

NEED FOR CENTRAL REGISTRATION EXAMS

High standards of medical education are imperative for high standards of medical practice. Every country developed or under developed has set mechanism of ensuring high standards of medical education and practice. So for the relatively good standard of medical education both at undergraduate and postgraduate level in this country is maintained at the public sector facilities with few odd exceptions. The commercialization of undergraduate medical education in general is pushing the standard facilities and faculties. They are producing substandard and non committed doctors who have to queue up for house job in public sector hospitals as their own so called teaching hospital are without facilities and faculties.

The standard of examination of these institution is below par and their faculties have to declare the result according to the owner's choice. This puts the public sector institution students at disadvantage as they have to pass rigorous exams to qualify. It is difficult for

the examination conducting bodies to keep a check at standards in every institution. Most of the private institution are not having full time faculty and teaching hospital.

Also the selection process for job in our country is such that undergraduate exam marks will affect any one who is applying even for the post of professor.

Keeping this in mind it is suggested that a universal registration exam by PMDC in the line of USMLE be started and registration be offered to those who clear the exam. This will remove and rectify to some extent the discrepancies in the exam standards.

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