

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Directorate of Medical Education**  
**Swasthya Bhavan, GN-29,**  
**Salt Lake City, Kol-700091**

No. HF/O/MERT/W-67/2017/M/1475

Dated, Kolkata, the 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**MEMO**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has recently been approached with many petitions for late termination of pregnancy beyond 20 weeks. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has been deciding upon these cases on case -to case basis based on the Opinion of Medical Boards specially constituted for the purpose at State level premier medical institutes. The solicitor General of India on behalf of the Court has requested the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that "Central Government should ensure that because such cases of abortion/termination of pregnancy may require urgent/immediate action because of the life of the child in the womb/the mother, that a permanent Medical Board should be formed and be in place in each district or at least at Commissionerate so that people who need such help can easily be examined by the Medical Board and immediate/urgent action can be taken". All States and Union Territories are requested by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI to establish such Medical Board.

2. Hence, it has been decided to establish one permanent Medical Board at **IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata**, which will examine such MTP cases when referred from the Court and ensure urgent/ immediate action.

3. The composition of the Medical Board is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Members' Name	Designation
1.	<b>Medical Superintendent &amp; Vice Principal, IPGME&amp;R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
2.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Gynaecology &amp; Obstetrics, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Convener</b>
3.	Senior Faculty not below the rank of Associate Professor from the Department of Gynaecology, IPGME&R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.	<b>Member</b>
4.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Paediatric Medicine, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
5.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Neonatology, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
6.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Paediatric Surgery, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
7.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Radiology, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
8.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Neurology, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
9.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Cardiology, ICVS, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
10.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Cardiothoracic &amp; Vascular Surgery, ICVS, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>
11.	<b>Head of the Department, Department of Forensic Medicine, IPGME&amp;R- SSKM Hospital, Kolkata.</b>	<b>Member</b>

Further,

i) Among the two specialists from Department of Gynaecology & Obstetrics, IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital one should be a female;

ii) Specialist member(s) may be co-opted by the Chairperson as and when required

4. Where opinion of Medical Board is sought by the Hon'ble Supreme Court/High Court/ District Court in any case of MTP, the Medical Board will examine the case and submit the report to the concerned court in time stipulated by the Court.

5. This has the approval of Principal Secretary of this Department.

6. All concerned are being informed.

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. DHS & E.O. Secy., Govt. of West Bengal.
2. Special Secretary, MERT;
3. Joint Secretary, MERT;
4. Joint Secretary, MA;
5. Director, IPGME&R, Kolkata;
6. Medical Superintendent and Vice Principal, IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata;  
(MSVP, IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital may convey the information to the members);
7. Senior PA to Principal Secretary (H);
8. IT Cell of this Department.

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