

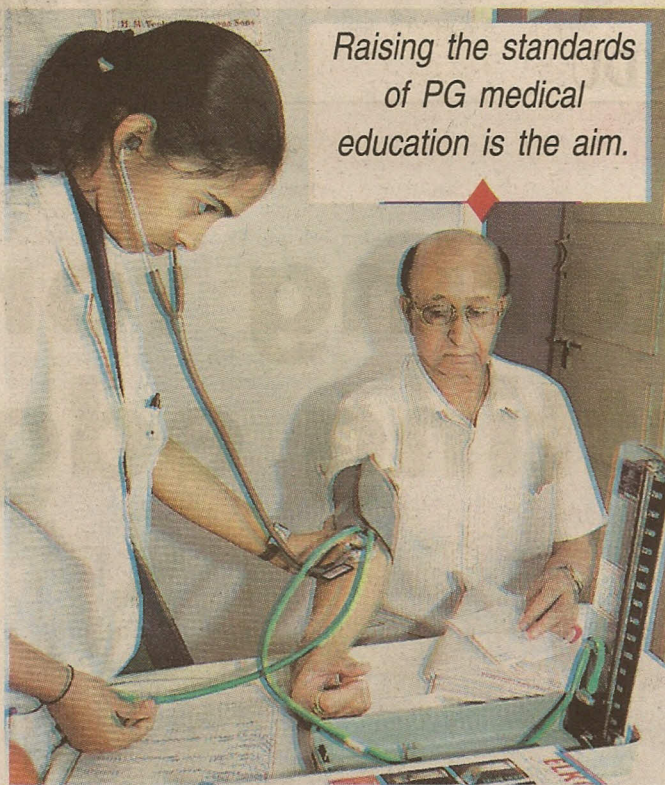
# NBE and medical education

**T**HE NATIONAL Board of Examinations was established in 1975 with the objective of improving the quality of medical education by elevating the level of post-graduate examinations in modern medicine. There are 39 medical disciplines identified by the Board for which approved training facilities are available in the country.

Although the Medical Council of India has laid down the standards for post-graduate examinations conducted by universities and other institutions, the level of proficiency and standards of evaluation vary considerably. Hence, the need for a national body to provide a common standard.

The degree awarded by the Board is called the Diplomate of the National Board. The Medical Council of India and the Union Government have included this qualification in various subjects (except Endocrinology, Anatomy and Pharmacology) in the First Schedule of the Medical Council of India Act, 1956. The NBE qualifications have been equated with the post-graduate degrees and post-doctoral qualifications of universities.

The holders of the Board's qualification, awarded after an examination, are eligible for the post of specialists in any hospital other than a training/teaching institution. For teaching appointments in the broad specialties, the holder of Diplomate of NBE should have at least one year experience as a Tutor/Registrar/Demonstrator or equivalent post in a recognised medical college imparting undergraduate teaching and training for appointment as lecturers. Training for candidates holding Diplomate in su-



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per-speciality subjects shall be for two years in a recognised medical college having recognised post-graduate medical degree in the speciality concerned.

## Examination

The Primary and Final examinations are conducted twice a year in June and December. The Board advertises in leading newspapers the sale of information bulletin and application form. This will be available from the office of the Board at Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110 029 and from the branches of Central Bank of India in differ-

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ent parts of the country as may be notified in the advertisement.

The examinations are CET-NBE, an entrance examination; and Final examination.

Those who want to take the CET-NBE must have a medical degree from an Indian University registerable in the First Schedule of the Medical Council of India Act 1956 and must have completed one year internship and registered permanently with the MCI.

## Pattern of examination

1. There will be a Centralised Entrance Test-NBE (CET-NBE).

It will comprise two parts: written test conducted by the NBE and aptitude test (interview) to be conducted by NBE-accredited institutions.

2. For entrance to broad speciality training courses, the examination will be of MBBS standard, while entrance for super-speciality courses will be of post-graduate standard.

3. For the purpose of super-speciality courses, the examination will be divided into medical and surgical specialties with two different sets of questions.

4. Marks will be awarded to the candidates and will be computed as marks obtained in an aggregate of 90. A candidate will be declared qualified only on obtaining a minimum of 50 per cent marks in the CET-NBE examination. Based on this, a merit list will be prepared.

All the subjects taught during the MBBS course including pre-clinical, para-clinical and clinical will be covered.

## Accreditation

The National Board has stringent criteria for accreditation of institutions for imparting training for the Board exams. The number of outpatients, in-patients, beds available, faculty, equipment available, infrastructure etc. are assessed before accreditation.

The Narayana Nethralaya is accredited for training post-graduates in the specialty of ophthalmology leading to the Board exams & Diplomate of the NBE.

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