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Dear Dr. Edara,

I am most grateful to you for sharing the letter of Dr. Suresh Reddy making excellent suggestions. Let me respond to a couple of them.

The discipline of Family Medicine has not evolved in the country. There is also a need to create demand for this speciality in the public and private sectors. The fact that only 3 colleges and only 10-12 Family Medicine seats are in operation, it is clear that even in the private sector has no demand. How do we create such a demand? There is a need to develop India-specific family health PG programme. We need to borrow best experiences from the Family Medicine training in US and the GP system of UK. We have not yet envisioned what the Family Medicine specialists of India should look like. Your guidance on the subject is welcome.

On the issue of allocating PGs to Asstt. Professors, it needs to be clarified that in the MCI system, an Asstt. Professor has only one year post-MD/MS experience. He is, therefore like a Fellow in the US. I guess an Asstt. Professor has at least three years of experience after obtaining PG degree in the US, and that is more like an Associate Professor in the MCI system.

I agree that the private hospital system should be fully employed for postgraduate training. Specialists' training is essentially an apprenticeship experience in the spirit of William Osler's paradigm. The National Board Examination works on that approach. But there are only 7800 DNB/FNB seats. This can be raised to 25000 seats if the private sector comes forward fully. It will be very useful if we can ensure that all private hospitals make it a point to run DNB/FNB programmes to their fullest capacity. I shall be glad to discuss the issue with you in person.

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I really appreciate your very valuable suggestions. I apologize for the delay.

With best regards,

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

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