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PUBLIC NOTICE

REGARDING COMPULSORY C.M.E. & RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

A meeting of the Punjab Medical Council was held on 13-6-2009 to review the ongoing process of renewal of registration. It was noted by the council that some misunderstanding has been created amongst the doctors regarding the process of renewal of registration.

It is strongly emphasized for the information of all doctors registered with the Punjab Medical Council that the process of renewal of registration has been undertaken on the strong and specific recommendation of the Medical Council of India.

The Medical Council of India vide letter No. MCI-311(14)/97-CME/30196 dated 2-1-1998, had asked for the necessary steps to be taken for the *“implementation of the decisions of the Medical Council of India regarding compulsory C.M.E. programme as well as renewal of registration of Medical Practitioners every 5 years.”*

On the basis of this letter of the Medical Council of India the Government of Punjab issued a notification No. 11/47/2007-3HBIII/ 2749 dated 29-4-2008 which has ordered the renewal of registration every five years. The notification of renewal of registration is reproduced below for your kind information:-

“The Governor of Punjab is pleased to notify that every Registered Medical Practitioner shall get his registration renewal after 5 year and must obtains 50 hour of Continuing Medical Education (CME), 10 hour per year, on payment of renewal fees. The renewal fee shall be Rs.500/- for each five years and as amended from time to time. In the absence of such renewal the registration of Registered Medical Practitioners will be suspended with the expiry of the registration.”

Public notices were issued earlier in this regard on 7-9-2008 and 1-3-2009.

The process of renewal of registration is further necessary because it is important to update the medical register to know the exact strength of the existing registered doctors and to delete the names of non-existing doctors, who have since expired or migrated to other states like Haryana, Himachal Pardesh and Delhi which were originally under jurisdiction of the Punjab Medical Council but now have their own councils.

The Punjab Medical Council once again advises the Registered Medical Doctors to have their registration renewed and start collecting C.M.E. hours for next 5 years. The guidelines regarding C.M.E. hours are being displayed on the website of the Punjab Medical Council.

The Council decided in its meeting dated 13-6-2009 to extend the date of renewal of registration upto 30-9-2009.

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