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Respected Sir,

Kindly accept this mail, written on behalf of National ANBAI, regarding the recently concluded OSCE component of Part-I Examination for various DNB integrated six-year training programmes (2018 session) namely CTVS, Neurosurgery and Paediatric Surgery.

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ANBAI has received information from many of the candidates and the academic supervisors and academic coordinators of their institutes regarding the poor performance of these candidates in the said examination.

In most of these training institutes the failure rate has been one hundred percent barring a few where a very small minority of appearing candidates have passed.

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These unsuccessful candidates have expressed unfamiliarity with the pattern of OSCE problems along with conduct of the OSCE examination at a very short notice, as reasons for their poor performance. They also cited the absence of any mock examination prior to the main exam, to familiarise them with the OSCE pattern, as another reason. Additionally, according to them, the division of each OSCE question into multiple sub-questions led to failure in time management while attempting the examination.

Sir, as you know, ANBAI has full faith in the fair and transparent nature of NBEMS examinations. The uniform nature of assessment on a countrywide basis, makes NBEMS examinations a benchmark of assessment in various clinical specialities.

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However, we are also in the middle of a raging COVID pandemic with unprecedented loss of life and complete disruption of regular healthcare services.

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We are proud to say that DNB candidates across India have fought with the pandemic valiantly, working in the front line and often staying away from the study and clinical training in their own specialities, to save innumerable lives. While their active participation in COVID wards and Intensive Care Units have allowed the entire nation to fight back two massive waves of then pandemic, we must admit that this has led to deficiencies in speciality specific academic knowledge and clinical skills which these students would have surely achieved in normal times. Consequently, the poor performance in the OSCE examination have made these students even more distraught and devastated.

We would be extremely grateful if these factors are considered while evaluating the performance of these candidates. With this background, ANBAI humbly requests your kind office to take the best possible action for these unfortunate candidates.

Sincerely yours,

With regards,

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