Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

i) to bring the course under joint arrangements between Continuing Education and Medical Sciences

ii) to amend the assessment requirements to promote wider coverage of the syllabus

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013

P 1064 Delete line from 44 to page 1065 line 42 and insert the attached text

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