Application for Recognition as an IADVL Fellowship Centre

- 1. Initial Application/Renewal: Renewal
- 2. Speciality: Dermatopathology
- 3. Program Director:
 - a. Name: Dr. Susanne Pulimood, Professor & Head, Dept. of DVL b.Qualification including year of passing: MD,DD (1993)
 - c: Experience in the field: 24 years
- 4. Other faculty (please specify whether full time or part time): All are full time faculty of the Institution (Working hours:8am 4.30pm)

Dermatology

- 1. Dr. Renu George, MD (Professor)
- 2. Dr. Dincy Peter, MD (Professor)
- 3. Dr. Leni George, MD (Associate Professor)
- 4. Dr. Dharshini S, MD(Associate Professor)
- 5. Dr. Lydia Mathew, MD (Assistant Professor)
- 6. Dr. Anu Anna George, MD(Assistant Professor)
- 7. Dr. Venkatraman M, MD (Assistant Professor)
- 8. Dr. Ankan Gupta, MD (Assistant Professor)
- 9. Dr. Gauri Dinesh Mahabal, MD (Assistant Professor)

Pathology

- 1. Dr. Meera Thomas, MD (Professor)
- 2. Dr. Ishita G, MD (Assistant Professor)
- 3. Dr. Ramesh Babu, MD (Assistant Professor)
- 5. Department: Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy
- 6. Institution: Christian Medical College, Vellore
- 7. Address: Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore-632004.
- 8. University affiliation for Dermatology, Venereology/Leprosy and for Fellowship speciality (if applicable):

The Postgraduate training programme is affiliated to Tamilnadu Dr. MGR Medical University.

The dermatopathology fellowship is not affiliated to the University.

9. Does the Institute have specific restrictions on Fellowship candidates? Yes/No. If Yes, please give details:

The fellowship candidate will not be permitted to examine or do procedures on patients in CMCH

- 10. Does the Fellowship entail any financial implication for the candidate other than that stipulated by the IADVL? Yes/No. If Yes, please give details:
- 11. Number of days the outpatient clinic runs: 6 days
- 12. Approximate daily attendance of patients in the department:

a. Outpatient attendance: 350 patients/day

b: In-patient attendance: 20 patients/day

13. For departments with other faculty will the candidate be allowed access to the OT / equipment on the days of other faculty.?

Allowed to see histopathology slides on all days

14. Faculty who will be in-charge if the programme director goes on long leave or quits the department.

Dr. Dincy Peter/Dr. Renu George

15. Number of years for which the department /institution has been carrying out similar work

Details of the speciality

Dermatopathology is an integral part of our academic program.

- i. Histopathology slides of all the patient from whom biopsies are done are viewed in the Dermatology department to facilitate clinic-pathological correlation from the 1960s.
- ii. Dermatopathology sessions are held for registrars.
- iii. Interdepartment dermatopathology sessions held once a month in the Pathology

Department. 10 headed microscope is available for this in the Pathology department.

iv. Dermatology trainees are posted in the Pathology department for a period of 3 weeks to

learn the basics of tissue processing, IF techniques, etc..

- v. Transmission electron microscope is also available in the institution and skin biopsies are sent for ultrastructral studies, usually for research pruposes.
- vi. Additional tests like molecular genetics for tumors and other disorders eg. TCR gene rearrangement studies for cutaneous lyjmphomas are done in the institution.

The dermatopathology fellowship was instituted in 1989 by the IADVL

16. In house details.

a. Equipment: Pertaining to the Specialty

MICROSCOPES:

Microscopes - 2 Teaching microscope with TV screen

7 microscopes

Venereology -1 Darkfield microscope

b. Facilities (e.g. library):

Department library & Institutional library

Departmental library: Total Number of Books- 347

Journals -7

Institutional library: Total Number of Books-132

Journals- 6

Dermatology Laboratory- (Centre is recognized for Dermatology Lab technology course) Melanocyte-Keratinocyte transfer laboratory

Dermatoscope Hand held dermatoscope – 3- Delta 20, Hiene Videodermatoscope – 1, Trichovision, Fotofinder

Minor theatre

Phototherapy and Laser suites

c. Space:

Teaching Space

Class room 18ft6in x 13ft6in (250 sq ft)

Demonstration room 11ft 3in x 14ft (157 sq ft)

Seminar room 16.3ft x 16.6ft (268sqft)

Waiting area for patients.

15 ft \times 20 ft, \times 2 - 600 sq ft

- d. Opportunities for basic or clinical research: Not applicable for fellowship candidates
- e. Details of weekly academic activities undertaken by department: Annexure 1
- f. Details of presentations/publications/research in the specialty from the department/institution in the last 2 years:

Annexure 2

17. Has similar training been offered by the department? Yes

If Yes, please give details (if renewal, also include number of fellows trained):

18 candidates. We have been training allotted candidates in dermatopathology since 1990. The training is conducted in the Dermatology & Pathology departments of the Institution.

Pathology Training:

Candidates are posted in the Pathology department under the dermatopathologist. The candidate is taught basics of slide preparation in the Pathology department. Histopathology slides are shown to the candidate. Direct immunofluorescence and immunohistochemistry techniques and interpretation are demonstrated in the Pathology department.

Dermatology training:

The schedule of sessions are given to the candidates (Annexure 3) Each day the candidate will be given classical slides from the Dermatopathology slide archive available in the department. This will be for the followed by a session with a faculty member where in the slides will be discussed at length. There will be an examination at the end of the posting

18. Are hostel facilities available? Yes/No. If Yes, please indicate the charges:

No

- 19. Brief description of the intended training program (daily and weekly routine), including details of the curriculum:
 - i. Introduction to histopathology techniques
 - ii. Demonstration of histopathology slides
 - iii. Demonstration of special stains
 - iv. Demonstration of Direct immunofluorescence techniques

v. Demonstration of immunohistochemistry relevant to Dermatology

20. Will trainees get hands on training?

This is not applicable to dermatopathology. Trainees will not be allowed to do biopsies.

Signature and stamp:

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