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To: All Practitioners

: Health Facility Owners

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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON CPD IMPLEMENTATION 2017

Having launched the CPD guidelines in Nov 2015, Council spent the year 2016 on publicity in all media and accreditation of CPD providers, 60 to date.

UMDPC has now commenced the implementation of CPD effective Jan 2017.

Apart from CPD being a legal requirement for practice under the UMDPC Sect 44, Council has noted many cases reported related to lack of updated knowledge hence the great the need.

However, Council would like give some clarifications to enable the process start smoothly.

- 1-All accredited CPD providers should submit the names of practitioners that attended their CPD. This will enable those practitioners to get their licenses.
- 2-Doctors who registered i.e. (after internship) in 2016 (August-December 2016) are exempted.
- 3-Practitioners undergoing training (Diploma and masters) are exempted on showing evidence which may include University identity card or admission (Level 3 category).
- 4-Researchers and Academicians (Level 2 category) can show evidence of work done that may include reviewed abstracts, publications, and peer reviews journals as attachments. Alternatively their Deans/CPD coordinators can endorse their works since all medical schools applied as CPD providers. This group has the largest potential to get credits.

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5-Health facilities (Private, PNFP, General and Referral Hospitals) are known to be offering CPD. If the Health facility CPD coordinator/Hospital Director endorses the CPD activities that were undertaken by the practitioners, the credits will be accepted by Council in the meantime.

6-Practitioners undertaking online CPD with international providers will be accepted. Such practitioners can present their certificates for verification. Credible online sources will be accreditation as providers. Council has installed an online platform also.

7-Practitoners without any CPD can commence seeking it now. The deadline is 30th March 2017. APLs will not be renewed without showing any effort.

8-Council will consider special cases on case by case basis.

9-Council still calls all credible agencies to apply as CPD providers in order to enable more people access CPD. Council and Director General-MOH wrote to you in May 2016.

Council believes that CPD implementation will contribute to quality of care and reduction on the litigation cases in Courts and at Council. It is all our responsibility to have a quality CPD system, Council will appreciate your positive contributions.

I thank you for cooperation.

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