

Dear all,

This is to inform you that Dr Sekar and self met the Health secretary, Union Govt followed by a meeting with the Board of Governors headed by Dr S K Sareen on 23 Aug 2010. We were heard by the Governing Board regarding starting MCh Vascular Surgery program outside Tamil Nadu and the problem of getting teachers with MCh degrees. We also explained that the country needs 2000 Vascular Surgeons where as we have only 100 and something needs to be done. The Governing Board instructed us to make a Concept note and Vision 2020 document along with details of incidence, requirement and projection and methodology for starting the MCh program. They gave us less than 24 hours to present it to them as their Governing Board was meeting the next day.

Dr Sekar and self prepared this document in consultation with Dr K R Suresh and I had a meeting with the Board yesterday. I addressed all their queries as per our discussions between the three of us.

We are delighted to inform you that the MCI has asked all eligible teaching institutions to apply for MCh Vascular Surgery and they will give the waiver of MCh teachers as per Clause 11(c) and institutions have a senior Vascular surgeon with 6-8 years experience along with some Junior faculty will be granted permission to start the MCh program. This is a major achievement as we can start this program in many places. I would like to place on record, the persistence and perseverance of our President Dr N Sekar and the silent support of Dr K R Suresh due to which we have been able to get this breakthrough.

I therefore request all eligible institutions to apply keeping Dr Sekar and me in the loop so that we can help you in expediting these cases.

Best wishes

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