



The approval of the regulations for the up-coming examination that will be held in Dubai for family physicians and primary care doctors as a qualifying exam for the international membership of the Royal College (MRCGP International) makes us all very proud.

The approval of the exam regulation is a major step in implementing the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that has been signed between DOHMS & the Royal College of General Practitioners in London (RCGP-UK). This MOU has 3 parallel objectives, which are; developing the vocational training program for family medicine in the primary health care (PHC) of DOHMS; supporting treatment of chronic diseases in PHC along the British model; and establishing a qualifying exam for MRCGP International in DOHMS.

DOHMS & PHC have gone a long way to make this possible, starting with an examiner-training course conducted by RCGP-UK, which led to the accreditation of 20 examiners from DOHMS by the Royal College after they have reached the required international standard in conducting the different modules of the exam. This was accompanied by the tireless efforts of the exam board and its test committee and the core groups to prepare the regulations and hold various workshops to pilot the exam questions & OSCE stations, in close coordination with Dr. Michael Jeffries, the International Development advisor of the Royal College, who helped keep progress in the right direction, till it culminated in approval of the regulations for the up-coming examination that will be held in Dubai for family physicians and primary care doctors as a qualifying exam for the international membership of the Royal College.

I hope that all doctors in this country will take advantage of this valuable opportunity to sit this exam and achieve this new standard of academic excellence. I also hope that we will be able to expand our efforts in this direction and add more academic programs for other specialties, and so contribute to establishing an excellent scientific and academic basis in our country.

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