LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Between:
The Canadian College of Medical Geneticists (CCMG) and The American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG)

1. Purpose, Effective Date and Termination

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding between Canadian College of Medical Geneticists (CCMG) and American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) is to formalize the recognition of accredited training equivalence for the purpose of credentialing for certification.

The terms of this Letter of Agreement shall be effective as of December 17, 2020.

Either party may terminate this Letter of Understanding by giving the other party 12 months prior written notice. Training programs will no longer be recognized as equivalent as of the date of termination. Trainees who completed their training at recognized programs prior to that date will not be affected.

2. Reciprocity of Training Programs:

The CCMG and ABMGG each recognize as equivalent the training programs accredited by ABMGG, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), or CCMG for the following specialties or subspecialties:

A. CCMG specialty “Genetics and Genome Diagnostics” and ABMGG specialty “Laboratory Genetics and Genomics”;
   • Equivalent to training in both CCMG clinical specialties of Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics
   • Equivalent to training in both ABMGG specialties of Clinical Cytogenetics and Genomics and Molecular Genetics and Genomics
B. CCMG specialty “Laboratory Biochemical Genetics” and ABMGG specialty “Clinical Biochemical Genetics”;
C. CCMG subspecialty “Clinical Biochemical Genetics” and ABMGG subspecialty “Medical Biochemical Genetics”).

The CCMG and ABMGG do not recognize as equivalent the training programs for the following specialties/subspecialties:
• ACGME-accredited residency training in Medical Genetics and Genomics and CCMG-accredited Clinical Genetics fellowship training;
• ACGME-accredited subspecialty training in Medical Biochemical Genetics and CCMG-accredited Laboratory Biochemical Genetic fellowship training, unless the trainee previously completed a Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Medical Genetics and Genomics residency program.

3. Reciprocity of Credentialing for Eligibility to Sit an Examination

Candidates for specialty or subspecialty certification are required to complete all credentialing requirements of the credentialing body (ABMGG or CCMG) to which they are applying, in order to sit each certifying examination. The credentialing requirements of the CCMG and the ABMGG are determined by the respective Boards, and it is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that they have completed all requirements of the credentialing body to which they are applying.

Candidates are not required either to take or pass the certifying examination of the Board in their country of training to be eligible for application to the other Board’s credentialing process.

4. Reciprocal eligibility of Fellows/Diplomates

Certification by the CCMG or the ABMGG in one of the specialties cited in Section 2 A, B or C will be considered evidence of successful completion of accredited training. However, credentialing requirements are strictly defined by each individual Board.

This Letter of Understanding will be mutually reviewed every five years, or whenever significant changes to the training guidelines of either organization occurs.

5. Limitation of Warranties

Neither party makes any warranties, representations, claims or guarantees of any nature whatsoever, expressed or implied. All warranties, representations, claims or guarantees of any nature, express and implied, are hereby excluded, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

6. Limitation of Liability

Neither party nor any of its directors, officers, employees or representatives shall be liable for any: (a) damages arising out of this Letter of Understanding; or (b) indirect, special, consequential, exemplary, punitive or incidental damages of any kind or for any reason whatsoever.
7. Amendment

This Letter of Understanding may only be amended by written agreement duly executed by authorized representatives of the parties.

Signed by:
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