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DEPARTMENT ORDER  
No. 185-N s. 1996

To : All Chiefs of Hospital/Medical Directors/Administrators of Selected DOH-Retained Hospitals, Directors of the Bureau of Research and Laboratories (BRL), Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), respectively, and all others concerned.

Subject: Creation of Peer Review Committee to assist the Bureau of Licensing and Regulation.

Administrative Order No. 85-A Series 1990 on the "Revised Rules and Regulations and The Conduct of Medical Examination of Overseas Workers" states the following under Section 10:

"Whenever the result of medical examination is contested by an applicant, recruitment agencies, companies or other interested parties, the Bureau of Licensing and Regulation (BLR) may be assisted by experts in medical specialties or psychologists to review the results."

In this connection the following hospitals are hereby directed to create Peer Review Committee(s) in different fields of specialization within the hospital. Each Committee shall be composed of 3-5 members with the Department Head as the Chairperson and the more senior staff under him as members

Name of Hospital

Field of Specialization

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| 1. East Ave. Medical Center                  | Radiology & Surgery              |
| 2. Eulogio Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center | Internal Medicine<br>Diabetology |

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| 3. Jose Fabella Hospital                    | Obstetrics-Gynecology         |
| 4. Jose R. Reyes Memorial<br>Medical Center | Radiology<br>Surgery<br>EENT  |
| 5. San Lazaro Hospital                      | Infectious Diseases           |
| 6. Tondo General Hospital                   | Surgery                       |
| 7. Philippine Heart Center                  | Cardiovascular Diseases       |
| 8. Lung Center of<br>the Philippines        | Radiology &<br>Chest Diseases |
| 9. National Kidney<br>Institute             | Nephrology                    |

The BRL shall continue to be the referral center for confirmatory examination such as Hepatitis-B Surface Antigen, HIV, and such other tests that may require their expertise.


The RITM shall continue to be the referral center for confirmatory testing for HIV test.

The Peer Review Committee's expert opinion and/or recommendations shall be officially requested by the BLR and the reply shall likewise be officially transmitted to the Director, BLR.

The names of the Chairperson and members of each Committee shall be submitted to the Undersecretary, DHFSR, within fourteen (14) days from the date of this order.

This order shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance by everyone concerned.

  
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