Guidelines for clinical examinations in Post Graduate Dental Degree/diploma – July 2020

1. Where actual cases are available,
   a. A declaration should be obtained by the patient for not presenting with symptoms of ILI/SARI/ARI.
   b. Following explanation of the possible risks of transmission of the Corona SARS virus in the dental operatory, an informed consent has to be obtained from the patient for undergoing the required examination/procedure.
   c. Patients’ consented for being present on the days of practical examinations should be tested negative for COVID-19 before the clinical examination.
   d. Temperature check and pulse oximetry should be mandatory for patients and dental personnel prior to examination/procedure.
   e. The dental personnel shall comply with all COVID-19 protocols on infection control and patient care.
   f. Proper protection should be used by the patients.
   g. Patients coming from containment zone, buffer zone, contact with COVID positive patients, travelling to COVID prevalent area in the past 14 days, patients with symptoms of ILI/SARI/ARI should be avoided.
   h. The duration of examination/procedure on actual cases to be kept to the least.
   i. Discussion should be in well ventilated area.
   j. Chairside discussion to be avoided.

2. Wherever actual cases are not feasible, it is to be decided upon by the particular specialty subject to conduct the examination using alternative methods for skill evaluation (as per the DCI advisory dated 30th June 2020).
   a. It has to be intimated in writing to the examination appearing students prior to practical examination or on the last day of theory examinations.
   b. Wherever the colleges are attached to different centers, the respective attached college internal examiner has to obtain the above alternative methods if adopted and communicate the same to the students appearing for examination.
   c. Aerosol generating equipment, may be substituted by using hand instruments, air-monitor or micro-motor equipment with due compliance of the advisories, guidelines, instructions etc.

3. As per the DCI advisory dated: 02/06/2020
   i. External Examiner(s) to be selected from a different University in the State with their compulsory physical presence at the venue of the examinations.
   ii. In case option (i) is not possible, one of the two External Examiners to be selected from a different University, who would be physically present at the venue of the examination and the second External Examiner from a different University outside the State who would participate through video-conferencing.
   iii. If option (ii) is also not possible, both the External Examiners may participate through video-conferencing.

4. It is clarified that all other existing guidelines of RGUHS/DCI in lieu of Post Graduate examinations are continued as before.

These provisions are only one-time relaxation in view of the prevailing COVID-19.

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