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CLARIFICATION – MPHIL PATHOLOGY

In response to numerous queries received and discussions with different associations of pathologists regarding the decision of the Medical and Dental Council to treat the qualification of M.Phil Pathology as an academic qualification, it is clarified that the decision does not in any manner represent the imposition of any restriction on the privileges and credentialing granted to MPhil Pathologists by health care institutions and laboratories.

Any privileges or credentialing granted to a person holding the qualification of M.Phil Pathology in the past may continue to be enjoyed by them subject to terms of their employment with the respective health care institutions. The grant of privilege or credentialing to a practitioner or any other person is the domain of the health care institution and is regulated by the relevant Healthcare Commissions or provincial regulatory authority not the Pakistan Medical Commission.

Furthermore, the qualification of M.Phil Pathology can continue to be valid for the holders for grant of status as medical faculty in medical colleges at the discretion of the educational institutions.

In terms of the earlier decision of the Medical and Dental Council it is also clarified that the different curricula of M.Phil Pathology being offered by universities were reviewed. It was found that these curricula are primarily research based programs and that none of them contained sufficient clinical training to qualify the programs as specialized clinical qualification. It is for this reason that the qualification was termed as an academic research based qualification as opposed to a purely specialist clinical qualification for purposes of entry into the Specialist Register for practice of clinical specialties by licensed medical practitioners.

