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To

The Dean/Principal of all affiliated Medical Colleges.

Sir/Madam,

Sub:	Academic – The Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University, Chennai – Resolution of Standing Academic Board in First MBBS Degree Courses held on 25.11.2025 – Communicated – Reg.
Ref:	Minutes of the Board of Studies Meeting of Meeting First MBBS Degree courses held on 30.10.2025.
2	Minutes of the 64 th SAB meeting held on 25.11.2025.
3	Resolution No.47 passed by the Governing Council in its 311 th meeting held on 26.02.2026

I am to inform you that, the Minutes of the Board of Studies in Meeting First MBBS Degree Courses held on 30.10.2025 was recommended to the Standing Academic Board in its 64th Meeting held on 25.11.2025. The approval of the Standing Academic Board was informed vide Resolution No. 47 of the 311th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 26.02.2026.

The Standing Academic Board has discussed and resolved the following points :

POINT NO. :1

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON AGENDA SUBMITTED BY DR.K.V. SARALA DEVI, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF STUDIES IN FIRST MBBS REGARDING CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION & ASSESSMENTS OF FIRST MBBS SUBJECTS.

The Standing Academic Board has resolved the following:

- 1) FAP Log book shall be provided by the University to maintain uniformity.
- 2) Regarding the Biochemistry practical examinations, the following OSPE stations have to be followed

COMPETENCIES	OSPE STATIONS
BC 14.3	Urine analysis - dipstick method
BC 14.7	Glucometer
BC 14.17	CSF analysis- lumbar puncture
BC 14.20	Phlebotomy –venous sample collection Arterial sample collection (mannequin) (especially about vacutainer, order of draw, tourniquet technique), Pre Analytical, Analytical and Post Analytical errors
BC 14.21	QC charts / LJ charts - Interpretation
BC 14.22	HbA _{1c} Chromatogram
BC 14.23	Energy content of different food items Low and High glycemic food.
Institution should take appropriate steps to impart the above skills.	

- 3) For the Biochemistry practical examinations, the procedures for qualitative and quantitative experiments shall be given to the students during the practical examinations.
- 4) Re-structuring Biochemistry practical examinations to improve clinical relevance (from 2026 – 2027 Batch).

Practical Experiments	Marks	Justification
Quantitative Analysis	20 Marks	As Procedures are given, students will be able to focus on clinical interpretation.

Qualitative Analysis	20 Marks	As Procedures are given, students will be able to focus on clinical interpretation.
Charts	15 Marks	As per existing norms
OSPE	25 Marks	5 stations each carrying 5 marks (Performance – 2 stations, Response - 3 stations)

- 5) Regarding Question paper setting for theory examinations, question paper setters must ensure recommended weightage is given for Must Know Topics and
- 6) strictly adhere to system-wise mark distribution (BLUE prints) that can be provided by the University.
- 7) In structured essay, the diagnosis of the case study must be given in the question itself.
- 8) In theory question paper, the questions shall be structured as per the standards.

POINT NO. : 02

TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON AGENDA SUBMITTED BY DR.A.PRECILLA CATHERINE, MEMBER BOARD OF STUDIES IN FIRST MBBS REGARDING PHYSIOLOGY THEORY QUESTION PAPER STRUCTURE, NUMBERING OF QUESTIONS, QUESTION PAPER SETTING, PRACTICAL EXAM RESTRUCTURING & ASSESSMENT OF AETCOM

The Standing Academic Board has resolved the following :

- 1) Regarding Theory Question Paper Setting, only one set of question paper to be set by a Question paper setter. This is to ensure quality of questions, as adequate time and effort is needed to set a single question paper of good standard. Alternate Question paper sets shall be got from different examiners.
- 2) Regarding Question paper setting for theory examinations, question paper setters must ensure recommended weight age is given for Must Know Topics and strictly adhere to system-wise mark distribution that can be provided by the University.

3) Re-structuring Physiology Practical examinations to improve clinical relevance (from 2026 – 2027 Batch).

LAB - 1	Marks	Comment
1. Hematology major experiment - RBC Count / WBC Count / Differential Count (Micro pipette can be used instead of regular RBC, WBC pipettes)	10 Marks	Question for the experiment should include a case scenario and interpretation of a clinically relevant blood report along with estimation of the cell count and discussion to assess HOTS.
2. Hematology minor experiment - Bleeding time - Clotting time - Blood grouping	5 Marks	Question for the minor experiment should be case scenario base to assess HOTS.
3. Clinical Chart Discussion (Human Experiment based)	5 Marks	Discussion on Clinical-scenario based Chart with Interpretation of clinically relevant human experiment and other reports to assess HOTS. Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case scenario with ECG report. • Case Scenario with Thyroid Function Test report. • Case Scenario with Pulmonary Function Test / Spirometry / PEFr report. • Case scenario with Audiometry report. • Case scenario with Perimetry report. • Case scenario with Arterial Blood Gases (ABG) report etc.,
4. OSCE – 4 Working stations (4x5 marks)	20 Marks	General Examination / CVS / RS / CNS / Abdomen / AETCOM
LAB – 2		
1. CNS Practicals	10 Marks	
2. RS or CVS or Abdomen	10 Marks	
3. OSPE / OSCE - 8 Response stations (8x2.5 marks)	20 Marks	One instrument One graph

		6 charts (with questions covering a major systemso assess HOTS)
VIVA VOCE	20 Marks	As per existing norms

Any other item :

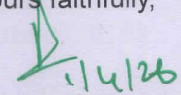
The Standing Academic Board has resolved that

- 1) All MBBS first year candidates should participate in the International Medical Conference – Future of Medicine with a nominal fee remitted into University CMS2 Portal at the time of University registration of the candidate.
- 2) Part of SDL must be a journal presentation and student has to utilize the library E-consortium for accessing the journal.
- 3) All Students shall be given Medical soft skills training by the University.
- 4) Research marks shall be included with home assignment marks in assessment record.
- 5) OSCE/OSPE Question Bank should be provided for all the phase 1 MBBS subjects.

I am to request that the decision of the Standing Academic Board as mentioned above be communicated to all the Professors and Head of the Departments of your Institution for information and a copy of the letter be displayed on the Notice Board of the College / Hostel for the information of the Students.

The receipt of this letter may be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,


for REGISTRAR (FAC)

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1. The Controller of Examinations
2. PG Section – Examination Wing – (for necessary action)
3. The Personal Secretary to Vice-Chancellor
4. The Personal Secretary to Registrar
5. The System Analyst – with a request to publish in the University Website.