

Tuesday March 15, 2022

Dr. Aleksey Sozinov
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Re: Impact of Russia war on Ukraine on Royal College International – Kazan State Medical University

Dear Dr. Aleksey Sozinov,

The Board of Directors (BoD) of Royal College International (RCI) held a special meeting on Monday March 14, 2022, to discuss the ongoing war in Ukraine perpetrated by Russian forces, and the enormous impact this is having on millions Ukrainian citizens. All of us have witnessed the severity of this conflict on innocent civilians, and the many forms of responses from the global community in support of Ukraine.

Following the BoD's deliberations, it was determined that RCI must pause our engagement with Kazan State Medical University (KSMU) forthwith, including all activities and Contract Statements of Work (CSOWs) under our Collaboration Services Agreement (CSA). The implications of this decision will result in the following:

1. Resident trainees within the Internal Medicine (English Program) that have recently challenged the written specialty exam on February 28, 2022, will be invited to challenge the practical exam.
2. RCI is hereby pausing all scheduled activities with KSMU and pausing the negotiation of any further CSOWs under our CSA until the Board of RCI determines conditions are acceptable for re-engagement. The completed diagnostic reviews (Neurology, May 2021; Pediatrics, February 2022) will be accepted as valid prerequisites to submission of the program applications should these submissions be possible within the three-year window required by the Royal College's international accreditation policy.



3. KSMU's current CSA with RCI will expire on September 8, 2022. A renewal of this agreement must be paused by RCI until the Board of RCI determines conditions are acceptable for re-engagement. The accreditation status of the Internal Medicine (English Program) will be managed in accordance with the Royal College Policy for addressing delays in the international residency education accreditation process.

The BoD of RCI has come to these decisions after careful deliberation and concern for not only the welfare of the Ukrainian people, but also to ensure the reputation of the Royal College and RCI are not harmed through our collaboration. This decision was a difficult one to make; however, given the circumstances, necessary.

Sincerely,

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