



Notice of Reporting Inaccuracy in Royal College Psychiatry Exam

Ottawa, June 17, 2011 – The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada recently discovered a reporting inaccuracy which impacts the results of a small number of candidates who took the Royal College Psychiatry Exam during the week of May 2-5, 2011. Eleven candidates were erroneously issued a pass status who had failed the examination, and four candidates were issued a fail status who had passed. The source of the inaccuracy was solely a human error during the manual transfer of data.

"We sincerely apologize and deeply regret any disappointment and difficulty this has caused the candidates," says Dr. Andrew Padmos, Chief Executive Officer, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. "This is an isolated case and does not affect examinations in other disciplines or in other years."

The Royal College has conducted a thorough verification of the marks for all Psychiatry Exam components for each candidate. The executive of the Psychiatry Examination Board has confirmed all examination results.

"The Royal College is dedicated to setting the highest standards in postgraduate medical education through national certification examinations. We are taking immediate action to ensure our quality assurance procedures prevent this type of error from reoccurring," says Dr. Padmos.

The Royal College is also providing pertinent partner organizations including universities and the provincial licensing authorities with the correct examination results for the affected candidates.

About the Royal College

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