

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT TEST 2021



Information Bulletin

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IMPORTANT DATES

Processes	Timelines
Uploading of Public Notice on NBEMS website	07-12-2021 & 28-12-2021
Registration of Trainees for FAT-2021 to start on	28-12-2021 (03:00 PM onwards)
Last date of registration	18-01-2022 (till 11:55 PM)
Release of Admit Cards (Shall be issued to Training Institutions)	By 12-02-2022

THEORY EXAMINATION DATE

Paper	Date	Exam Time
I	19-02-2022 (Saturday)	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
II		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Kindly Note:

1. The Test Centre for The Theory Exam shall be allotted by NBEMS only at a FAT Centre nearest to the Training Institution.
2. Any exemption from FATs shall have to be informed by the accredited institute/hospital to NBEMS prior to be conduct of FAT with all relevant supporting documents. The exemption from FAT shall be decided by NBEMS on merit of the case.

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I. Introduction

1. The Government of India established the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) in 1975 with the objective of improving the quality of the Medical Education by establishing high and uniform standards of postgraduate examinations in modern medicine on an all India basis and utilizing existing infrastructure for capacity building.
2. NBEMS at present conducts postgraduate and postdoctoral examinations in approved specialties leading to the award of Diplomate of National Board (DNB) and Doctorate of National Board (DrNB) respectively.
3. The Examinations conducted by NBEMS provide a common standard and mechanism of evaluation of minimum level of attainment of the knowledge and competencies of medical specialties. Moreover, intra country and international comparisons are facilitated with the availability of common evaluation mechanism.

II. Information for Candidates & NBEMS Accredited Institutions

1. NBEMS conducts Formative Assessment Test (FAT) for DNB/DrNB/ FNB trainees who are under training as per below given details:

Course	FAT conducted by NBE
Broad Specialty Courses	In 2 nd year of training
Super Specialty Courses	In 2 nd year of training
Post Diploma Courses	In 1 st year of training
Fellowship Courses	In 1 st year of training
Direct 6 years Courses	In 2 nd & 4 th year of training

2. The assessment scheme consists of Three Parts which has to be essentially completed by the trainees. The scheme includes: -

PART – I	Conduct of Theory Examination	Candidate has to appear for Theory Exam and is held for One day.
PART – II	Work Place Based Clinical Assessment	After Theory Examination, Candidate has to appear for Clinical Assessment.
PART – III	Performance Counselling Session On The Theory Performance	Candidate has to appear for his/her Theory Exam Assessment Workshop.

3. It includes various formal and informal assessment procedures by which evaluation of student's learning, comprehension, and academic progress is done by the teachers/ faculty to improve student attainment.
4. FAT is integral part of the effective teaching. The goal of Formative Assessment is to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process.
5. The nature of evaluation to be followed should be on Formative Norms ONLY as it shall aim to give feedback on teaching and learning and become an integral part of the effective teaching.
6. The end goal should be to collect information which can be used to improve the student learning process. The purpose of the exercise is to assist the NBEMS accredited hospitals/ institutions to develop in to a center of academic excellence. This would further add value to the services being rendered in these accredited hospitals/institutions.

7. It is essentially positive in intent, directed towards promoting learning; it is therefore part of teaching. Validity and usefulness are paramount in this exercise and should take precedence over concerns for reliability.
8. **Benefits for the faculty:** They can be able to determine what the students already know and to what extent. They can decide what minor modifications or major changes in training programme are to be introduced so that all trainees can succeed in upcoming assessments. They can create appropriate lessons and activities for groups of learners or individual students and also inform students about their current progress and guide them.
9. **Benefits for students:** They can be motivated to learn and take responsibility for their own learning. They can learn valuable lifelong skills such as self-evaluation, self-assessment, and goal setting and become more adept at self-assessment.
10. In terms of NBEMS Public Notice dated 26-11-2019, appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Tests/ Internal Appraisals is mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in DNB/DrNB/ FNB Final Examinations as per the below prescribed scheme:

Course	Number of FATs / Internal Appraisal mandatory
Broad Speciality Courses	Two
Super Speciality Courses	Two
Post Diploma Courses	One
Fellowship Courses	One
Direct 6 years Courses	Three

11. **The compulsory participations in FATs shall apply to the candidates, who join in or after July 2019 admission session.**
12. A candidate enrolled with NBEMS as a DNB/DrNB trainees & fulfilling eligibility criteria as stated in the Information Bulletin may appear for the FAT Theory Examination.
13. NBEMS Accredited Institutions should go through this bulletin carefully for eligibility criteria before registering their Trainees for the examination. Queries pertaining to eligibility and other issues will only be entertained if the information requested is not given in the bulletin of information or NBEMS website www.natboard.edu.in No Queries of the any representative will be entertained on telephone with regard to the eligibility and disclosure of the results.
14. The list of specialties in which FAT will be conducted can be seen at Annexure I.
15. The institute should ensure that all the information entered during the online submission of application form is correct and factual. Information provided by the institutes in the online application form shall be treated as correct.

16. NBEMS itself does not edit/modify/alter any information entered by the institutes at the time of online submission of application form under any circumstances. There is no provision of change in any information after conduct of examination and/or declaration of result. Such requests shall not be entertained.
17. Application for FAT 2021 can only be submitted online through National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences website www.natboard.edu.in. There is no other methodology for application submission. Application submitted through any other mode shall be summarily rejected. There is no requirement to submit the hard copy print out of the application form.
18. Institutes are advised to ensure that no mandatory column in the online application form is left blank. In the event of rejection of the application form, no correspondence/request for re-consideration will be entertained.
19. NBEMS reserves the right to withdraw permission, if any, granted inadvertently to any trainee who is not eligible to appear in the FAT Theory Examination even though the admit card/roll number has been issued or name/roll number is displayed on NBEMS website.
20. Fees shall neither be carried forward to a future exam nor refunded under any circumstances on successful submission of application.
21. Trainee's eligibility is purely provisional & is subjected to the fulfilment of eligibility criteria as prescribed by National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences.
22. Instructions in the information-bulletin are liable to change based on decisions taken by the NBEMS from time to time.
23. NBEMS reserves its absolute right to alter, amend, modify or apply any or some of the instructions/ guidelines contained in this information bulletin.
24. The existing schedule, pattern, policy and guidelines are for ready reference only but in no way, they are or are ought to be treated as representative or acknowledgment of fact that NBEMS is bound to follow the same in future.
25. In case of any ambiguity in interpretation of any of the instructions/terms/rules/criteria regarding the determination of eligibility/conduct of examinations/registration of candidates/information contained herein, the interpretation of the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences shall be final and binding in nature.
26. Any exemption from FATs shall have to be informed by the accredited institute/hospital to NBEMS prior to the conduct of FAT with all relevant supporting documents. The exemption from FAT shall be decided by the NBEMS on merit of the case.
27. Request shall not be entertained for change in center of examination under any circumstances. Trainees and institutes are advised not to canvass for such representation.

28. Copy of printed application form may be retained by the institutes for future reference.
29. Admit Cards for FAT 2021 Theory Examination shall be available to download at NBEMS website from 12th February 2022 onwards.
30. The jurisdiction for court cases/disputes shall be at New Delhi only.

III. Fee Structure

1. Examination Fee: The Fees for Formative Assessment Test 2021 is as follows:

Examination Fees	Rs.6000/- per candidate <i>(to be paid by Training Institutions only through NBEMS Online Portal for FAT-2021)</i>
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****Excluding payment gateway charges, as may be applicable.***

2. Applications forms once submitted cannot be withdrawn. Any claim for refund, adjustment or carrying forward of application fee will not be entertained after successful submission of application.
3. **How to pay:** The prescribed exam fee should be remitted through payment gateway provided using any of the following modes:
- Credit Card/ Debit Card
 - Internet Banking
 - BHIM UPI
 - NEFT (For Non SBI Account Holders only)
 - SBI Branch Payment (For SBI Account Holders only)

Note: Payment made through any other mode/ to any other account of NBEMS (other than the specified account) shall not be accepted.

4. The fees for Formative Assessment has to be deposited by NBEMS accredited institution only and is not to be charged from the Trainees as it has already been submitted by them as a part of Annual Academic Fees to their institution.
5. Examination fees in respect of candidates who are absent or declared ineligible due to any reason will be forfeited. Institutions are advised to read the rule position carefully and satisfy the terms and conditions for fulfilment of eligibility criteria before proceeding for payment of fees.

IV. Examination for NBEMS Trainees

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3. **The compulsory participations in FATs shall apply to the candidates, who join in or after July 2019 admission session.**
4. An eligible candidate is permitted to appear in both Theory Examination and Work Place Based Clinical Assessment.
5. Those who fail to appear in the Theory Examination shall not be allowed to appear in the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment.
6. Absenteeism from Work Place Based Clinical Assessment after appearing in the Theory Examination shall not be counted as an appearance in Formative Assessment Test.
7. Any exemption from FATs shall have to be informed by the accredited institute/hospital to NBEMS prior to the conduct of FAT with all relevant supporting documents. The exemption from FAT shall be decided by the NBEMS on merit of the case.

8. The list of Specialties in which Formative Assessment Test shall be held are mentioned at Annexure-I.

9. Part I: - Conduction of Theory Examination

- The Theory Exam of FAT is conducted on an annual basis
- Mode of Examination: Descriptive (Paper & Pen)
- Number of sessions: Two sessions
- Centres for FAT (Theory): FAT Centre nearest available to the Training Institution
- Form & Fees for conduct of FAT: To be filled & paid by Training Institutions

10. Part II: - Work Place Based Clinical Assessment

- The work place based clinical assessment shall assess the candidates on parameters such as:
 - Case Discussion
 - Case Presentation
 - Case Management
 - Investigation Techniques
 - Investigation Interpretations
 - Instrument handling
 - Viva Voice
 - Ward rounds
 - Assessment of Log Book
 - Assessment of Thesis Work

- **Scheme of work place based clinical assessment**

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Clinical Examination (Case Preparation & Presentation)	Maximum 2 cases for each candidate (30 minutes of preparation & 30 minutes for presentation) The examiner may allot the same case to two candidates for case preparation. However, the candidate shall have to present the case individually before the examiners. In case of unavailability of patients for case presentation, Manikin or dummy or a healthy volunteer may be used for demonstration of clinical examination skills and for simulated cases.
Viva- Voice	Shall be conducted by all the Examiners together in a group

Investigation Techniques/ Investigation Interpretations/ Instrument handling /Ward Round/ Clinical Investigations/ Spots	Wherever required.
Assessment of Thesis Work	The Thesis work of the candidate shall be evaluated by the examiner on the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thesis Protocol Submission • Assessment of Thesis Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Research Purpose ✓ Review of Literature ✓ Data collection and analysis ✓ Analysis and interpretation of Findings ✓ Conclusion and Recommendations ✓ Referencing ✓ Readiness for Thesis Completion • Thesis Viva

11. Part III: - Performance Counselling Session On the Theory Performance

- The Accredited Hospital is required to organize a Workshop so that the performance of each Trainee is discussed and deliberated at length.
- During the course of this Workshop, Trainees who have performed well shall share their Learning, Training and Answering skills with other Trainees.
- Head of Departments and Faculty Members shall also share their knowledge, and also the key words / skills Assessors look for, in each answer.
- Such Workshops shall motivate Trainees, augment the DNB training being given by the Hospital, help in enhancing overall performance of the Trainees, so that they are able to plan & attempt the DNB Theory Examination in an effective manner.
- The hospitals shall also carry out a thorough Review of the performance of each Trainee who appeared in the FAT. Such a review will certainly help in identifying the weaknesses / shortcomings and positive aspects of each Trainee.

V. Eligibility for Formative Assessment Test 2021

1. As per NBEMS Public Notice dated 07-12-2021, DNB/DrNB/FNB Trainees who are admitted in the following admission sessions are eligible to appear for Formative Assessment Test 2021:

Course	Year of Training (Admission Year)
Post MBBS 3 year DNB Courses	2 nd year trainees (2020)
DrNB Super Specialty Courses	2 nd year trainees (2020)
Direct 6 years Super Speciality Courses	2 nd & 4 th year trainees (2018, 2020)
Fellowship Courses	1 st year trainees (2020)

2. Candidates who are scheduled to appear in upcoming DNB/DrNB/FNB Final Exit Examinations and do not fulfil the criteria on minimum appearance in FAT/ Internal Appraisals may also be registered by their training institute for FAT 2021.
3. In terms of NBEMS Public Notice dated 26-11-2019, appearance in minimum required numbers of Formative Assessment Tests/ Internal Appraisals is mandatory towards eligibility for appearing in DNB/DrNB/ FNB Final Examinations as per the below prescribed scheme:

Course	Number of FATs / Internal Appraisal mandatory
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4. **The compulsory participations in FATs shall apply to the candidates, who join in or after July 2019 admission session.**

VI. Date of Examination & Result

1. Theory Examination:

- a. The Theory Examination of FAT 2021 shall be held as per below given schedule:

Paper	Date	Exam Time
I	19-02-2022 (Saturday)	9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
II		3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

- b. Any exemption from the Theory Examination shall have to be informed by the accredited institute/hospital to NBEMS prior to the conduct of examination with all relevant supporting documents. The exemption shall be decided by the NBEMS on merit of the case.

2. Work place Based Clinical Assessment:

- a. The date, time and venue of Work Place Based Clinical Assessment shall be intimated to all trainees who have appeared in the Theory Examination through their registered email id.
- b. The centre for Work Place Based Clinical Assessment shall be allotted at a centre which is nearest to his/her training Institute. NBEMS reserves its rights to allot any centre; the candidates shall make their own arrangement for travel. Change in centre of the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment is not permitted under any circumstances. Candidates are advised not to make any representations/not to canvass in this regard.
- c. Any exemption from the Work Place Based Clinical Assessment shall have to be informed by the accredited institute/hospital to NBEMS prior to the conduct of examination with all relevant supporting documents. The exemption shall be decided by the NBEMS on merit of the case.

3. Admit card for Theory Examination:

- a. The admit card of the Trainees shall be uploaded on the online Portal for Formative Assessment at National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences website by 12th February 2022.
- b. The admit cards can be downloaded by the training institute of the Trainees only.
- c. The training institute is required to take print out of the admit card(s) of their Trainee(s) from the website, paste the trainee(s) photograph at the designated place and attest the same.

d. The Trainee(S) shall appear at exam centre with one of the following original and valid/non-expired ID proof along with the admit card:

- i. PAN Card
- ii. Driving License
- iii. Voter ID
- iv. Passport
- v. Aadhaar Card (with Photograph)

4. Admit Card for Work Place Based Clinical Assessment:

- a. The admit card of the Trainees shall be intimate to all Trainees who have appeared in the Theory Examination through their registered email id.
- b. Trainee is required to take print out of his/her admit card paste their photograph at the designated place and get it attested y the Head of Institute/Department.
- c. The Trainee(s) shall appear at exam centre one of the following original and valid/non-expired ID proof along with the admit card:

- i. PAN Card
- ii. Driving License
- iii. Voter ID
- iv. Passport
- v. Aadhaar card (with Photograph)

5. Result for Formative Assessment 2021:

- a. The result of Formative Assessment 2021 shall be declared after that completion of the activity of Work Place Based Clinical Assessment.
- b. The results of both Theory Examination and Work Place Based Clinical Assessment shall be declared together and not separately.
- c. The result DNB Trainees shall be sent to the Head of Institute of their respective Training Institution.
- d. The result shall also be sent to each Trainees individually also on their registered email id.
- e. Subsequent to the declaration of result, evaluated Answer sheets of the Theory Examination will be sent to the Training institutions of the respective Trainees.
- f. On receipt of the result and evaluated answer sheets, the institutions shall conduct Performance Counselling Sessions like Seminars/Group Discussions in each Specialty to appraise the trainees about their performance and help them to enhance their knowledge & skills, so that they are able to plan them to enhance their knowledge & skills, so that they are able to plan & attempt the DNB Theory Examination in an effective manner.

VII. Instructions to fill Registration Form for FAT 2021

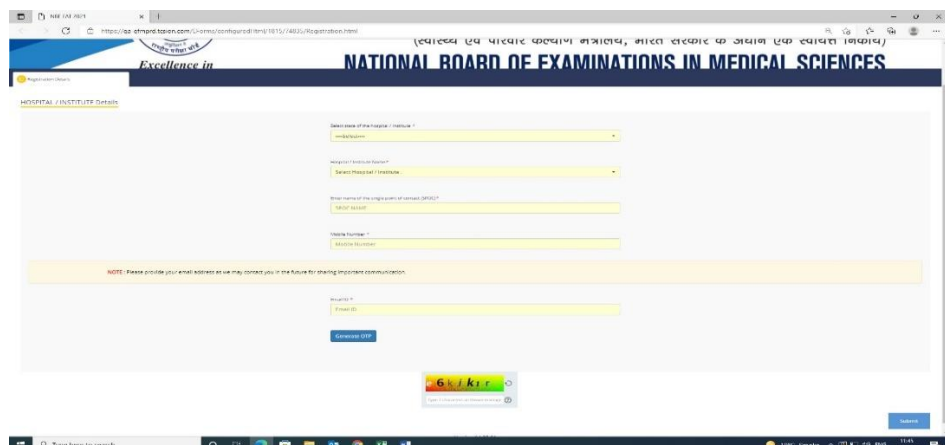
1. Registration to appear for Formative Assessment 2021 can only be submitted online through National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences website www.natboard.edu.in. There is no other method for application submission. Application submitted through any other mode shall be summarily rejected.
2. It is recommended to use Internet Explorer (version 11) or Mozilla Firefox (version 48 to 60) or Google Chrome (version 50 to 66) to fill in the Application Form. For filling the application it is recommended that you use proper LAN / Internet Connection and clear the browser cache and history prior filling up the application form.
3. Following steps shall be required to be completed in sequence for application submission to NBE:

a. Registration of Hospital for FAT 2021:

- i. The Accredited hospital shall register themselves for FAT 2021 through the following website: <https://www.natboard.edu.in/fat/index> and click on “Registration of Trainees for FAT 2021” and then on “Hospital Registration” in the next window.



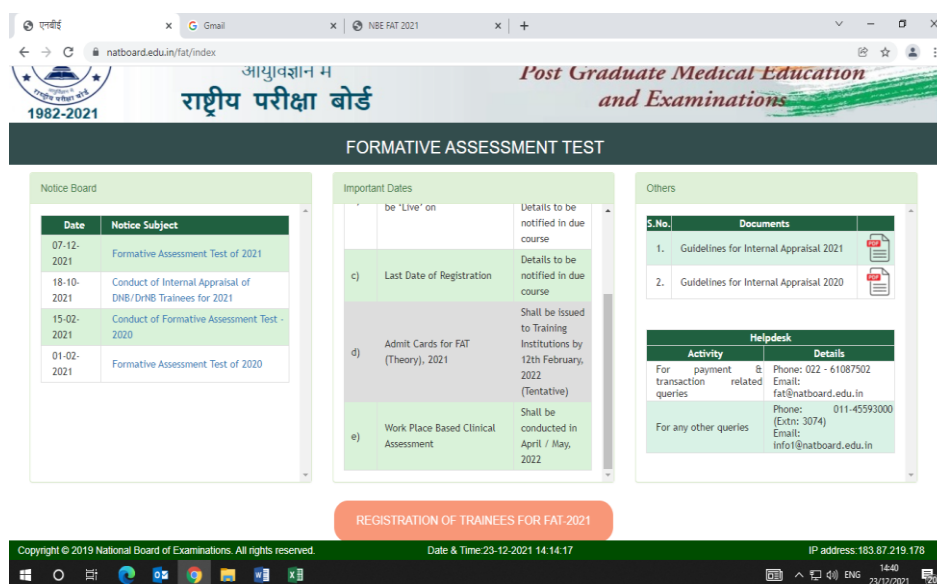
- ii. The hospital shall select their Hospital state & Name from the available dropdown and enter the SPOC name, Mobile number & email id in the registration form.



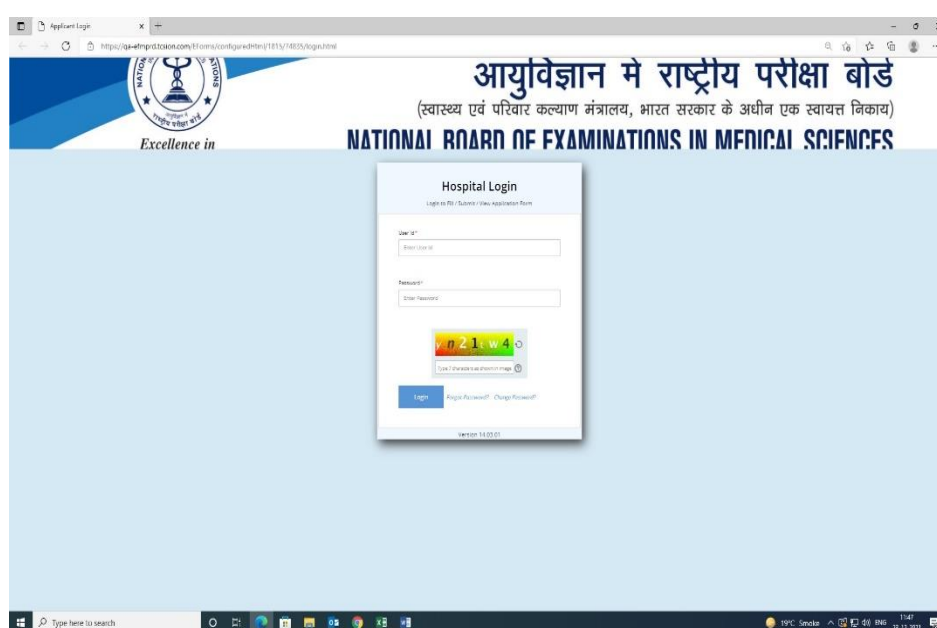
- iii. After OTP validation the hospital shall receive their user credentials on SMS & email containing UserID & password to login into the FAT Portal and submit their application form. This UserID is applicable only for submission of FAT 2021 applications.

b. Login into the Application Form for FAT 2021:

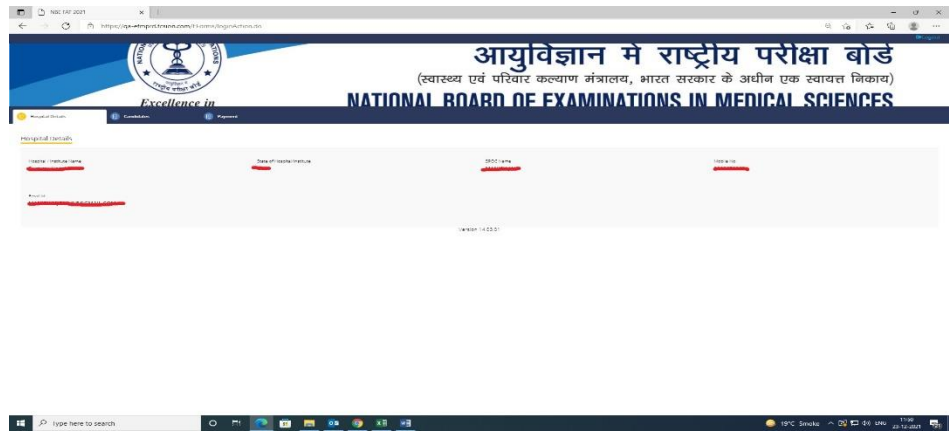
- i. After successful registration the Accredited hospital can login into the FAT 2021 Portal through the following website: <https://www.natboard.edu.in/fat/index> and click on **Registration of Trainees for FAT 2021**” and then on **“Hospital Login”** in the next window.



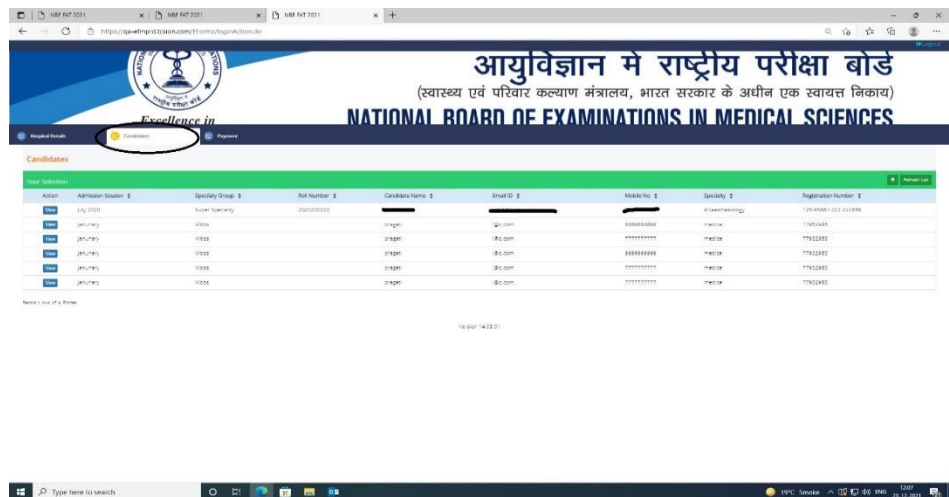
- ii. In the Login page the hospital shall enter the UserID & password received on email & SMS to enter in the FAT 2021 Application portal



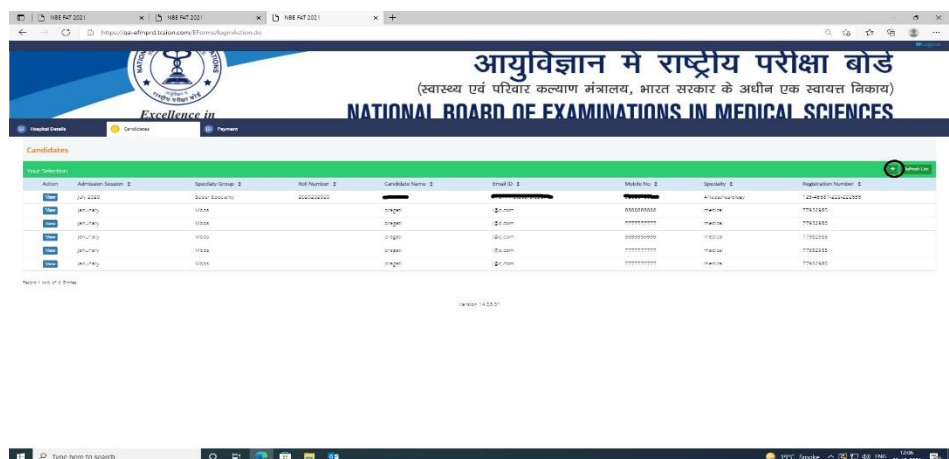
- iii. After login you shall be able to see the Hospital details page containing the details entered by you at the time of registration.



- iv. After this you shall be required to click on the “Candidates” tab provided at the top wherein you shall be able to see the list of Trainees eligible for FAT 2021 as per NBEMS Public notice dated 07-12-2021.



- v. In case, your institute wants to register anymore trainees for FAT 2021 the shall have to click on the “+” symbol at the top right corner.



- vi. A new window shall pop up wherein you shall have to enter the following details of the candidate:
- Session (As per Registration/ Seat Allotment letter)
 - Specilaty Group (Post MBBS/Super Specialty/ Fellowship)
 - Roll no. (NEET PG Exam roll number as mentioned in Registration/ Seat Allotment letter)
 - Candidate Name (As per Registration/ Seat Allotment letter)
 - Email id
 - Mobile No.
 - Specialty (As mentioned in Registration/ Seat Allotment letter)
 - Registration No. (As perRegistration Letter; In case registration number has not been allotted kindly mention it as “0000”)

The screenshot shows the NBE website interface for adding candidate details. The header includes the NBE logo and the text 'आयुर्विज्ञान में राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा बोर्ड' and 'NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS IN MEDICAL SCIENCES'. Below the header is a form with the following fields:

- Session * (Dropdown menu)
- Specialty Group * (Dropdown menu)
- Roll No * (Text input)
- Name of Candidate * (Text input)
- Email ID * (Text input)
- Mobile No * (Text input)
- Specialty * (Dropdown menu)
- Registration No * (Text input)

At the bottom of the form, there is a text prompt: 'After adding candidate details click on submit' with an arrow pointing to a blue 'Submit' button. The version number 'VERSION 14.03.21' is displayed at the bottom of the page.

Note: In case you want to add more than one candidates repeat step v & vi.

- vii. After adding candidate details, click on refresh list to view the revised list of Trainees

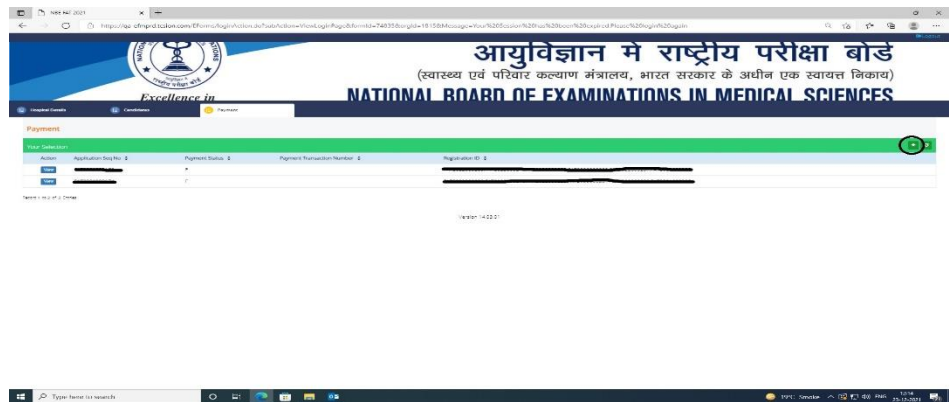
The screenshot shows the 'Candidates' list on the NBE website. The table has the following columns:

- Action
- Admission Session
- Specialty Group
- Roll Number
- Candidate Name
- Email ID
- Mobile No.
- Specialty
- Registration Number

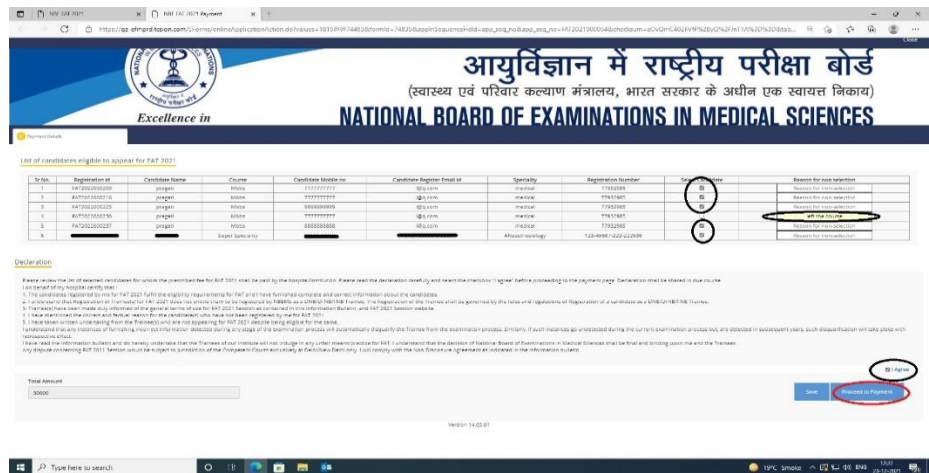
The first row of data is highlighted, and a red circle is drawn around the 'View' button in the 'Action' column. The version number 'VERSION 14.03.21' is displayed at the bottom of the page.

Note: In case you want to edit mobile number or email id of any Trainee, click on view against the candidate as indicated above. Another window shall open, wherein you can edit mobile number or email id and click on submit.

- viii. After this you shall be required to click on the **“Payment”** tab provided at the top. You are required to click on the **“+”** symbol at the top right corner.



- ix. On this page you are required to:
- Select the final list of candidates by ticking the check box provided
 - In case you do not wish to select any trainees for FAT 2021 you may not select the trainee and mention the reason against him/ her for non-selection.
 - Go through the declaration given below the list of candidates The declaration details are also given at Annexure-II.
 - Click on **“I Agree”** and then click on **“Proceed to Payment”**.

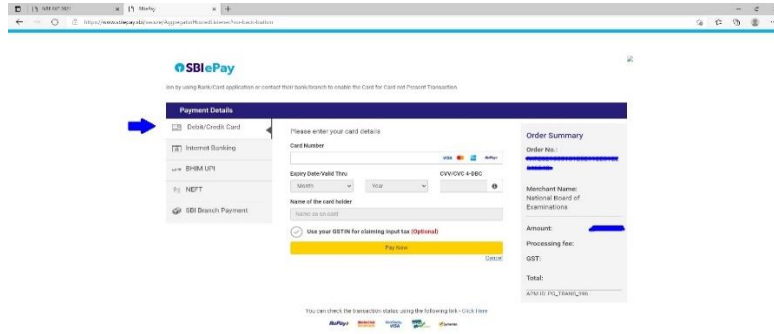


- x. After this you shall be redirected to the Payment gateway page wherein you can submit the fees through using any of the following modes:
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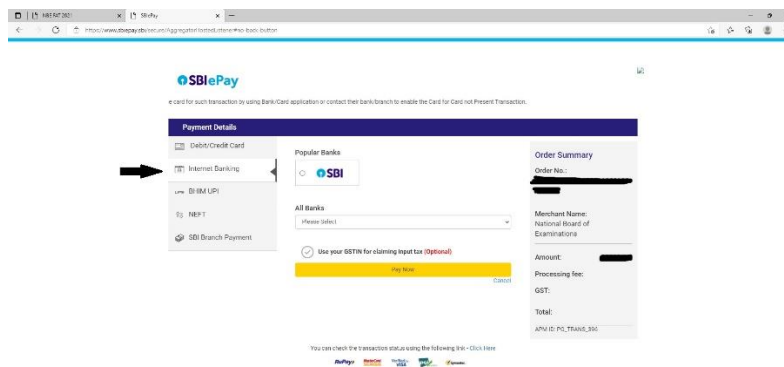
Note: Payment made through any other mode/ to any other account of NBEMS (other than the specified account) shall not be accepted.

- c. **Payment of Fees:** The fees for the candidates can be deposited in multiple transactions also. However, it is advisable that the fees is deposited in a single transaction only to avoid reconciliation issues. The prescribed exam fee should be remitted through payment gateway provided using any of the following modes:

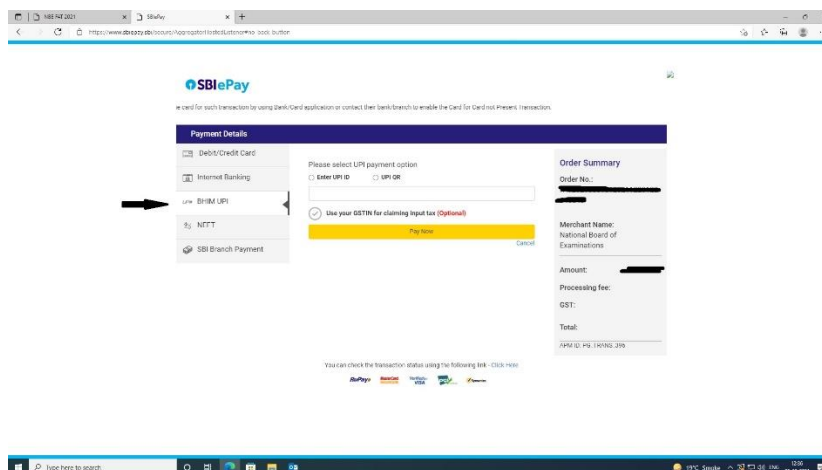
i. Credit Card/ Debit Card



ii. Internet Banking

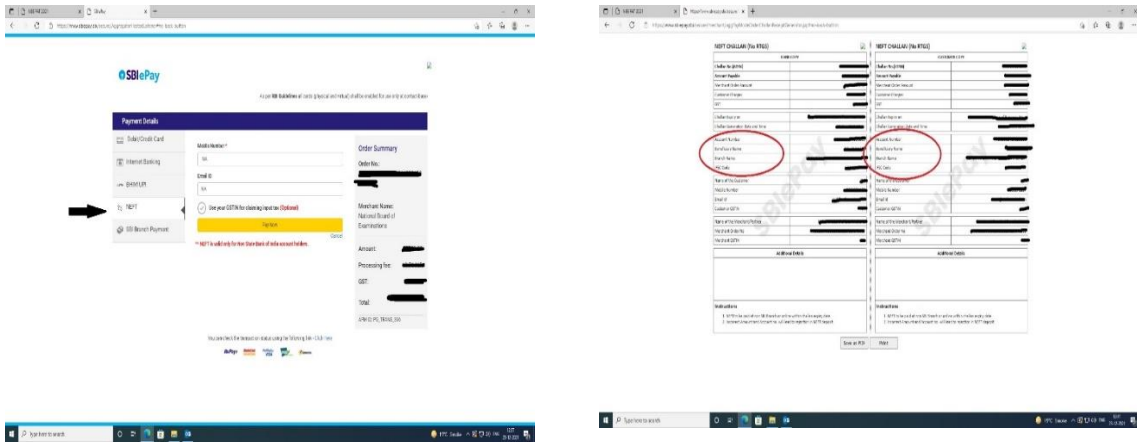


iii. BHIM UPI



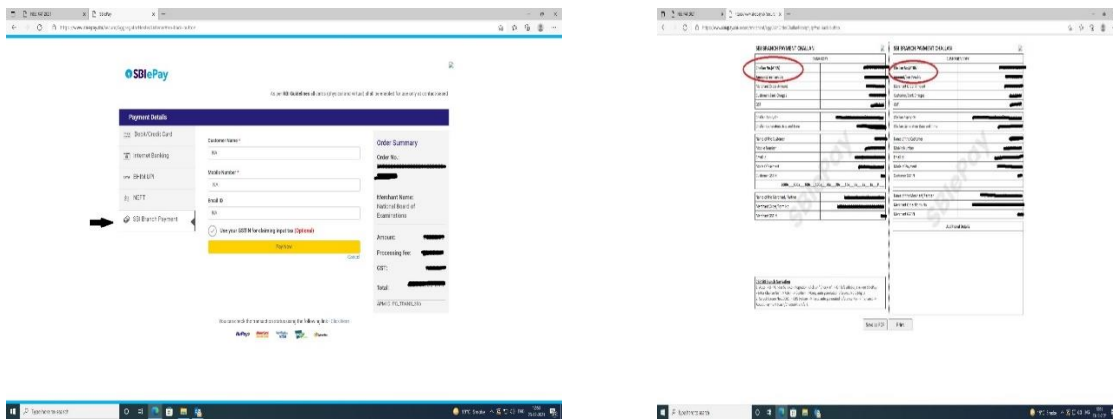
iv. NEFT (For Non SBI Account Holders only)

- Enter your contact details and a challan shall be generated containing the Account details in which the fees is to be deposited.

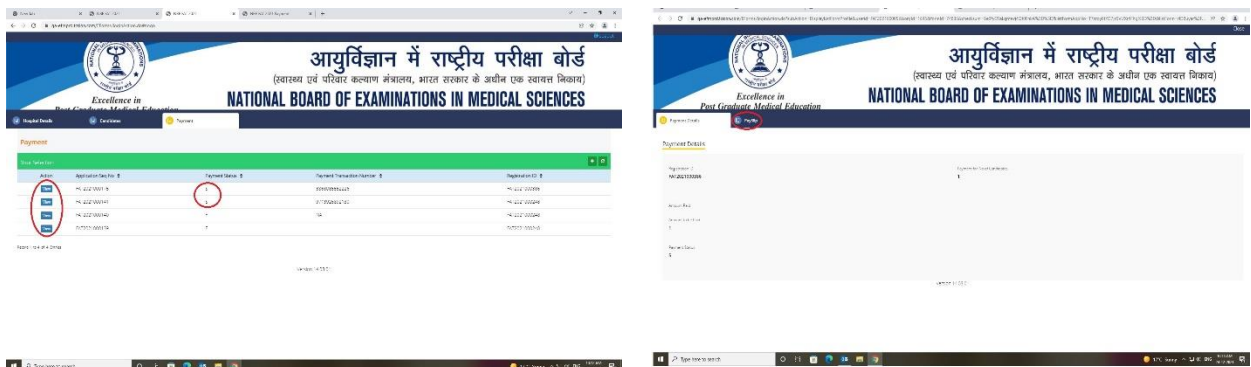


v. SBI Branch Payment (For SBI Account Holders only)

- Enter your contact details and a challan shall be generated containing the Challan number which can be used to deposit the fees at an SBI Bank only.



d. Download Receipt: On successful submission of fees the hospitals shall be able to download the Fee Submission Receipt from the Portal only.



Click on view for the payments being shown as Success "S"

Click on "Pay Slip" to view and download your Fee Submission Receipt

VIII. Unfair Means

1. If during the course of training / examination, a candidate is found indulging in any of the following, he/she shall be deemed to have used unfair means.
2. Candidate undergoing DNB/DrNB training if by himself or in connivance with the accredited Institute authorities tries to abstain himself from DNB/DrNB Training or submits false/forged certificate towards DNB/DrNB training.
3. Maintaining incomplete/incorrect log book, attendance records, training schedule, thesis work etc.
4. Candidate misbehaving or using abusive language with other DNB/DrNB trainees or patients or staff of accredited institute or with the faculty of the accredited institute.
5. Candidate who has resigned from DNB/DrNB course (after joining the DNB/DrNB course) if appears for DNB/DrNB entrance during the scheduled duration of training.
6. If a candidate is found to have made a wrong statement in his/her online application form for admission to the examinations / counselling / training or has attempted to secure or has secured admission to any of the examinations of NBEMS by making a false statement or by production of a false document.
7. If at any stage a candidate has tampered with any entry in the certificate or statement of marks or any certificate issued by any governmental or non-governmental body or any other document that has been issued to him/her NBEMS.
8. In the answer book, a candidate is not permitted to write his/her name or put his/her signature (except on the jacket of the answer sheet) or put any sign or mark which may disclose his/her identity to the examiner.
9. Use/possession of any kind of electronic gadgets including mobile phones with or without internet (whether the gadgets are actually used or not.)
10. Having in possession of any note-book(s) or notes or chits or any other unauthorized material concerning the subject pertaining to the examination paper.
11. Anything written on any part of clothing, body, desk, table or any instruction such as set square, protractor, blotting paper and question paper etc.
12. Giving or receiving assistance directly or indirectly of any kind or attempting to do so.
13. Change of seat without the permission of Examination Superintendent/ In charge Computer Laboratory.
14. Writing questions or answers on any material other than the answer.

15. Tearing of any page of the answers book or supplementary answer book etc.
16. Contacting or communicating or trying to do so with any person, other than the Examination Staff, during the examination time in the Examination centre/Computer Laboratory.
17. Consulting notes, books or any other material or outside person while going out of the examination hall/Computer Laboratory to toilet or to any other place.
18. Impersonation.
19. Candidate appearing multiple times with same or different identity in different sessions of same examination conducted on Computer Based Testing Platform.
20. Using or attempting to use any other undesirable method or means in connection with the examination.
21. Taking away the answer book out of the examination hall/room. Smuggling out Question paper or its part; or smuggling out answer book/supplementary answer sheet or part thereof.
22. Running away or swallowing or destroying any note or paper or material found with him/her.
23. If the answer books show that a candidate has received or given help to any other candidate through copying.
24. Threatening any of the officials connected with the conduct of the examinations or threatening any of the candidates.
25. Found exchanging answer book or question paper with solution or copying from unauthorized material.
26. Peeing into the computer monitor screen of the other candidate.
27. Disclosing his/her identity or making distinctive mark in the answer book for that purpose or fails to deliver his/her answer book/ continuation sheet before leaving the examination hall.
28. Hacking or attempting to hack or causing interference with the website of NBEMS or its Technology Partner(s) or their Information technology systems.
29. Tampering with Information Technology systems of NBEMS or Technology partner(s) or Computer Laboratory.
30. Damaging the computer systems of computer Laboratory.
31. Candidate found to have attempted or trying to attempt personally or through another person to influence or pressurise an examiner, or any officer or official connected with

the examinations of the NBEMS or its technology partner, either at the Board or at the office of technology partner or their respective residence(s), in any matter concerned with the examinations.

32. If at any stage if it is found that the candidate has appeared multiple times in the same session of examination or has appeared in same or different examination of NBEMS with different names, unfair means case shall be registered against such candidate and dealt accordingly.
33. Any act of candidate/any person which is detrimental to safe, secure and smooth conduct of examination and the decision of EEC in this regard shall be final.
34. Candidate is found talking/peeping to another candidate during the examination hours in the examination room.
35. Candidate who refuses to obey the Superintendent of Examination centre/ Computer Lab and changes his/her seat with another candidate and/or creates disturbance of any kind during the examination and/or otherwise misbehaves in the examination hall.
36. A candidate found copying from notes written on any part of his/her clothing, body, desk or table or instrument like set squares, protractors, scales etc. or who is found guilty of concealing, disfiguring, rendering illegible, swallowing or destroying any notes or paper with solution or talking to a person or consulting notes or books outside the Examination Hall, while going to the toilet or in the toilet.
37. Any candidate found guilty of having adopted anyone or more of the above Unfair means/misconduct is liable to be penalized with a penalty by the Ethics Committee, which may vary from cancellation of the examination/ expulsion up to next 14 attempts or 7 yrs and/or cancellation of candidature as may be decided by Examinations Ethics Committee after considering each case.
38. The above list is purely indicative. If any act of omission or commission attributed to the candidate/intent by the candidate to vitiate the sanctity of the examination in decision of NBEMS shall be taken up as unfair means.

IX. Communication Protocols

1. Information in this information bulletin & Nation Board of Examination in Medical Sciences website www.natboard.edu.in will guide you through the entire process and help answer most of your queries.
2. In case you are still facing issues, then you can contact NBEMS through any of the following modes:

Email: info1@natboard.edu.in

OR

By Post:

Executive Director
National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences,
Medical Enclave,
Ansari Nagar,
New Delhi - 110029

3. Queries shall only be processed if same are sent through email ID of candidate registered with NBEMS.
4. Following Information must be provided in queries addressed to National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences regarding Formative Assessment Test:

Query by Training Institute	Query by Trainee
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Institution Name & Address</i>• <i>Details of Trainees for which the information is being sought</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Name</i>• <i>Mobile Number</i>• <i>Email ID</i>• <i>Specialty</i>• <i>Hospital</i>• <i>Registration Number/ Testing ID</i>• <i>Session</i>

❖ Queries sent without aforesaid information may not be entertained.

5. Do not send the same query multiple times, as it will delay the response process.
6. Queries shall not be entertained from persons claiming themselves to be representative, associates or offciates of the trainees/ training institutions.

Annexure- I: List of Specialties in which FAT 2021 shall be conducted

1. Anaesthesiology
2. Arthroplasty
3. Biochemistry
4. Breast Imaging
5. Cardiac Anaesthesia
6. Cardio Thoracic Surgery (Direct 6 Years Course)
7. Cardiology
8. Critical Care Medicine
9. Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy
10. Emergency Medicine
11. Endocrinology
12. Endovascular and Interventional Radiology
13. Family Medicine
14. Forensic Medicine
15. Gastroenterology
16. General Medicine
17. General Surgery
18. Genito Urinary Surgery (Urology)
19. Gynaecologic Oncology
20. Hand and Micro Surgery
21. Hematology
22. Immuno Hematology and Blood Transfusion
23. Infectious Diseases
24. Interventional Cardiology
25. Liver Transplantation
26. Maternal and Foetal Medicine
27. Medical Genetics
28. Medical Oncology
29. Microbiology
30. Minimal Access Surgery
31. Neonatology
32. Nephrology
33. Neuro Anaesthesia and Critical Care
34. Neuro Surgery
35. Neuro Surgery (Direct 6 Years Course)
36. Neurology
37. Neurovascular Intervention
38. Nuclear Medicine
39. Obstetrics and Gynaecology
40. Ophthalmology
41. Orthopaedic Surgery
42. Otorhinolaryngology (ENT)
43. Paediatric Gastroenterology
44. Paediatric Hemato-Oncology

45. Paediatric Nephrology
46. Paediatric Surgery (Direct 6 Years Course)
47. Paediatrics
48. Pathology
49. Pediatric Cardiology
50. Pediatric Intensive Care
51. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
52. Plastic Surgery
53. Plastic Surgery (Direct 6 Years Course)
54. Psychiatry
55. Radio Diagnosis
56. Radio Therapy
57. Reproductive Medicine
58. Respiratory Medicine
59. Rheumatology
60. Rural Surgery
61. Social and Preventive medicine / Community Medicine
62. Spine Surgery
63. Sports Medicine
64. Surgical Gastroenterology
65. Surgical Oncology
66. Trauma and Acute Care Surgery
67. Vascular Surgery
68. Vitreo Retinal Surgery



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