to the disciplines concerned; during the training for the degree to be awarded in basic medical sciences, there shall be training in applied aspects of the subject; and there shall be training in allied subjects related to the disciplines concerned. In all Post Graduate training programmes, both clinical and basic medical sciences, emphasis is to be laid on preventive and social aspects and emergency care facilities for autopsies, biopsies, cytopsies, endoscopic and imaging etc. also be made available for training purposes.

The Post Graduate students shall be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of undergraduate students and interns.

Training in Medical Audit, Management, Health Economics, Health Information System, basics of statistics, exposure to human behaviour studies, knowledge of pharmaco – economics and introduction to non- linear mathematics shall be imparted to the Post Graduate students.

Implementation of the training programs for the award of various Post Graduate Super Speciality Degree shall include the following:-

Basic Medical Sciences

- (i) Lectures, Seminars, Journal Clubs, Group Discussions, Participation in laboratory and experimental work, and involvement in research studies in the concerned speciality and exposure to the applied aspects of the subject relevant to clinical specialities.

Clinical disciplines

- (ii) In service training, with the students being given graded responsibility in the management and treatment of patients entrusted to their care; participation in Seminars, Journal clubs, Group Discussions, Clinical Meetings, Grand rounds, and Clinico - Pathological Conferences; practical training in Diagnosis and medical and Surgical treatment; training in the Basic Medical Sciences, as well as in allied clinical specialities.

The training programme shall be on the same pattern as for M.D. / M.S. in clinical disciplines; practical training including advanced Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Laboratory techniques, relevant to the subject of specialisation.

17.MAINTENANCE OF LOG BOOK

- a) Every Post Graduate student shall maintain a record (Log) book containing skills, the candidate has acquired during the training period certified by the various heads of department where the candidate has undergone training including outside the institution.
- b) The students shall maintain a Record Book (Log Book) of the work carried out by them & training program undergone during the period of training including details of procedures carried out independently or assisted by the candidate. The log book will be checked by the faculty members imparting the training.
- c) At the end of the course, the candidate should summarise the contents and get the record (Log) book certified by the Head of the Department.
- d) The record (Log) book should be submitted at the time of practical examination for the scrutiny of the Board of Examiners.
- e) It would be the constant endeavour of the faculty to develop desirable attitudes in the PG trainees during the course by personal examples, interaction and group discussion. Constant watch will be maintained during their work in the wards to ensure that this objective is being met. Although there will be no formal evaluation of attitude, some aspects of this domain would be covered during the formative evaluation as noted below for continued internal assessment. Formative evaluation will be carried out over following activities of the P.G. resident.
 - i. Ward work
 - ii. Case presentation
 - iii. P.G.Lecture
 - iv. Journal club
 - v. General assessment of affective function attitude by medical & paramedical staff;
 - vi. Internal Assessment

Candidates can appear for theory examination only after being certified on the basis of Internal assessment.

18.THESIS / DISSERTATION AND EVALUATION

- a) All Candidates admitted to undergo D.M. super speciality courses shall be assigned a topic for dissertation / thesis by the Head of the concerned unit and the title of the topic assigned to the candidates be intimated to the Controller of Examination of the

University by the Head of the Department through the Head of the Institution before end of the First year.

- b) The dissertation / thesis shall be a bound volume of minimum 50 pages and not exceeding 75 pages of typed matter (double line spacing and on one side only) excluding certification, acknowledgements, annexure and bibliography.
- c) Four copies of dissertation shall be submitted six months prior to the commencement of the examination on the prescribed date to the controller of examination of the University.
- d) Two copies are to be submitted as an electronic version of the entire dissertation in a standard C.D. format mentioning the details and technicalities used in the C.D. format.
- e) The concerned Professors / Readers are to supervise and to see that the dissertation is done properly utilising the clinical materials of their own department / institution. The students must learn the design and interpretation of research studies, responsible use of informed consent and research methodology and interpretation of data and statistical analysis. They should seek the help of qualified staff members in the conduct of research. They must learn to use library and the computer-based research. This training will help them to develop skills in planning, designing and conduct of research studies.
- f) All candidates on admission will be allotted one of the department faculties who have fulfilled the requirement to be guides for purposes of guiding Dissertation/thesis. The topic for dissertation shall be finalized and discussed in the departmental faculty meeting and allotted to the individual candidates before the completion of 3 months after admission. The purpose of dissertation is to develop in the candidate the ability to perform an independent study keeping the principles and research methodology in mind. The candidate will therefore work on the prospective problem either within the department or in collaboration with other departments. There will be continuous monitoring of the dissertation work by the guides and co-guide and by the other department staff throughout the course. The candidate will present the progress of the dissertation to the faculty on the completion of 1 ½ years for monitoring and feedback. The completed dissertation should be submitted not later than 6 months before final examination.
- g) The theory examinations shall be held sufficiently earlier than the Clinical and Practical examination, so that the answer books can be assessed and evaluated before the start of the Clinical/Practical and Oral examination.
- h) The thesis shall be examined by a minimum of three examiners; one internal and two external examiners, who shall not be the examiners for Theory and Clinical. A candidate shall be allowed to appear for Theory and Practical/Clinical examination only after the acceptance of thesis by the examiners. The thesis shall be evaluated under the following heading:

- 1) Approved
- 2) Not approved

In all cases the approval shall be given before 3 months of the date of appearing for the examination and this will be essential before the candidate is allowed to appear for the written examination.

19.SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATIONS:

The examination for D.M courses shall be held at the end of 3rd academic year. An academic term shall mean six months` s training period.

20.SCHEME OF EXAMINATIONS

Post Graduate Examinations shall consist of Dissertation/Thesis, Written Paper (Theory), Clinical and Viva Voce.

The examinations shall be organised on the basis of "Grading" or "Marking system" to evaluate and certify candidate's level of knowledge, skill and competence at the end of the training.

- a) **Dissertation/Thesis:** Every candidate shall carry out and submit a Dissertation/Thesis as explained and approval of Dissertation/Thesis shall be precondition for a candidate to appear for the final year examination.
- b) Students admitted to this course would be required to present one poster presentation to read one paper at a national / state conference and to present one research paper which should be published / accepted for publication / sent for publication during the period of his Postgraduate studies so as to make him eligible to appear at the Postgraduate Super Speciality Degree Examination as prescribed in the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations.
- c) **Theory:** A Written Examination shall consist of four theory papers each of three hours duration. Each paper carries 100 marks (Total 400 marks). Out of these one shall be of Basic Medical Sciences and one shall be of Recent advances.
- d) **Clinical Examination:** Clinical examination for the subjects in Clinical Sciences shall be conducted to test the knowledge and competence of the candidates for undertaking independent work as a specialist/Teacher, for which candidates shall examine a minimum one long case and two short cases.
- e) **Oral Examination:** The Oral examination shall be thorough and shall aim at assessing the candidate knowledge and competence about the subject, investigative procedures, therapeutic technique and other aspects of the speciality, which form a part of the examination.

THEORY	
No. of Theory Papers	4
Marks for each Theory Paper	*100
Total marks for Theory Paper	400
Passing Minimum for Theory	200/400
Total marks for Clinical	300
Passing Minimum for Clinical	150/300
Viva voce	100
Passing minimum for Clinical including Viva voce	200/400

ii) If any candidate fails even under one head, he/she has to re-appear for whole examination.

ii) Theory paper consists of 2 essay questions of 25 marks each (2 X 25 = 50) & 5 short notes of 10 marks each (5 X 10 = 50). Total = 100 marks each.

Sl.No.20(ii) Amended vide XVIII meeting of Academic Council dated 15.04.2014. Resolved to approve 2 Essay Questions (2 x 20 marks) and 10 short notes (10 x 6 marks) for each theory paper in D.M. /M.Ch courses which will take effect from 2013-14 batch.

Resolved to approve 2 essays (2 x 20 marks) and 6 short notes (6 x 10 marks) for theory paper in all D.M. Courses by the Academic Council in its XX meeting held on 25.03.2015

****Resolved to approve that an examinee should obtain minimum 40% marks in each theory paper and not less than 50% marks cumulatively in all the four papers in P.G. degree examination to be cleared as passed which will be implemented prospectively. (Academic Council in its XX meeting held on 25.03.2015).***

21. EXAMINERS

(a) All the Post Graduate Examiners for super speciality courses shall be recognised super speciality Post Graduate Teachers holding recognised Post Graduate qualifications in the subject concerned.

(b) For all Post Graduate super speciality Examinations, the minimum number of Examiners shall be four, out of which at least two (50%) shall be External Examiners,

who shall be invited from other recognised universities from outside the State/outside University. The remaining two will be internal examiners. The qualifications and teaching experience for appointment of examiners shall be as laid down by the guidelines of Medical Council of India in force from time to time.

(c) 'No person shall be appointed as an internal examiner in any subject unless he/she has three years' experience as recognized PG teacher in the concerned subject. For external examiners, he/she should have minimum six years of experience as recognized PG teacher in the concerned subject'. "An examiner shall ordinarily be appointed for not more than two consecutive terms"

(d) Under exceptional circumstances, examinations may be held with 3 (three) examiners provided two of them are external and Medical Council of India is intimated the justification of such action prior to publication of result for approval. Under no circumstances, result shall be published in such cases without the approval of Medical Council of India.

22.NUMBER OF CANDIDATES

The maximum number of candidates to be examined in Clinical / practical and Oral on any day shall not exceed three for D.M. examinations.

23. *NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS

The University shall conduct not more than two examinations in a year, for any subject, with an interval of not less than 4 and not more than 6 months between the two examinations. The examination shall be conducted in September and March.

*** SI. No.23 Amended in XXI meeting of Academic Council dated 22.07.2015 Resolved to approve the commencement of D.M. University examination in August (for Regular Batch) and February (for Supplementary Batch).**

24. REVALUATION.

There is no revaluation of answer papers. However, re-totalling is allowed in the failed subjects with payment of required fees fixed by the University (from time to time) within 15 days from the date of receipt of statement of marks.

SYLLABUS FOR D.M. NEUROLOGY

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The aims of the course are to impart thorough and comprehensive training to the candidate in the various aspects of the specialty to enable him / her.

- (1) To function as Faculty / Consultants in specialty
- (2) To plan and set up independent Neurology Unit catering to clinical and investigative Neurology
- (3) To carry out and help in conducting applied research in Neurosciences.

TEACHING METHODS

During the period of training the candidates follow in-service training-cum-residency programme. He/She works as a 'Senior Resident' and is given gradually increasing responsibility in decision making process in the clinical and investigative aspects of Neurology and its allied specialities such as Neuro anatomy, Neuro psychiatry, Neuro pathology, Neuro physiology, Neuro chemistry, Neuro radiology, Neuro anaesthesiology, Neuro rehabilitation and Neuro surgery.

The day-to-day work of the trainees is supervised by the Professors / Consultants of the department of Neurology. The posting is so organized that the trainee gets posted in various areas of the department like OPD, wards, laboratories etc. He/She participates in the consultation service provided by the department. Besides in-service activities a programme of bedside demonstrations, seminars, tutorials, group discussion, workshops, journal clubs and lectures is also organized.

Neurosurgery

During the Neurosurgery posting which is for one month, the candidate is required to attend all the operations and see for himself/herself, the surgical techniques. Post-operative care and complications and selection of cases for surgery are also taught.

Neuroradiology

The trainee is made conversant with the technique and interpretation of carotid/vertebral angiography, CT Myelography, CT scan and MRI scan. All these investigations are taught under the guidance of a radiologist. Neuroradiology investigations are conducted every day in the Radiology Department.

1. Regular Neuro radiology posting – 2 weeks
2. Weekly sessions – once a week

Neuropathology

During the 2 weeks posting in the Neuropathology, the candidate is imparted training in special staining procedures and interpretations of the histopathological sections.

Neurophysiology

The resident is imparted training in the technique of application of EEG/EMG/evoked response electrodes. He also learns the handling of EEG/EMG and evoked response machines, under the guidance of technical assistant and the consultants. During the first year of the course, training is imparted in the interpretations of nerve conduction studies, EMG, evoked response

and ultrasound studies. He/She is taught the interpretation of EEG records and reports under the guidance of senior colleagues and consultants in the beginning and independently in the second year of training.

THEORY SYLLABUS:

The trainee is made well conversant with each and every aspect of known knowledge about Neuroanatomy, Neurophysiology, Neurochemistry, Neuroradiology, Neuropharmacology and Applied Neurology by the end of three-year training. Related neuropathology and neurosurgery is also taught through bedside, teaching rounds lectures, seminars and group discussions. The details are as follows: -

1. **Neuroanatomy:** It includes anatomy of central and peripheral nervous system and muscles including microscopic appearance, relevant embryology and its application to be related developmental disorders.
2. **Neurophysiology:** Physiology of central and peripheral nervous system and muscles.
3. **Neurochemistry:** The normal biochemistry of the nervous system and muscles; and its application in different neurological disorders.
4. **Neuropathology:** Pathology of different diseases affecting the nervous system and muscles, including macroscopic appearances.
5. **Neuro-bacterio-virology:** with special reference to the various neurological Disorders.
6. **Neurogenetics:** Normal as well as the abnormalities in different genetically inherited neurological disorders.
7. **Biostatistics and Clinical Epidemiology:** Fundamentals of biostatistics, ability to conduct a clinical trial independently and interpret the final reports.
8. **Neuroimmunology:** Normal and various abnormalities, seen in neuro Immunological disorders.
9. **Neuropsychiatry:** Related neuropsychiatric disorders such as non-epileptic Seizure etc.,
10. **Neuropsychology;**
11. **Paediatric Neurology**
12. **Neuroradiology** including plain X-ray, CT scan, Angiogram, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Myelogram etc.

13. Electrophysiology: Electrophysiology, nerve conduction studies, EEG including sleep EEG and Video EEG, evoked potentials etc.

14. Other Neurology oriented investigatory procedures in relation to neurology / Neuro ophthalmology etc.

15. Neurosurgery;

16. Clinical Neurology

17. Neuropharmacology of various neurological disorders.

PERIOD OF POSTINGS IN VARIOUS UNITS, DIVISION

DEPARTMENTS

The trainee will be posted in different specialities as follows;

Neurology – 2 yrs

Neurosurgery – 1 month

Neuropathology – 15 days

Neuroradiology – 15 days

Psychiatry – 15 days

Paediatric Neurology – 1 month

ASSESSMENT

Regular two internal assessment both in theory and clinical should be made for every candidate Internal assessment will be made in day-to-day work of the trainee who involved patients' care learning bedside case presentation and research.

Research

The trainee shall be required to undertake research and write papers under the guidance of consultants. The candidates will have to submit a proposal / topic for project work within these months of the joining of the course. The work period for the project will for 1½ to 2 years. The candidate whose project/research work has not been accepted may be permitted to re-submit within not less than 6 months and not more than one year after rejection.

Theory papers: There shall be four theory papers with the following titles:

- I. **Basic sciences as related to Neurology (Neuro Anatomy, Neuro Physiology, Neuro Pathology, Neuro Chemistry, Neuro microbiology including Parasitology, Neuro Immunology and Genetics)**
- II. **Neurology, Neuropsychiatry, Paediatric Neurology**
- III. *** Radiology, Electrophysiology, Neuro otology, Neuro ophthalmology**
- IV. **Recent advances in Neurology**

*Paper III revised as detailed below:

Neuro Radiology, Electrophysiology, Neuro otology, Neuro ophthalmology (amended in XXIV meeting of Acad. Council dated 29.07.2016 from 2013-14 batch)

Clinical, Practical and viva voce: One long case and two short cases are given to the candidate and the discussion thereon lasts 30-40 minutes in each case. Additional spots / cases also may be shown.

The candidate is also given EEG, pathology specimens, histology slides and X-rays to be interpreted.

10. **NEUROLOGY CURRICULUM**

- a) Every institution undertaking post-graduate training programs shall set up a curriculum committee under the Chairmanship of the HOD, which shall work out the detailed course program in their department in consultation with other departmental faculty staff and co-ordinate and monitor the implementation of this program. The training program shall be updated as and when required. B) Post-graduate students shall maintain a Log Book of the work assigned to them.

SYLLABUS FOR BASIC NEUROSCIENCES:

This will be covered in the first year.

NEUROANATOMY: Knowledge of Basic Neuroanatomy will include development of the nervous system including genetics malformation of the nervous system. Conventional descriptive anatomy, systemic anatomy, regional anatomy, cross sectional anatomy (relevant

to X-ray Tomography C.T. Scan, Magnetic Resonance Imaging etc.) and also three dimensions anatomy of various operative approaches to the Central Nervous System, including microsurgical anatomy will form the content of the Neuroanatomy.

NEUROPHYSIOLOGY: The neurophysiology will include a detailed knowledge of Physiology of the nervous system including cerebral blood flow and CBF dynamics, electrophysiology (ECG, Nerve Conduction studies, EMG, Evoked Potentials) including all the recent advances such as Brain Mapping and Multi-modality Evoked Potentials such as BAER=(Brainstem), SSEP, VEP Cranial and peripheral nerve stimulation – Preoperatively and intra-operatively. A minimum working knowledge of handling the instrumentation and interpretation of different results will be insisted upon.

NEUROCHEMISTRY: The neurochemistry will include a detailed General Principles of Neurochemistry with special reference to normal tissue constituents, neurotransmitters,

neuroreceptology and neurooncology, neurochemical aspects of neurological and neurosurgical illnesses, biochemistry of tumour of the central nervous system including tumour markers, neurochemical aspects of head injuries and spinal cord injury. MR and MR spectroscopy etc., a minimum working knowledge of interpretation of common laboratory results will be insisted upon.

NEUROPATHOLOGY: The neuropathology will include General Pathology of nerve cells, neuroglia, blood vessels, cranial and peripheral nerves and their mechanisms, pathophysiology of birth injuries, concussion, contusion, intracranial haematoma, haemorrhages, cerebral oedema, intracranial hypertension. Vascular injuries, infective complications, sequels of head injuries etc. Pathology of infections, disease of the nervous system with special reference to Postmeningitic sequelae, vascular, nutritional and metabolic toxic disorders of the nervous system. Aneurysms and angiomatous (arteriovenous) malformations, pathology of brain and spinal cord tumours and peripheral nerve tumours including tumours of pituitary, pineal gland and spinal column in detail with special reference to histogenesis, gross pathology, micropathologic aspects, microscopic appearances, tissue culture, special diagnostic procedures including cytology techniques and immunohistochemistry. Immunology of brain tumours including current concepts in monoclonal antibodies and targeting for diagnosis and therapy. The pathology content will include also minimum bacteriology, minimum microbiology, including virology and parasitology with special reference to agents that effects the nervous system in our area/country.

NEUROPHARMACOLOGY: The candidate should have a detailed pharmaceutical knowledge of the various aspects of the drugs and pharmaceuticals commonly used in disinfectants, antibiotics, anticonvulsants, anti-oedema measures such as diuretics, antidepressants, analgesics, antipyretics, and antiparkinson, chemotherapy drugs, antipsychiatrics, cardio-vasoactive respiratory supportive drugs, including drug assay, monitoring drug interaction protocols of clinical trials etc.

CLINICAL NEUROLOGY:

The candidate should have a detailed working knowledge of clinical examination of the neurological patient including neonates and infants and unconscious patients. A thorough knowledge of the Physical signs including their neuroanatomical and neurophysiological basis, brief historical vignettes, methods of elicitation, interpretation and inference including fallacies, knowledge of various coma scales and their relatives merits and deficits, a detailed knowledge of the evaluation of the Physical signs during various developmental stages, details regarding Brain Death (Cerebral death and brainstem death) etc. are all essential. A working knowledge of the various medical neurological disorders, particularly more prevalent in our region, is also required. A working knowledge of neurodegenerative disorders, neuro-muscular disease, genetic diseases, paroxysmal disorders etc. is must. A detailed working knowledge of the various diagnostic procedures including a historical vignette, the instrumentation / equipment, methodology, documentation and interpretation of results will be required. A thorough knowledge of choice of the investigative procedure in a given patient – Decision making in Neurodiagnostics – is also essential. The candidate should have good understanding of the stroke, complications, fallacies, cost-effectiveness etc. of the various

neurodiagnostic procedures. The neurodiagnostic procedures in this context would include access to various parts of the CNS including ventricles, subarachnoid space, neurovasculature, neural parenchyma etc. in the course of Neuro-ophthalmological neuro-etiological workup, Lumbar Puncture, Ventricular Puncture, EEG, Nerve conduction studies, EMG, electrocorticography, Neuroradiology including plain X-rays, Angiography including venography, Myelography, cisternography, Interventional Radiology, Ultrasonography (neonates, infants, transcranial intraoperative and interventional). C.T. scanning, MR Imaging including MR angiography and cisternography etc. The candidate should have adequate hand-on experience with the various investigative procedures of day-to-day use.

Publication and presentation: The student should have presented atleast 2 scientific papers in national or international conferences and published at least one paper in the peer reviewed journals.

PRACTICAL SCHEME FOR D.M. NEUROLOGY

SL.NO.	PARTICULARS	MARKS
01	Long Case - 1 (1 X 150)	150
02	Short Case - 2 (2 X 75)	150
03	Viva Voce (Clinical Neurophysiology - 20 Radiology - 20 Histopathology - 10 Pathology Specimens - 10 Orals - 40)	100
	Total	400

Distribution of marks for Clinical examination is approved by the Academic Council in its XXIII Meeting held on 10.05.2016.