

CRITERIA FOR REGISTRATION OF PAEDIATRIC GASTROENTEROLOGY

Any practitioner can apply to be registered in Paediatric Gastroenterology if he/she fulfills ALL the following requirements:

1. **Fully Registered with the Malaysian Medical Council with current Annual Practicing Certificate (APC),**
2. Must have a recognised General Paediatric postgraduate degree recognized by the MMC and/or Malaysian Paediatric Speciality Board to include:
 - 2.1. M.Med(Paed) or equivalent awarded by University Malaya, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Universiti Sains Malaysia and University Putra Malaysia
 - 2.2. MRCP(UK) up to year 2000
 - 2.3. MRCPCH by Royal College of Child Health (UK)
 - 2.4. MRCPI(Ireland)
 - 2.5. FRACP (Australia)
 - 2.6. American Board of Pediatrics (certified)
3. Following acquisition of any the above postgraduate degrees, the specialist must satisfy the Malaysian criteria for practicing as a Paediatrician as approved by the Specialty Subcommittee of General Paediatrics

AND

4. **Completed Sub-Specialty Training in Paediatric Gastroenterology in Recognized Centres**
 - 4.1 **Minimum Duration of Training**
 - 4.1.1 After obtaining basic paediatric post-graduate training as listed in (2) and (3), the specialist must have undergone at least 3 years of paediatric gastroenterology training
 - 4.2. **Training in an accredited centre**
 - 4.2.1. It would be desirable that at least one of these years is spent in a recognized overseas centre in the United Kingdom, United States of America or Australia. A letter of reference from the supervisor(s) is required as evidence of clinical competency.

An accredited training center for paediatric gastroenterology is a hospital which

- has been accredited by the Malaysian Conjoint Board for Postgraduate Training(in the case of Malaysia) or its overseas equivalent (in the case of overseas centres)
- has at least one accredited Paediatric Gastroenterology trainer with a constant load of both gastrointestinal and liver patients.

4.1.3. Minimum procedural ability:-
Oesophagogastroduodenoscopy
Minimum number observed = 20 (adult or paed)
Minimum number under supervision = 20(at least 10 paed)
Minimum performed on own = 80(paed)

4.1.4. Colonoscopy
Minimum number observed = 10 (adult or paed)
Minimum number under supervision = 10(at least 5 paed)
Minimum performed on own = 50 (paed)

Liver biopsies
Minimum number observed = 10 (paed)
Minimum number under supervision = 10(paed)
Minimum performed on own = 10(paed)

4.1.5. It is necessary for the specialist to also have experience in 24-hour pH studies, hydrogen breath testing, percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy placement, endoscopic polypectomy, sclerotherapy and rubber-banding

4.1.6. The specialist must have presented at least one paper as first-author on a paediatric gastroenterology/hepatology topic at a Malaysian Paediatric Association Annual Congress or an international paediatric conference.

4.1.7. The specialist committee, at its discretion, may conduct a viva-voce before finally awarding subspecialist status.

The above requirements are proposed as minimum requirements for the practice of paediatric gastroenterology in Malaysia. Please note that minimum requirements may change from time to time in response to the changing demands of clinical practice. Specialty Subcommittee for Paediatric Gastroenterology appointed by the Ministry

5. Notwithstanding the above, the SSC may stipulate any conditions on the applicant if deemed necessary.

Specialty Subcommittee for Paediatric Gastroenterology appointed by the Ministry of Health for credentialing of subspecialists (from 1st January, 2016), Professor Dato' Dr Christopher CM Boey (Chairman), Professor Dr Iyngkaran Nagalingam, Professor Dr Lee Way Seah, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Noorizan HA Majid, Dr. Chan Pei Fan, Dr. Dr Lim Chooi Bee

