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Dear Sir,

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We write this mail to inform you that ANBAI has received communication from NBEMS candidates who appeared in DNB Theory Exit Examination in Orthopedics in June Session, regarding the low pass rate in the said examination.

These students have expressed concern on the scarcity of questions from core areas of Orthopedics in the theory paper and an abundance of “unconventional” questions from sports medicine and spine surgery. They have pointed out that Sports Medicine and Spine Surgery are part of an advanced NBEMS fellowship course and hence, assigning 80 marks to Sports Medicine in a Broad Specialty Orthopedics theory paper (20% of entire weightage) remains questionable.

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The students have also raised the matter of very high failure rate to the extent of above 90% in June 2021 session as per the data they have collected from DNB institutes across the country, despite the consistently higher ranking of Orthopedics candidates in the merit list in NEET PG. They additionally mention that pass rate in the previous Theory exam in Orthopedics in December 2020, was also extremely low with only 31% of candidates passing the exam.

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Sir, reiterating our full faith in the noble intentions of NBEMS in ensuring quality and transparency in the postgraduate and postdoctoral medical education system, we request you to kindly inquire into the evaluation methodology whenever there is an exceptionally low pass rate in any NBEMS theory or practical examination. We, further request you to do this enquiry before the exit exam results are declared so that corrective actions, if needed, may be taken before the marks are irreversibly placed in the public domain.

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We look forward to your kind intervention in this matter.

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Thanking you  
With regards

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