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Dear All,

Greetings!

It is not a happy week as we need to prepare for a demonstration against
NEXT. IMA Headquarters has provided all the details for the same.

All branches in proximity with the medical colleges may approach the
Dean and organise a meeting to enlighten the students committee, there by
motivate them for a four hours boycott of class on 1st February 2017.

Utilize your branch members who are working in the medical colleges and
also the State office bearers in your branch or district to talk with the students.
If it is not for us, it is for the NEXT GENERATION.

The NEXT GENERATION may be your kids / grand kids.

Let's show our unity to the authorities.

Regards

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Enclosed is the draft, a synopsis of the objections and PPT presentation.

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Government of India Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Ministry has prepared a draft Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 to introduce among others Exit Examination for MBBS level, Combined Counseling for admission in UG level and PG level and reservation of upto 50% of the seats of Post Graduate Courses for Medical Officers. A copy of the draft Bill is attached.

General Public is hereby requested to send suggestions/feedback in respect of the draft Bill. Suggestions may be furnished to mepsection-mohfw@gov.in by 06.01.2017.

(Arun Singhal) Joint Secretary, Medical Education

	THE INDIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016	
	A BILL	
	further to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.	
	BE it enacted by Parliament in the Sixty-seventh year of the Republic of India as follows:—	
	1. (1) This Act may be called the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2016.	Short title and commencement.
Insertion of new section for section 10E.	2. After section 10D of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), the following section shall be inserted, namely:-	102 of 1956
	10E Exit Exam, Counselling for MBBS course and Post Graduate courses in medical colleges/institutions in India;-	
	(a) There shall be conducted a uniform national exit test (NEXT) to all medical educational institutions at the undergraduate level through such designated authority in English and in such manner as may be prescribed and the designated authority shall ensure the conduct of uniform national exit test in the aforesaid manner:	Common exit exam for MBBS level.

	(b) NEXT would substitute the uniform entrance examination at post-graduate level provided for in section 10D of the Principal Act.	
	(c) There shall be conducted a common counselling for admission of candidates to all medical educational institutions at the undergraduate level and postgraduate level. Counselling for 15% All India Quota seats at undergraduate level and 50% All India Quota seats at postgraduate level shall be conducted by Directorate General of Health Services and for remaining seats including Private Colleges and Private/Deemed Universities at the undergraduate level and postgraduate level shall be conducted through such designated authority by the concerned State Governments/UTs.	Common counseling for MBBS level and PG level admission.
Amendment in Section 13.	4. In section 13 of the principal Act, in clause 4(A), after the first para, the following shall be inserted, namely:-	
	“Provide further that a person seeking provisional or permanent registration shall not have to qualify the Screening Test if he/she holds an Under Graduate medical qualification from any of the countries notified in this regard by Government of India and the holder thereof also been awarded a Post Graduate medical qualification and also recognized for enrolment as medical practitioner in that country”.	
Amendment of section 14.	5. In section 14 of the principal Act, in the proviso to sub-section (1), the words “for the time being for the purposes of teaching, research or charitable work” shall be omitted.	
Amendment in Section 15.	6. In section 15 of the principal Act, in clause (1), after the words “Schedules”, the following shall be inserted, namely:-	
	“and securing the minimum score as prescribed in the uniform national exit test (NEXT)”	
Insertion of new section for section 20B.	Upto 50% of the seats in Post Graduate Courses in Government Colleges may be reserved by the appropriate State Governments/UTs for Medical Officers in the Government services, who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas. After acquiring the PG Degree, the Medical Officers may further be required to serve for a period up to three years in remote and/or difficult areas by the State Governments/UTs concerned. Admissions to this quota would strictly be on the basis of NEXT merit list only.	

Amendment of Section 33	7. In section 33 of the Principal Act, after clause (mb), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-	
	(mc) the designated authority and the manner of conducting of uniform national exit text (NEXT) to all medical educational institutions at the undergraduate level.	
	(md) the designated authority and the manner of conducting of uniform counseling to all medical educational institutions at the undergraduate level and post graduate level.	

WHY NO TO EXIT (NEXT) EXAM.?

1. There appears no justified basis as to why the uniform entrance examination (NEET) provided for postgraduate medical study as provided in section 10-D is now being substituted by uniform national exit test (NEXT).
2. There is further no purpose and object achieved by introducing NEXT exam at undergraduate level when the students who have already qualified MBBS course and they are compelled to clear NEXT exam for the purpose of their registration in MCI register and eligibility to practice. This amounts to duplicity and conflict of interest.
3. What will be the future of those students who fail to pass the NEXT exam.? 4.5 years she/he has spent in medical college will be a waste. There is already paucity of doctors in India. Failed students will be thrown out of pool of doctors. Similarly, there will be no pool of family physicians.
4. How it is provided that the same exam NEXT shall be for undergraduate and postgraduate level both when NEET is already there for both undergraduate and postgraduate levels?.
5. How the same test is provided for undergraduate level for registration and eligibility to practice and also for admission in postgraduate courses?
6. The proposed amendment in section 13 to forgo the screening test for those students who possess medical qualifications from foreign country. This is in sharp contradiction to Indian students who are required to pass NEXT even after having qualified MBBS and foreign qualified students not even required to go through the process of screening test as was always provided in the main Act.
7. On one side, some State Governments are allowing AYUSH doctors to practice modern medicine after 1 year of bridge course and on the other hand, the same Govt, is compelling MBBS passed students to clear one more exam to get license to practise.