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Dear Sirs:

Greetings from Bangalore Baptist Hospital!

Thank you for meeting with us and also for your telephone call. I am writing this further to the discussions we had on the telecon.

It is requested that you would favorably consider the following points:

1. In many institutions the part time teaching faculties have contributed greatly to the teaching, as most of them are senior faculty who do not want to work fulltime. The new rules do not allow for even one part time consultant straight away. This has major financial implications and hospitals would straightaway occur an additional expense of around Rs. 24 Lakhs per year.
2. Similarly the jump in accreditation fees from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 200,000 is a strain on many institutions and this could also be increased in a phased manner.
3. Some hospitals have said that it will no longer be financially viable to run the programme. Many of these institutions have an excellent track record and have produced a large number of competent Specialists to our Country's limited pool. If these institutions are unable to continue the NB programme, it will adversely affect the health care situation in our Country especially to the poor and marginalized.
4. The significant costs in running the NB proposal can be to some extent can be met by increasing the fees which have not been increased for many years.

5. The requirement of publications from the department should also be done in a phased manner. This would give institutions time to put the process in place to kick start this important aspect of medical post graduation teaching. It is also requested that presentations in National and International Conferences be also included in this strategy.
6. It is also requested that the super specialty Boards information is put on the website.
7. Dermatology, Psychiatry and some other specialties currently have only one exam a year and this has been a discouragement for students who have a long gap between resits, if they do not make it the first time.
8. The Medical Council of India is currently considering 2 post graduates for every teacher and this would go a long way in increasing the seats in accredited institutions thus contributing to the pool of specialists and super specialization in the country. It is requested that DNB also adopt this principle.
9. Another area of concern is the move towards greater hospital participation in the teaching process. To have a system whereby institutions ideas and concerns and participation is actively sought before major decisions are made by the National Board.

Further DNB institutions can be used for exams and DNB teachers as examiners. This will increase the profile of both institution and the NBE teachers.

At this point, we would like to also thank the National Board for setting up of the ombudsman to help with complaints and to liaison with all the institutions and students.

The pass percentage has also significantly increased and this is a welcome move.

Thank you also for all the steps taken towards getting equivalence for the DNB and DNB teaching faculty.

We look forward to working with the National Board to strengthen Post Graduation medical education in our Country and train more specialists to meet an urgent need in our Country

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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