

## **Brief Curriculum Vitae & Statement of Intent**

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“MMC as the legitimate body that regulates Registered Medical Practitioners in this country needs to seriously address the following pertinent issues:

1. The number of medical students needs to be tightly regulated to ensure that there will be no long breaks before starting their housemanship. Internationally accepted housemen to patients’ ratio need to be adhered to thus ensuring that we produced quality house officers, the basis for a respectable medical fraternity and a bright future.
2. The uncertainty of medical graduates’ future employment vis a vis their short contract employment and postgraduate training can only be addressed if annual entry into the work force is tightly scrutinised right from the moment they enter both local and overseas medical schools so that the eventual number that graduated annually can be conscientiously sustained by the Ministry of Health and the government.
3. MMC should support efforts made by medical NGOs such as MMA, FPMPAM etc to reduce unnecessary restrictive regulations that currently governs the various aspects of private and general practices. Such restraining measures are putting off doctors from pursuing what used to be a noble pursuit that of family centric private practice.
4. Unfair practices such as fee splitting etc by MCOs need to be redressed so private practitioners can maintain a decent standard of living and not solely go for the number of patients at the expense of meticulous and quality care.
5. MMC as a professional regulatory body should articulate the need for the annual government budget allocation for health services to be systematically increased in order to match those of developed countries to meet the ever increasing demands of healthcare in this country.
6. There is a dire need to revamp the current Online Merits System of APC applications with a more user friendly and reliable IT programme.”

