

### **Subspecialisation Registration in Obstetrics & Gynaecology**

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The 4 areas of subspecialisation in Obstetrics & Gynaecology recommended by the NSR Subspeciality Subcommittee for O&G and accepted by the Council of the Academy of Medicine of Malaysia for the National Specialist register are:

- 6A Maternal Fetal Medicine
- 6B Reproductive Medicine
- 6C Urogynaecology
- 6D Gynaecology

Any O&G specialist who wishes to be registered as a subspecialist will have to choose any one of these subspecialities. One cannot seek registration in two subspecialities.

Subspecialists are recognised as such because they have undertaken further training in selected areas of the speciality. Such training improves their competency in performing complex treatment and procedures which the generalist would not perform. As such they need to maintain their competency in the subspeciality.

The criteria for registration under the categories 6A to 6D are as follows:

- The registered medical practitioner shall be registered as a O&G specialist under category 6 with his primary practice address in Malaysia.
- The applicant must be actively practicing as an O&G specialist in Malaysia at the time of the application.
- The applicant must submit a curriculum *vitae*.
- The applicant must name two referees. Adequate current contact details of the referees should be provided so that they may be contacted by the committee if required.
- The applicant shall show certified evidence of gazettement as a subspecialist by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.
- For those who do not possess such evidence of gazettement by the Ministry of Health, a written testimonial from one supervisor (*titled Supervisor's Report*) where training was undertaken will have to be provided. Such a testimonial should include details of the period and type of training undertaken. The committee retains the right to check the veracity of the testimonial provided by the supervisor.
- The applicant may also submit any certified copy of certification by any other regulatory and professional body regarding his professional training.

- Those who are unable to provide a supervisor's report for whatever reason can still apply with details of their training. The NSR speciality subcommittee in O&G retains the absolute right to decide on such applications.
- All applicants must also provide a description of his current practise in narrative format, the case mix and the type of procedures that are currently performed. A log book of procedures is preferred. Such a log book is mandatory for recertification.
- Generally the type of training and skills required of a subspecialist will be that required in the curriculum of Fellowship training in each subspeciality as developed by the Ministry of Health.
- A "grandfather" clause will be utilised by the NSR speciality committee in the first three years of the implementation of subspeciality registration. This will be utilised for those unable to provide a supervisor's report but provide a description of current practice and previous training. Such an applicant under this clause should have been practicing actively in the subspeciality area for a minimum of ten years. The closing date for this clause will be made known on the website of the NSR. Any further application after this date utilising only the details of training without any supervisor's report will not be entertained.
- In general, the NSR speciality subcommittee will use peer-recognition in subspeciality work and information regarding the nature of work carried out by the applicant in his/her daily practice in deciding upon applications under the "grandfather" clause.
- Any applicant aggrieved by any decisions of the speciality subcommittee retains the right of appeal to the National Credentialling Committee for a final decision.

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