

## **AI (Alignment integration) subcommittee**

### **Minutes of meeting**

**Date and time:** 15th September, 2023, 1 pm

**Venue:** Committee Room, Principal's office

**Agenda:** To discuss the issues associated with the implementation of Alignment-Integration as envisaged in the CBME curriculum at different phases of the MBBS curriculum and plan for the development of linker cases

#### **Attendees:**

1. Dr S. K. Bhasin
2. Dr. Amita Suneja
3. Dr Sonal Sharma
4. Dr Farah Khaliq
5. Dr Somdatta Patra.
6. Dr Kaushal Kumar Alam
7. Dr Rakhee Sharma
8. Dr Shiba Asari
9. Dr Pragya Jain
10. Dr Nadeem Ahmad
11. Dr Proteesh Rana
12. Dr Pragti Chhanbra
13. Dr Arvind Kumar
14. Dr Mahesh Chand Meena
15. Dr Navneet Kaur
16. Dr Rashmi Malik
17. Dr Smita Nath
18. Dr Vikram Bhaskar

#### **Discussion during the meeting**

The discussion started with putting forward various methods of implementing alignment integration (AI). Dr. Farah presented the salient points outlined in Module 4 of the NMC with PowerPoint slides. Additionally, she provided a practical example of a linker case through a detailed case study of a hypothyroid patient.

All the committee members agreed that currently AI is at a very nascent stage and requires enhancement and strengthening. It was suggested that alignment may be done around different health days such as National Anemia Day (March 21st), World Tuberculosis Day (March 24th), World AIDS Day (1st December), and World Diabetes Day (November 14th) etc. Besides this care needs to be taken for alignment while developing the curriculum timetable.

It was decided to develop linker cases for some select alignment integration topics (AITo) topics. A specific department will assume the lead role and collaborate with other departments in order to facilitate this effort. It was proposed to create a separate Google document for each

specific topic. Sample linker cases centered on "anemia," "diabetes," and "hypothyroidism" were shared with the members of the committee through WhatsApp group.

As agreed, the lead departments for AITo are as follows:

1. Anemia: Pathology
2. Diabetes: Biochemistry
3. Jaundice: Physiology
4. Tuberculosis: Community Medicine
5. HIV: Microbiology
6. Thyroid: Pharmacology
7. Fever of Unknown Origin: Medicine
8. Trauma/Injury: Forensic Medicine

The developed linker case will be deliberated upon during the upcoming AITO committee meeting, which is scheduled for around October 16th. Following the discussion, a plan for their implementation will be formulated.



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