



## **PHILIPPINE OBSTETRICAL AND GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

### **PHILIPPINE BOARD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (PBOG)**

#### **INFORMED CONSENT**

#### **ON THE POTENTIAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH TAKING THE *PBOG PART 1 CERTIFYING EXAMINATION***

**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.**

*You are given this informed consent form because the Philippine Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Inc. (POGS) and the Philippine Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (PBOG) encourage your participation in the PBOG Part 1 Certifying examination.*

*All known precautions are taken to safeguard all examinees, but the POGS/PBOG cannot guarantee your absolute safety from any potential source of infection. You are asked to sign this form to signify your consent to participate in the said activity despite the potential risks.*

#### **INFORMATION SHEET**

##### **Introduction and Purpose of the Activity**

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a pandemic with confirmed cases nearing twenty million (20,000,000) and despite its decline during the last five months in the Philippines, the threat of an upsurge remains.

Following its mandate of certifying specialists in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and in view of the present Covid-19 situation, and to allow the examinees to take the examination without the problems attendant to a virtual examination, the PBOG will be giving the Part 1 certifying examination face-to-face.

##### **Procedure**

The POGS/PBOG are instituting health safety protocols to ensure the safety of all examinees, as well as the POGS and PBOG personnel involved in the conduct of the

examination. Listed below are the established best practices and their respective percentages of risk reduction of COVID-19 transmission:

- 95% if you use N95 mask, 76% for surgical mask
- 90% if there is distance of 1 meter, 92% if 2 meters

## **Risks**

By participating in the examination, it is possible that you will be exposed to COVID-19. There is, for example, a chance that you might contract the virus while transporting to the venue. Although reduced in number with the mandatory minimum distances between examinees, you will still be staying in a room together with other examinees for several hours. The rooms, however, will have proper ventilation and have adequate air exchanges. Nonetheless, we assure you that the POGS/PBOG will implement all known safety measures prescribed by the Omnibus Guidelines of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) and the recommendations of the scientific community to reduce the possibility of infection.

You still have the responsibility to weigh the risks against the benefits. Your judgment and discernment will guide you in deciding whether to take the certifying examination or not.

## **Alternative to Participating in the certifying examination**

As a rule, examinees who fail to take the certifying examination will be considered absent and need to re-apply and pay for the next exam. By way of exemption, if you fail to participate in the examination because of health reasons, travel restrictions or any other valid reasons, please inform the PBOG Secretariat within a week prior to the exam. You will be allowed to take the next scheduled certifying examination, provided that the requirements mentioned herein are complied with.

## **Post Examination Requirement**

Fifteen (15) days, after the examination, we require the examinees to submit a post-exam health status update (*Annex C*) to help the examinees and future conduct of certifying examinations. The form can be downloaded as an attachment to the INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINEES of PART 1 and this can be sent online to [pbog2010@gmail.com](mailto:pbog2010@gmail.com).

**Agreement to Participate:** If you agree to participate in the certifying examination, please indicate so by signing on the specified space below.

Thank you.

## CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, of legal age, residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, First Name Middle Name)  
\_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood  
(Address)  
the information and the potential health risks explained in this form. Despite such risks, I agree to take the Philippine Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology Part 1 Certifying Examination on JULY 10, 2022. I do hereby confirm and declare, that I am participating in this event on my own free will and volition.

In relation thereto, I hold POGS/PBOG, entirely free from any liability or responsibility in the event that I contract COVID-19 during the period of this examination.

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Name of Examinee and Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Name of Witness and Signature

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Date