MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY
of
MEDICAL SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY
JAIPUR

Syllabus

MD – PATHOLOGY

(3 Years Post Graduate Degree Course)

Notice

1. Amendment made by the Medical Council of India in Rules/Regulations of Post Graduate Medical Courses shall automatically apply to the Rules/Regulations of the Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology (MGUMST), Jaipur.

2. The University reserves the right to make changes in the syllabus/books/guidelines, fees-structure or any other information at any time without prior notice. The decision of the University shall be binding on all.

3. The Jurisdiction of all court cases shall be Jaipur Bench of Hon'ble Rajasthan High Court only.

RULES & REGULATIONS

MD PATHOLOGY (9080)
(3 Years Post Graduate degree course)

TITLE OF THE COURSE:
It shall be called Doctor of Medicine.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION:
No candidate of any category (including NRI quota) shall be eligible for admission to MD/MS courses, if he or she has not qualified NEET PG (MD/MS) conducted by National Board of Examinations or any other Authority appointed by the Government of India for the purpose.

(1) General Seats

(a) Every student, selected for admission to postgraduate medical course shall possess recognized MBBS degree or equivalent qualification and should have obtained permanent Registration with the Medical Council of India, or any of the State Medical Councils or should obtain the same within one month from the date of his/her admission, failing which the admission of the candidate shall be cancelled;

(b) Completed satisfactorily one year's rotatory internship or would be completing the same before the date announced by the University for that specific year as per MCI rules after passing 3rd professional MBBS Part II Examination satisfactorily.

(c) 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 postgraduate training restricted to the medical college/institution to which he/she is admitted for the time being exclusively for postgraduate studies; however temporary registration to such foreign national shall be subject to the condition that such person is duly registered as medical practitioner in his/her own country from which he has obtained his basic medical qualification and that his degree is recognized by the corresponding Medical Council or concerned authority.

(2) NRI Seats

(a) Students from other countries should possess passport, visa and exchange permits valid for the period of their course of study in this Institution and should also observe the regulations of both central and state governments regarding residential permits and obtain no-objection certificate from the same.

(b) The candidate should have a provisional "Student Visa". If he comes on any other visa and is selected for admission, he will have to first obtain a student visa from his country and then only he will be allowed to join the course. Therefore it is imperative to obtain provisional student visa before coming for Counseling.

(c) This clause is applicable to NRI/Foreign Students only.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION FOR ADMISSION:

(1) NRI Quota

15% of the total seats are earmarked for Foreign National / PIO / OCI/ NRI / Ward of NRI/NRI sponsored candidates who would be admitted on the basis of merit obtained in NEET PG or any other criteria laid down by Central Government/MCI.

(2) Remaining Seats (Other than NRI Quota Seats)

(a) Admissions to the remaining 85% of the seats shall be made on the basis of the merit obtained at the NEET conducted by the National Board of Examinations or any other Authority appointed by the Government of India for the purpose.
(b) The admission policy may be changed according to the law prevailing at the time of admission.

COUNSELING/INTERVIEW:

(1) Candidates in order of merit will be called for Counseling/Interview and for verification of original documents and identity by personal appearance.
(2) Counseling will be performed and the placement will be done on merit-cum-choice basis by the Admission Board appointed by the Government of Rajasthan.

RESERVATION:

Reservation shall be applicable as per policy of the State Government in terms of scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, back ward class, special back ward class, women and handicapped persons.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLMENT:

Every candidate who is admitted to MD/MS course in Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital shall be required to get himself/herself enrolled and registered with the Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology after paying the prescribed eligibility and enrolment fees.

The candidate shall have to submit an application to the MGUMST for the enrolment/eligibility along with the following original documents with the prescribed fees (upto November 30 of the year of admission without late fees and upto December 31 of the year of admission with late fees) –

(a) MBBS pass Marks sheet/Degree certificate issued by the University (Ist MBBS to Final MBBS)
(b) Certificate regarding the recognition of medical college by the Medical Council of India.
(c) Completion of the Rotatory Internship certificate from a recognized college.
(d) Migration certificate issued by the concerned University.
(e) Date of Birth Certificate
(f) Certificate regarding registration with Rajasthan Medical Council / Medical Council of India / Other State Medical Council.

REGISTRATION

Every candidate who is admitted to MD/MS course in Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital shall be required to get himself/herself registered with the Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology after paying the prescribed registration fees.

The candidate shall have to submit an application to the MGUMST for registration with the prescribed fees (upto November 30 of the year of admission without late fees upto December 31 of the year of admission with late fees).

DURATION OF COURSE:

The course shall be of 3 years duration from the date of commencement of academic session.

PERIOD OF TRAINING:

(1) The period of training for obtaining Post graduate degrees (MD/MS) shall be three completed years including the period of examination.

(2) It shall however be two years for candidates who have obtained the recognised PG Diploma in the subject.

MIGRATION:

No application for migration to other Medical Colleges will be entertained from the students already admitted to the MD/MS course at this Institute.

METHODS OF TRAINING FOR MD/MS:

Method of training for MD/MS courses shall be as laid down by the Medical Council of India.

ONLINE COURSE IN RESEARCH METHODS

i. All postgraduate students shall complete an online course in Research Methods to be conducted by an Institute(s) that may be designated by the Medical Council of India by way of public notice, including on its website and by Circular to all Medical Colleges. The students shall have to register on the portal of the designated institution or any other institute as indicated in the public notice.
ii. The students have to complete the course by the end of their 2nd semester.
iii. The online certificate generated on successful completion of the course and examination thereafter, will be taken as proof of completion of this course
iv. The successful completion of the online research methods course with proof of its completion shall be essential before the candidate is allowed to appear for the final examination of the respective postgraduate course.
v. This requirement will be applicable for all postgraduate students admitted from the academic year 2019-20 onwards

ATTENDANCE, PROGRESS AND CONDUCT:

(1) Attendance:

(a) 80% attendance in each course is compulsory. Any one failing to achieve this, shall not be allowed to appear in the University examination.
(b) A candidate pursuing MD/MS course shall reside in the campus and work in the respective department of the institution for the full period as a full time student. No candidate is permitted to run a clinic/work in clinic/laboratory/ nursing home while studying postgraduate course. No candidate shall join any other course of study or appear for any other examination conducted by this university or any other university in India or abroad during the period of registration. Each year shall be taken as a unit for the purpose of calculating attendance.
(c) Every candidate shall attend symposia, seminars, conferences, journal review meetings, grand rounds, CPC, CCR, case presentation, clinics and lectures during each year as prescribed by the department and not absent himself / herself from work without valid reasons. Candidates should not be absent continuously as the course is a full time one.

(2) Monitoring Progress of Studies- Work diary/Log Book:

(a) Every candidate shall maintain a work diary in which his/her participation in the entire training program conducted by the department such as reviews, seminars, etc. has to be chronologically entered.
(b) The work scrutinized and certified by the Head of the Department and Head of the Institution is to be presented in the University practical/clinical examination.

(3) Periodic tests:

There shall be periodic tests as prescribed by the Medical Council of India and/ or the Board of Management of the University, tests shall include written papers, practical/clinical and viva voce.

(4) Records:

Records and marks obtained in tests will be maintained by the Head of the Department and will be made available to the University when called for.

THESIS:

(1) Every candidate pursuing MD/MS degree course is required to carry out work on research project under the guidance of a recognized post graduate teacher. Then such a work shall be submitted in the form of a Thesis.
(2) The Thesis is aimed to train a postgraduate student in research methods & techniques.
(3) It includes identification of a problem, formulation of a hypothesis, designing of a study, getting acquainted with recent advances, review of literature, collection of data, critical analysis, comparison of results and drawing conclusions.
(4) Every candidate shall submit to the Registrar of the University in the prescribed format a Plan of Thesis containing particulars of proposed Thesis work within six months of the date of commencement of the course on or before the dates notified by the University.
(5) The Plan of Thesis shall be sent through proper channel.
(6) Thesis topic and plan shall be approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee before sending the same to the University for registration.
(7) Synopsis will be reviewed and the Thesis topic will be registered by the University.
(8) No change in the thesis topic or guide shall be made without prior notice and permission from the University.
(9) The Guide, Head of the Department and head of the institution shall certify the thesis. Three printed copies and one soft copy of the thesis thus prepared shall be submitted by the candidate to the Principal. While retaining the soft copy in his office, the Principal shall send the three printed copies of the thesis to the Registrar six months before MD/MS University Examinations. Examiners appointed by the University shall evaluate the thesis. Approval of Thesis at least by two examiners is an essential pre-condition for a candidate to appear in the University Examination.
(10) Guide: The academic qualification and teaching experience required for recognition by this University as a guide for thesis work is as laid down by Medical Council of India/Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur.
(11) Co-guide: A co-guide may be included provided the work requires substantial contribution from a sister department or from another institution recognized for teaching/training by Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences & Technology, Jaipur/Medical Council of India. The co-guide shall be a recognized postgraduate teacher.
(12) Change of guide: In the event of a registered guide leaving the college for any reason or in the event of death of guide, guide may be changed with prior permission from the University.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPEAR FOR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION:

The following requirements shall be fulfilled by every candidate to become eligible to appear for the final examination:

(1) Attendance: Every candidate shall have fulfilled the requirement of 80% attendance prescribed by the University during each academic year of the postgraduate course. (as per MCI rules)

(2) Progress and Conduct: Every candidate shall have participated in seminars, journal review meetings, symposia, conferences, case presentations, clinics and didactic lectures during each year as designed by the department.
(3) Work diary and Logbook: Every candidate shall maintain a work diary for recording his/her participation in the training program conducted in the department. The work diary and logbook shall be verified and certified by the Department Head and Head of the Institution.
(4) Every student would be required to present one poster presentation, to read one paper at a National/State Conference and to have one research paper which should be published/accepted for publication/ sent for publication to an indexed journal during the period of his/her post graduate studies so as to make him/her eligible to appear at the Post Graduate Degree Examination.
(5) Every student would be required to appear in and qualify the Pre-University Post graduate degree Mock examination. Post graduate students who fail to appear in or do not qualify the Pre-University Post graduate degree Mock examination shall not be permitted to appear in the final examination of the University.

The certification of satisfactory progress by the Head of the Department/ Institution shall be based on (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) criteria mentioned above.

ASSESSMENT:

(1) The progress of work of the candidates shall be assessed periodically by the respective guides and report submitted to the Head of the Institution through the Head of the Department at the end of every six months. The assessment report may also be conveyed in writing to the candidate who may also be advised of his/her shortcomings, if any.
(2) In case the report indicate that a candidate is incapable of continuing to do the work of the desired standard and complete it within the prescribed period, the Head of the Institution may recommend cancellation of his/her registration at any time to the University.
(3) Formative Assessment:
    (a) General Principles
        i. The assessment is valid, objective, constructive and reliable.
        ii. It covers cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains.
        iii. Formative, continuing and summative (final) assessment is also conducted.
        iv. Thesis is also assessed separately.
    (b) Internal Assessment
        i. The internal assessment is continuous as well as periodical. The former is based on the feedback from the senior residents and the consultants concerned. Assessment is held periodically.
        ii. Internal assessment will not count towards pass/fail at the end of the program, but will provide feedback to the candidate.
        iii. The performance of the Postgraduate student during the training period should be monitored throughout the course and duly recorded in the log books as evidence of the ability and daily work of the student.
        iv. Marks should be allotted out of 100 as under
            1) Personal Attributes - 20 marks
                a. Behavior and Emotional Stability: Dependable, disciplined, dedicated, stable in emergency situations, shows positive approach.
                b. Motivation and Initiative: Takes on responsibility, innovative, enterprising, does not shirk duties or leave any work pending.

c. Honesty and Integrity: Truthful, admits mistakes, does not cook up information, has ethical conduct, exhibits good moral values, loyal to the institution.

2) Clinical Work - 20 marks
   a Availability: Punctual, available continuously on duty, responds promptly on calls and takes proper permission for leave.
   b Diligence: Dedicated, hardworking, does not shirk duties, leaves no work pending, does not sit idle, competent in clinical case work up and management.
   c Academic Ability: Intelligent, shows sound knowledge and skills, participates adequately in academic activities and performs well in oral presentation and departmental tests.
   d Clinical Performance: Proficient in clinical presentations and case discussion during rounds and OPD work up. Preparing Documents of the case history/examination and progress notes in the file (daily notes, round discussion, investigations and management) Skill of performing bed side procedures and handling emergencies.
3) Academic Activities - 20 marks
   Performance during presentation at Journal club/ Seminar/Case discussion/Stat meeting and other academic sessions. Proficiency in skills as mentioned in job responsibilities.
4) End of term theory examination - 20 marks
   End of term theory examination conducted at end of 1st, 2nd year and after 2 years 9 months.
5) End of term practical examination - 20 marks
   a. End of term practical/oral examinations after 2 years 9 months.
   b. Marks for personal attributes and clinical work should be given annually by all the consultants under whom the resident was posted during the year. Average of the three years should be put as the final marks out of 20.
   c. Marks for academic activity should be given by the all consultants who have attended the session presented by the resident.
   d. The Internal assessment should be presented to the Board of examiners for due consideration at the time of Final Examinations.
   e. Yearly (end of 1st, 2nd & 3rd year) theory and practical examination will be conducted by internal examiners and each candidate will enter details of theory paper, cases allotted (2 long & 2 short) and viva.
   f. Log book to be brought at the time of final practical examination.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS:

Appointment of paper setters, thesis evaluators, answer books evaluators and practical & viva voce examiners shall be made as per regulations of the Medical Council of India.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

Scheme of examination in respect of all the subjects of MD/MS shall be as under :

(1) The examination for MD/MS shall be held at the end of three Academic Years.
(2) Examinations shall be organized on the basis of marking system.
(3) The period of training for obtaining MD/MS degrees shall be three completed years including the period of examination.

(4) The University shall conduct not more than two examinations in a year for any subject with an interval of not less than 4 months and not more than 6 months between the two examinations.

(5) The examinations shall consist of:

(a) Thesis :

i. Thesis shall be submitted at least six months before the main Theory examinations.

ii. 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/Practical.

iii. In departments where besides the two earmarked practical/clinical examiners no one else is a qualified P.G. teacher, in that case the Thesis shall be sent to the third external examiner who shall actually be in place of the internal examiner.

iv. Only on the acceptance of the thesis by any two examiners, the candidate shall be eligible to appear for the final examination.

v. A candidate whose thesis has been once approved by the examiners will not be required to submit the Thesis afresh, even if he/she fails in theory and/or practical of the examination of the same branch.

vi. In case the Thesis submitted by a candidate is rejected, he/she should be required to submit a fresh Thesis.

(b) Theory papers:

i. There shall be four theory papers, as below:

Paper I: General Pathology, Pathophysiology, Immunopathology and Cytopathology

Paper II: Systemic Pathology

Paper III: Haematology, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Banking) and Laboratory Medicine

Paper IV: Recent advances and applied aspects

ii. Each theory paper examination shall be of three hours duration.

iii. Each theory paper shall carry maximum 100 marks.

iv. The question papers shall be set by the External Examiners.

v. There will be a set pattern of question papers.
Every question paper shall contain three questions. All the questions shall be compulsory, having no choice.
Question No. 1 shall be of long answer type carrying 20 marks.
Question No. 2 shall have two parts of 15 marks each. Each part will be required to be answered in detail.
Question No. 3 shall be of five short notes carrying 10 marks each.

vi. The answer books of theory paper examination shall be evaluated by two External and two internal examiners. Out of the four paper setters, the two paper setters will be given answer books pertaining to their papers and the answer books of the remaining two papers will be evaluated by two Internal Examiners. It will be decided by the President as to which paper is to be assigned to which Internal Examiner for evaluation.

vii. A candidate will be required to pass theory and practical examinations separately in terms of the governing provisions pertaining to the scheme of examination in the post graduate regulations. The examinee should obtain minimum 40% marks in each theory paper and not less than 50% marks cumulatively in all the four papers for degree examination to be cleared as “passed” at the said Degree examination.

(c) Clinical/ Practical & Oral examinations:
    i. Clinical/Practical and Oral Examination of 400 marks will be conducted by at least four examiners, out of which two (50%) shall be External Examiners.
    ii. A candidate will be required to secure at least 50% (viz. 200/400) marks in the Practical including clinical and viva voce examinations.

(6) If a candidate fails in one or more theory paper(s) or practical, he/she shall have to reappear in the whole examination i.e. in all theory papers as well as practical.

GRACE MARKS

No grace marks will be provided in MD/MS examinations.

REVALUATION / SCRUTINY:

No Revaluation shall be permitted in the MD/MS examinations. However, the student can apply for scrutiny of the answer books as per University Rules.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPETENCY BASED POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MD IN PATHOLOGY (9080)

Preamble

The purpose of PG education is to create specialists who would provide high quality health care and advance the cause of science through research & training.

This programme is meant to standardize Pathology teaching at post graduate level throughout the country so that it will benefit in achieving uniformity in teaching and resultantly creating suitable manpower with appropriate expertise. The post graduate student should be trained in handling and processing histopathology, clinical pathology, microbiology, biochemistry and transfusion medicine samples with a knowledge of general principles and methodology.

The purpose of this document is to provide teachers and learners illustrative guidelines to achieve defined outcomes through learning and assessment. This document was prepared by various subject-content specialists. The Reconciliation Board of the Academic Committee has attempted to render uniformity without compromise to purpose and content of the document. Compromise in purity of syntax has been made in order to preserve the purpose and content. This has necessitated retention of "domains of learning" under the heading "competencies".

SUBJECT SPECIFIC LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The learning objectives in the cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains are:

A. Cognitive Domain

1. Diagnose routine and complex clinical problems on the basis of histopathology (surgical pathology) and cytopathology specimens, blood and bone marrow examination and various tests of Laboratory Medicine (clinical pathology, clinical biochemistry) as well as Blood Banking (Transfusion Medicine).
2. Interpret and correlate clinical and laboratory data so that clinical manifestations of diseases can be explained.
3. Advise on the appropriate specimens and tests necessary to arrive at a diagnosis in a problematic case.
4. Correlate clinical and laboratory findings with pathology findings at autopsy, identify miscorrelations and the causes of death due to diseases (apart from purely metabolic causes).
5. Should be able to teach Pathology to undergraduates, postgraduates, nurses and paramedical staff including laboratory personnel.
6. Plan, execute, analyse and present research work.
7. Make and record observations systematically and maintain accurate records of tests and their results for reasonable periods of time. Identify problems in the laboratory, offer solutions thereof and maintain a high order of quality control.
8. Capable of safe and effective disposal of laboratory waste.
9. Able to supervise and work with subordinates and colleagues in a laboratory.

B. Affective Domain

1. Should be able to function as a part of a team, develop an attitude of cooperation with colleagues, and interact with the patient and the clinician or other colleagues to provide the best possible diagnosis or opinion.
2. Always adopt ethical principles and maintain proper etiquette in dealings with patients, relatives and other health personnel and to respect the rights of the patient including the right to information and second opinion.

3. Develop communication skills to word reports and professional opinion as well as to interact with patients, relatives, peers and paramedical staff, and for effective teaching.

C. Psychomotor Domain

1. Able to perform routine tests in a Pathology Laboratory including grossing of specimens, processing, cutting of paraffin and frozen sections, making smears, and staining.
2. Able to collect specimens by routinely performing non-invasive out-patient procedures such as venipuncture, finger-prick, fine needle aspiration of superficial lumps and bone-marrow aspirates, and provide appropriate help to colleagues performing an invasive procedure such as a biopsy or an imaging guided biopsy.
3. Perform an autopsy, dissect various organ complexes and display the gross findings.
4. Should be familiar with the function, handling and routine care of equipments in the laboratory.

SUBJECT SPEIFIC COMPETENCIES

A. Cognitive domain

A post graduate student upon successfully qualifying in the MD (Pathology) examination should have acquired the following broad theoretical competencies and should be:

1. Capable of offering a high quality diagnostic opinion in a given clinical situation with an appropriate and relevant sample of tissue, blood, body fluid, etc. for the purpose of diagnosis and overall wellbeing of the ill.
2. Able to teach and share his knowledge and competence with others. The student should be imparted training in teaching methods in the subject which may enable the student to take up teaching assignments in Medical Colleges/Institutes.
3. Capable of pursuing clinical and laboratory based research. He/she should be introduced to basic research methodology so that he/she can conduct fundamental and applied research.

B. Affective domain

1. The student will show integrity, accountability, respect, compassion and dedicated patient care. The student will demonstrate a commitment to excellence and continuous professional development.
2. The student should demonstrate a commitment to ethical principles relating to providing patient care, confidentiality of patient information and informed consent.
3. The student should show sensitivity and responsiveness to patients' culture, age, gender and disabilities.

C. Psychomotor domain

At the end of the course, the student should have acquired skills, as described below:
Surgical pathology

Skills

- Given the clinical and operative data, the student should be able to identify, and systematically and accurately describe the chief gross anatomic alterations in the surgically removed specimens and be able to correctly diagnose at least 80% of the lesions received on an average day from the surgical service of an average teaching hospital.

- A student should be able to demonstrate ability to perform a systematic gross examination of the tissues including the taking of appropriate tissue sections and in special cases as in intestinal mucosal biopsies, muscle biopsies and nerve biopsies, demonstrate the orientation of tissues in paraffin blocks.
- The student should be able to identify and systematically and accurately describe the chief histo-morphological alterations in the tissue received in the surgical pathology service. He/she should also correctly interpret and correlate with the clinical data to diagnose at least 90% of the routine surgical material received on an average day.
- Be conversant with automatic tissue processing machine and the principles of its running.
- Process a tissue, make a paraffin block and cut sections of good quality on a rotary microtome.
- Stain paraffin sections with at least the following:
  (i) Haematoxylin and eosin
  (ii) Stains for collagen, elastic fibers and reticulin
  (iii) Iron stain
  (iv) PAS stain
  (v) Acid fast stains
  (vi) Any other stains needed for diagnosis.
- Demonstrate understanding of the principles of:
  (i) Fixation of tissues
  (ii) Processing of tissues for section cutting
  (iii) Section cutting and maintenance of related equipment
  (iv) Differential (special) stains and their utility
- Cut a frozen section using cryostat, stain and interpret the slide in correlation with the clinical data provided.
- Demonstrate the understanding of the utility of various immuno-histochemical stains especially in the diagnosis of tumour subtypes.

Cytopathology

Skills

- Independently prepare and stain good quality smears for cytopathologic examination.
- Be conversant with the techniques for concentration of specimens: i.e. various filters, centrifuge and cytocentrifuge.
- Independently be able to perform fine needle aspiration of all lumps in patients; make good quality smears, and be able to decide on the types of staining in a given case.
- Given the relevant clinical data, he/she should be able to independently and correctly:
  (i) Diagnose at least 75% of the cases received in a routine laboratory and categorize them into negative, inconclusive and positive.
  (ii) Demonstrate ability in the technique of screening and dotting the slides for suspicious cells.
  (iii) Indicate correctly the type of tumour, if present
  (iv) Identify with reasonable accuracy the presence of organisms, fungi and parasites

Haematology

Skills

- Correctly and independently perform the following special tests, in addition to doing the routine blood counts:
  (i) Haemogram including reticulocyte and platelet counts.
  (ii) Bone marrow staining including stain for iron

(iii) Blood smear staining
(iv) Cytochemical characterization of leukemia with special stains like Peroxidase, Leukocyte Alkaline Phosphatase (LAP), PAS, Sudan Black, etc.
(v) Hemolytic anemia profile including HPLC, Hb electrophoresis etc.
(vi) Coagulation profile including PT, APTT, FDP.
(vii) BM aspiration and BM biopsy

- Demonstrate familiarity with the principle and interpretation of results and the utility in diagnosis of the following:
  (i) Platelet function tests including platelet aggregation and adhesion and PF3 release
  (ii) Thrombophilia profile: Lupus anticoagulant (LAC), Anticardiolipin Antibody (ACA), Activated Protein C Resistance (APCR), Protein C (Pr C), Protein S (Pr S) and Antithrombin III (AT III)
  (iii) Immunophenotyping of leukaemia
  (iv) Cytogenetics
  (v) Molecular diagnostics.
- Describe accurately the morphologic findings in the peripheral and bone marrow smears, identifying and quantitating the morphologic abnormalities in disease states and arriving at a correct diagnosis in at least 90% of the cases referred to the Haematology clinic, given the relevant clinical data.

Laboratory Medicine

Skills

- Plan a strategy of laboratory investigation of a given case, given the relevant clinical history and physical findings in a logical sequence, with a rational explanation of each step; be able to correctly interpret the laboratory data of such studies, and discuss their significance with a view to arrive at a diagnosis.
- Demonstrate familiarity with and successfully perform:
  i) Routine urinalysis including physical, chemical and microscopic, examination of the sediment.
  ii) Macroscopic and microscopic examination of faeces and identify the ova and cysts of common parasites.
  iii) A complete examination: physical, chemical and cell content of Cerebrospinal Fluid (C.S.F), pleural and peritoneal fluid.
  iv) Semen analysis.
  v) Examination of peripheral blood for commonly occurring parasites.
- Independently and correctly perform at least the following quantitative estimations by manual techniques and/or automated techniques.
  (i) Blood urea
  (ii) Blood sugar
  (iii) Serum proteins (total and fractional)
  (iv) Serum biIirubin (total and fractional)
- Demonstrate familiarity with the following quantitative estimations of blood/ serum by Automated Techniques:
  Serum cholesterol, Uric acid, Serum Transaminases (ALT and AST/SGOT and SGPT), etc.
- Prepare standard solutions and reagents relevant to the above tests, including the preparation of normal solution, molar solution and buffers.
- Explain the principles of Instrumentation, use and application of the instruments commonly used in the labs eg. Photoelectric colorimeter, Spectrophotometer, pH meter,

Centrifuge, Electrophoresis apparatus, ELISA Reader, flow cytometer, PCR, chemiluminiscence.

Transfusion Medicine

Skills

The student should be able to correctly and independently perform the following:

- Selection and bleeding of donors
- Preparation of blood components i.e. Cryoprecipitates, Platelet concentrate, Fresh Frozen Plasma, Single Donor Plasma, Red Blood Cell concentrates.
- ABO and Rh grouping.
- Demonstrate familiarity with Antenatal and Neonatal work up.
  (i) Direct antiglobulin test
  (ii) Antibody screening and titre
  (iii) Selection of blood for exchange transfusion
- Demonstrate familiarity with principle and procedures involved in:
  (i) Resolving ABO grouping problems.
  (ii) Identification of RBC antibody.
  (iii) Investigation of transfusion reaction.
  (iv) Testing of blood for presence of:
    (a) HBV (Hepatitis B Virus Markers).
    (b) HCV (Hepatitis C Virus Markers)
    (c) HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus Testing)
    (d) VDRL
    (e) Malaria

Immunohistochemistry

Skills (desirable)

- Be able to perform immuno-histochemical staining using paraffin section with at least one of the commonly used antibodies (Cytokeratin or LCA) using PAP method.

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Course contents:

The study of Pathologic Anatomy includes all aspects of Pathology as encompassed in the branches of General and Systemic Pathology. Only the broad outlines are provided.

A) General Pathology:
Normal cell and tissue structure and function. The changes in cellular structure and function in disease. Causes of disease and its pathogenesis. Reaction of cells, tissues, organ systems and the body as a whole to various sublethal and lethal injuries.

B) Systemic Pathology:
The study of normal structure and function of various organ systems and the aetiopathogenesis, gross and microscopic alterations of structure of these organ systems in disease and functional correlation with clinical features.

C) Haematology The study of Haematology includes all aspects of the diseases of the blood and bone marrow. This would involve the study of the normal, and the causes of diseases and the changes thereof.

1. Laboratory Medicine (Clinical Biochemistry/Clinical Pathology including Parasitology).
2. Transfusion Medicine (Blood Banking).
3. The student is expected to acquire a general acquaintance of techniques and principles and to interpret data in the following fields.
   a) Immunopathology
   b) Electron microscopy
   c) Histochemistry
   d) Immunohistochemistry
   e) Cytogenetics
   f) Molecular Biology
   g) Maintenance of records
   h) Information retrieval, use of Computer and Internet in medicine.
   i) Quality control, waste disposal

It is difficult to give a precise outline of the Course Contents for post graduate training. A post graduate is supposed to acquire not only the professional competence of a well-trained specialist but also academic maturity, a capacity to reason and critically analyse scientific data as well as to keep himself abreast of the latest developments in the field of Pathology and related sciences. A brief outline of what is expected to be learnt during the MD Course is given under each head.

Surgical Pathology

Knowledge

- The student should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the histogenetic and patho-physiologic processes associated with various lesions.
- Should be able to identify problems in the laboratory and offer viable solutions.

Autopsy Pathology

Knowledge

- Should be aware of the technique of autopsy.
- Should have sufficient understanding of various disease processes so that a meaningful clinico-pathological correlation can be made.
- Demonstrate ability to perform a complete autopsy independently with some physical assistance, correctly following the prescribed instructions. Correctly identify all major lesions which have **caused, or contributed to the patient's death, on macroscopic examination alone and on microscopy in at least 90% of the autopsies in an average teaching hospital.**
- In places where non-medico-legal autopsies are not available each student should be made to observe at least five medico-legal autopsies.
- Write correctly and systematically Provisional and Final Anatomic Diagnosis reports.

Cytopathology

Knowledge

- Should possess the background necessary for the evaluation and reporting of cytopathology specimens.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the following, keeping in mind the indication for the test.
  (i) Choice of site from which smears may be taken
  (ii) Type of samples

(iii) Method of obtaining various specimens (urine sample, gastric smear, colonic lavage etc.)
(iv) Be conversant with the principles and preparation of solutions of stains

Haematology

Knowledge

- Should demonstrate the capability of utilising the principles of the practice of Haematology for the planning of tests, interpretation and diagnosis of diseases of the blood and bone marrow.
- Should be conversant with various equipments used in the Haematology laboratory.
- Should have knowledge of automation and quality assurance in Haematology.
- Correctly plan a strategy of investigating at least 90% of the cases referred for special investigations in the Hematology Clinic and give ample justification for each step in consideration of the relevant clinical data provided.

Laboratory Medicine

Knowledge

- Possess knowledge of the normal range of values of the chemical content of body fluids, significance of the altered values and its interpretation.
- Possess knowledge of the principles of following specialized organfunction tests and the relative utility and limitations of each and significance of the altered values.
  (i)Renal function tests
  (ii)Liver function tests
  (iii)Pancreatic function tests
  (iv)Endocrine function tests
  (v)Tests for malabsorption
- Know the principles, advantages and disadvantages, scope and limitation of automation in the laboratory.
- Know the principles and methodology of quality control in the laboratory.

Transfusion Medicine (Blood Banking)

Knowledge

The student should possess knowledge of the following aspects of Transfusion Medicine.

- Basic immunology
- ABO and Rh groups
- Clinical significance of other blood groups
- Transfusion therapy including the use of whole blood and RBC concentrates
- Blood component therapy
- Rationale of pre-transfusion testing.
- Infections transmitted in blood.
- Adverse reactions to transfusion of blood and components
- Quality control in blood bank

Basic Sciences (in relation to Pathology)

a) Immunopathology

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with the current concepts of structure and function of the immune system, its aberrations and mechanisms thereof.

- Demonstrate familiarity with the scope, principles, limitations and interpretations of the results of the following procedures employed in clinical and experimental studies relating to immunology.
  (a)ELISA techniques
  (b) Radioimmunoassay
  (c)HLA typing
- Interpret simple immunological tests used in diagnosis of diseases and in research procedures.
  (i) Immunoelectrophoresis
  (ii) Immunofluorescence techniques especially on kidney and skin biopsies
  (iii) Anti-nuclear antibody (ANA)
  (iv) Anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA)

b) Electron Microscopy

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with the principles and techniques of electron microscopy and the working of an electron microscope (including Transmission and Scanning Electron microscope: TEM and SEM)
- Recognise the appearance of the normal subcellular organelles and their common abnormalities (when provided with appropriate photographs).

c) Enzyme Histochemistry

Knowledge

- Should be familiar with the principles, use and interpretation of common enzyme histochemical procedures (Alkaline Phosphatase, Acid Phosphatase, Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase, Chloroacetate Esterase).

d) Immunohistochemistry

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with the principles and exact procedures of various immunohistochemical stains using both PAP (Peroxidase-anti-peroxidase) and AP-AAP (Alk. Phosphatase-anti-Alk. Phosphatase) ABC (Avidin-Biotin Conjugate) systems; employing monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies.
- Be aware of the limitations of immuno-histochemistry.

e) Molecular Biology

Knowledge

- Should understand the principles of molecular biology especially related to the understanding of disease processes and its use in various diagnostic tests.
- Should be conversant with the principle and steps and interpretation of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), Western Blot, Southern Blot, Northern Blot and Hybridisation) procedures.

f) Cytogenetics

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with methods of Karyotyping and Fluorescent in-situ Hybridisation (FISH).

g) Tissue Culture

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with methods of tissue culture.

h) Principles of Medical Statistics

Knowledge

- Demonstrate familiarity with importance of statistical methods in assessing data from patient material and experimental studies.

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

Post Graduate Training

Teaching methodology

Based on the available facilities, the Department can prepare a list of post graduate experiments pertaining to basic and applied Pathology. Active learning should form the mainstay of post graduate training; there should be lectures for post graduates (at least 20 per year), along with seminars, symposia, group-discussions and Journal clubs. The post graduate students should regularly do the ward rounds of various clinical departments and learn cases of interest for discussion with the clinical faculty. Each college should have a Medical Education Unit to generate teaching resource material for undergraduates and evolving of problem solving modules. Department should encourage e-learning activities.

Rotation:

Postings to laboratories/assignments

The three-year training programme for the MD degree may be arranged in the form of postings to different assignments/laboratories for specified periods as outlined below. The period of such assignments/postings is recommended for 35 months. Posting schedules may be modified depending on needs, feasibility and exigencies. For facilities not available in the parent institution as well as for additional knowledge and skill, extramural postings may be undertaken.

	Section/Subject	Duration in months
(i)	Surgical Pathology and Autopsy and Pathology Techniques	12
(ii)	Haematology and Laboratory Medicine	10
(iii)	Cytopathology	08
(iv)	Transfusion Medicine/Blood Bank	02
(v)	Museum techniques and record management	01
(vi)	Basic Sciences including Immunopathology, Electron microscopy, Molecular Biology, Research Techniques and cytogenetics etc	02
	Total	**35**

The training programme should be designed to enable the student to acquire a capacity to learn and investigate, to synthesize and integrate a set of facts and develop a faculty to reason. The curricular programmes and scheduling of postings must provide the student with opportunities to achieve the above broad objectives. Much of the learning is to be accomplished by the student himself. Interactive discussions are to be preferred over didactic sessions. The student must blend as an integral part of the activities of an academic department that usually revolves around three equally important basic functions of teaching, research and service. As mentioned earlier, the emphasis recommended under a PG training programme is of learning while serving/working.

The following is a rough guideline to various teaching/learning activities that may be employed.

- Collection of specimens including Fine Needle Aspiration of lumps.
- Grossing of specimens.
- Performing autopsies.
- Discussion during routine activities such as during signing out of cases.
- Presentation and work-up of cases including the identification of special stains and ancillary procedures needed.
- Clinico-pathological conferences.
- Intradepartmental and interdepartmental conferences related to case discussions.
- Conferences, Seminars, Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programmes.
- Journal Club.
- Research Presentation and review of research work.
- A postgraduate student of a postgraduate degree course in broad specialities/super specialities 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 degree examination.
- Participation in workshops, conferences and presentation of papers etc.
- Laboratory work.
- Use and maintenance of equipment.
- Maintenance of records. Log books should be maintained to record the work done which shall be checked and assessed periodically by the faculty members imparting the training.
- Postgraduate students shall be required to participate in the teaching and training programme of undergraduate students and interns.
- Department should encourage e-learning activities.

During the training programme, patient safety is of paramount importance; therefore, s kills are to be learnt initially on the models, later to be performed under supervision followed by performing independently; for this purpose, provision of skills laboratories in medical colleges is mandatory.

ASSESSMENT

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT, ie., during the training

Formative assessment should be continual and should assess medical knowledge, patient care, procedural & academic skills, interpersonal skills, professionalism, self directed learning and ability to practice in the system.

General Principles

Internal Assessment should be frequent, cover all domains of learning and used to provide feedback to improve learning; it should also cover professionalism and communication skills. The Internal Assessment should be conducted in theory and practical/clinical examination.

Quarterly assessment during the MD training should be based on:

1. Journal based / recent advances learning
2. Patient based /Laboratory or Skill based learning
3. Self directed learning and teaching
4. Departmental and interdepartmental learning activity

5. External and Outreach Activities / CMEs

The student to be assessed periodically as per categories listed in postgraduate student appraisal form **(Annexure I)**

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT, ie., assessment at the end of training
The summative examination would be carried out as per the Rules given in **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION REGULATIONS, 2000.**

Post Graduate Examination
The Post Graduate examination shall be in three parts:-

1. **Thesis:**
   Every post graduate student shall carry out work on an assigned research project under the guidance of a recognised Post Graduate Teacher, the result of which shall be written up and submitted in the form of a Thesis. Work for writing the Thesis is aimed at contributing to the development of a spirit of enquiry, besides exposing the post graduate student to the techniques of research, critical analysis, acquaintance with the latest advances in medical science and the manner of identifying and consulting available literature.

2. **Theory:**
   The examinations shall be organised on the basis of 'Grading' or 'Marking system' to evaluate and to certify post graduate student's level of knowledge, skill and competence at the end of the training. The examination for M.D./ MS shall be held at the end of 3rd academic year. An academic term shall mean six month's training period.
   There shall be four theory papers:
   Paper I: General Pathology, Pathophysiology, Immunopathology and Cytopathology
   Paper II: Systemic Pathology
   Paper III: Haematology, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Banking) and Laboratory Medicine
   Paper IV: Recent advances and applied aspects

3. **Practicals/Clinical and Oral/viva voce Examination:**
   The practical/clinical examination should consist of the following and should be spread over two days.

I. Clinical Pathology:
- Discussion of a clinical case history.
- Plan relevant investigations of the above case and interpret the biochemistry findings.
- Two investigations should be performed including at least one biochemistry exercise/clinical pathology exercise like CSF, pleural tap etc. analysis and complete urinalysis.

II. Haematology:
- Discuss haematology cases given the relevant history. Plan relevant investigations
- Perform complete hemogram and at least two tests preferably including one coagulation exercise
- Identify electrophoresis strips, osmotic fragility charts etc. Interpretation of data from autoanalysers, HPLC and flow cytometry.

Examine, report and discuss around ten cases given the history and relevant blood smears and/or bone marrow aspirate smears and bone marrow biopsy interpretation.

III. Transfusion Medicine:

- Perform blood grouping
- Perform the necessary exercise like cross matching.
- Coomb's test, gel cards interpretation.

IV. Histopathology:

- Examine, report and discuss 12-15 cases histopathology and 5-8 cytopathology cases, given the relevant history and slides.
- Perform a Haematoxylin and Eosin stain and any special stain on a paraffin section. Should be conversant with histopathology techniques including cryostat.

V. Autopsy:

- Given a case history and relevant organs (with or without slides), give a list of anatomical diagnosis in a autopsy case.

VI. Gross Pathology

- Describe findings of gross specimens, give diagnosis and identify the sections to be processed. The post graduate student should perform grossing in front of the examiners for evaluation.

VII. Basic Sciences:

- 10-15 spots based on basic sciences be included
- Identify electron micrographs
- Identify gels, results of PCR, immunological tests including interpretation of Immunofluroscence pictures.
- Identify histochemical and immuno-histochemistry stains
- Teaching exercise 10 min

All practical exercises are to be evaluated jointly by all the examiners.
An oral question-answer session should be conducted at the end of each exercise.

(a) Viva on dissertation and research methodology
(b) General Viva-Voce

Recommended Reading:

Books (latest edition)

- Rosai and Ackerman's Surgical Pathology
- Atlas and Text of Haematology by Tejinder Singh
- Orell's Atlas of Aspiration Cytology
- Lever's Dermatopathology
- Novak's Gynecologic and Obstetric Pathology with Clinical and Endocrine Relations by Edmund R. Novak
- Bone Pathology by H. Jaffe
- MacSween's Pathology of the liver
- Iochim's Lymph Node Pathology
- Text Book on Breast Pathology by Tavasoli
- Text Book on Thyroid Pathology by Geetha Jayaram
- Theory and Practice of Histological Techniques by Bancroft

- Gray's Diagnostic Cytopathology
- Sternberg's Diagnostic Surgical Pathology
- Dacie's Practical Haematology
- Wintrobe's Haematology
- Heptinstall's Pathology of the Kidney
- Enzinger's Soft Tissue Tumours

Journals
03-05 international Journals and 02 national (all indexed) journals

Annexure - I

Postgraduate Students Appraisal Form
Pre / Para /Clinical Disciplines

Name of the Department/Unit :

Name of the PG Student :

Period of Training: **FROM.....TO.....**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Not satisfactory	Satisfactory	More Than Satisfactory	Remarks
		1 2 3	4 5 6	7 8 9	
1.	Journal based/recent advances learning				
2.	Patient based/Laboratory or Skill based learning				
3.	Self directed learning and teaching				
4.	Departmental and interdepartmental learning activity				
5.	External and Outreach Activities/CMEs				
6.	Thesis/Research work				
7.	Log Book Maintenance				

Publications Yes/ No

Remarks*_____
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*REMARKS: Any significant positive or negative attributes of a postgraduate student to be mentioned. For score less than 4 in any category, remediation must be suggested. Individual feedback to postgraduate student is strongly recommended.

SIGNATURE OF ASSESSEE **SIGNATURE OF CONSULTANT** **SIGNATURE OF HOD**

MODEL PAPER

M.D. -9081 **Patho.-I**

MD Examination Month, Year

PATHOLOGY

Paper - I

General Pathology, Pathophysiology, Immunopathology and Cytopathology

Time : Three Hours
Maximum Marks : 100

Attempt all questions
All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in sequential order.
Draw diagrams wherever necessary

Q.1 What is amyloidosis ? Describe in detail properties of amyloid protein and pathogenesis of it. 20

Q.2 Write in detail 2x15 = 30

a) Role of Immuno Histochemistry (IHC) in Breast Cancer.

b) Significance of Liquid Based Cytology (LBC) over conventional smears.

Q.3 Write short notes on - 5x10 = 50

a) Bethesda system of diagnosing Thyroid lesions.

b) Free radicals in cell injury.

c) Role of FISH in tumor diagnosis.

d) Paraneoplastic syndrome.

e) Pathophysiology of granuloma formation.

MODEL PAPER

M.D. -9082 **Patho.-II**

MD Examination Month, Year

PATHOLOGY

Paper - II
Systemic Pathology

Time : Three Hours
Maximum Marks : 100

Attempt all questions
All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in sequential order.
Draw diagrams wherever necessary

Q.1 Describe constitutional and modifiable risk factors, pathogenesis, morphology and complications of atherosclerosis. 20

Q.2 Write in detail 2x15 = 30

a) Etiopathogenesis, pathology and complications of ulcerative colitis.

b) Pathogenesis of Glomerulopathies.

Q.3 Write short notes on - 5x10 = 50

a) Glioblastoma Multiforme.

b) Interstitial Lung Diseases.

c) Pheochromocytoma.

d) Classification of Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

e) Histoid Leprosy.

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M.D. -9083 **Patho.-III**

MD Examination Month, Year

PATHOLOGY

Paper - III

Hematology, Transfusion Medicine (Blood Banking) and Laboratory Medicine

Time : Three Hours
Maximum Marks : 100

Attempt all questions
All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in sequential order.
Draw diagrams wherever necessary

Q.1 Classify Hemolytic anemia and give diagnostic algorithm for final diagnosis. 20

Q.2 Write in detail 2x15 = 30

a) Investigation of microcytic hypochronic anemias for their differential diagnosis.

b) Investigations in a suspected case of blood transfusion reaction.

Q.3 Write short notes on - 5x10 = 50

a) Significance of Leucodepletion in Blood transfusion.

b) 5 part and 7 part haematological analysers.

c) Artificial blood (Blood substitutes)

d) Bio Medical Waste Management and handling - Present Scenario.

e) HLA and diseases.

MODEL PAPER

M.D. -9084 **Patho.-IV**

MD Examination Month, Year

PATHOLOGY

Paper - IV

Recent Advances and Applied Aspects

Time : Three Hours
Maximum Marks : 100

Attempt all questions
All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in sequential order.
Draw diagrams wherever necessary

Q.1 Discuss the role of renal biopsy in diagnosing kidney diseases, with emphasis on markers and special stains. 20

Q.2 Write in detail 2x15 = 30

a) Pathology of obesity.

b) Gastrointestinal MALT Lymphoma.

Q.3 Write short notes on - 5x10 = 50

a) Pathology of Acute Lung injury.

b) Antibody mediated rejection of solid organ allograft.

c) Recent grading system of Prostatic Carcinoma

d) Serrated lesions of colon and rectum.

e) Genetic mutations responsible for hereditary hyperbilinemia.