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GUIDELINES FOR INTERNSHIP COMPLETION (POST COVID-19 LOCKDOWN)

The National Medical Commission had on 25.11.2020 circulated the letter from Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Government of India addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs instructing all States to take steps to open medical colleges on or before 1.12.2020 on the recommendations of the NMC, which had the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs. That letter also had the revised academic calendar for all MBBS batches.

The NMC was cognizant that the internship training since March 2020 had been affected in a non-uniform manner across the country. In normal course students who started internship in 2020 should have completed the same before or within 31.3.2021. As per revised academic schedule issued by the NMC (cited above), this time limit for completion of internship has been extended up to 31.5.2021 in order to compensate for the lost period of "Clinical Clerkship" due to the lockdown and restrictions consequent to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. As the critical element of internship is the acquisition of specific hands-on experiences and skill, it is the responsibility of Medical Colleges/Institutions and Universities to ensure that the extended time provided for completion of internship is utilized most effectively to ensure that the students acquire the competencies as outlined in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations.

Towards achieving the above stated objectives, the colleges and Universities may take note of the following:

1. Each institution must review the missed internship training for its own students and issue a revised training schedule so as to complete the training by 31.5.2021 or earlier depending on the period of internship completed/lost by the institution prior to or during the lockdowns.
2. While re-scheduling the training roster, the colleges and the individual departments where the interns would rotate, must ensure that the trainees are able to acquire the key clinical competencies as outlined in the Graduate Medical Education Regulations.
3. The onus of ensuring that the interns have completed the training satisfactorily lies with the Medical Colleges and their affiliating Universities. Hence, it is important that Colleges ensure that the interns have acquired the key clinical competencies prior to issuing the Internship completion certificate.



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