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Dear Colleagues,

**Continuation of Clinical Training Programme, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna during COVID Epidemic**

The Faculty of Medicine in consultation with Vice Chancellor has decided to continue with the clinical teaching programme as much as and whenever the situation allows. These decisions are taken in consideration of the prolonged nature and effects of the epidemic, duration of the degree programme, shortage of patients, and limitations to clinical interactions. Overall reduction in the quality of degree programme is accepted, a situation managed similarly by many medical colleges in the world. It is accepted that calculated risks need to be taken in managing through this unprecedented catastrophe.

Accordingly we have postponed the clinical appointments already scheduled for the 40<sup>th</sup> and the 41<sup>st</sup> batches from 5.5.21 and prioritize only the two most senior batches, 38<sup>th</sup> doing professorial appointments and 39<sup>th</sup> who are 2 months short of their 3<sup>rd</sup> MB part II. Interruption of the program will lead to significant delay in qualifying them as doctors.

However, as the clinical co-ordinator I value your frequent inputs regarding difficulties and the ability to conduct teaching along with suggestions which can change as time passes. This will be of immense assistance as I am required to provide regular feedbacks to my higher authorities regarding status of clinical programme.

Ideally, a brief letter addressed to clinical coordinator, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna can be handed over to Sureka Samanmalee at GMA office or via e-mail to [ranjanamst@yahoo.com](mailto:ranjanamst@yahoo.com). However, to save time and effort it is acceptable if you could kindly text the contents to my mobile 0773072390 as I am expected to provide written evidence when I discuss the issues with various parties. Changes in clinical programme will be made to address your concerns.

I greatly appreciate your relentless efforts to conduct clinical teaching effectively and safely.

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