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ADDENDUM: VERIFICATION OF VISITING EXPERTS STATUS FOR MEDICAL REGISTRATION WITH THE SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL

I refer to the SMC circular 13.1 dated 5 Sept 2007 regarding the above.

2 The SMC had received feedback and comments from the College of Surgeons, Academy of Medicine and from the private sector suggesting modifications to avoid unnecessary difficulties when preparing the Letter of Verification and the Written Confirmation needed for verification of the Visiting Expert's status.

Letter of Verification and Written Confirmation of HOD and CMB

3 Concerning the point in para 4 of the SMC's 5 Sept 2007 circular that the Letter of Verification and Written Confirmation must be from the Head of Department (HOD) and Chairman Medical Board (CMB) for Restructured Institutions or Statutory Boards, the Council has decided that this rule can also be applied to private institutions (or Voluntary Welfare Organizations (VWOs)) if the organizational framework of the private institution (or VWOs) is similar to that of the restructured institution or hospital. The HOD and CMB of the private institution or VWO must under normal circumstances, exercise due diligence appropriate to that of their position. Visiting experts should be identified by consensus of the department and letters of verification signed by the HOD and CMB should accompany the application. The private institution, hospital or VWO need not, under such circumstances obtain verification from the Academy of Medicine.

Letter of Explanation may replace the Written Confirmation where indicated

4 The Council has noted that for both public sector and private sector institutions (and VWOs) there may be a need or a case to bring in visiting

experts even though similar local experts are available in Singapore. In such a situation, the written confirmation from the HOD and CMB that local experts are not available may be replaced with a letter explaining why local experts were not being invited to perform the clinical/surgical procedures or demonstrations.

5. Please bring this addendum to the attention of relevant staff. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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