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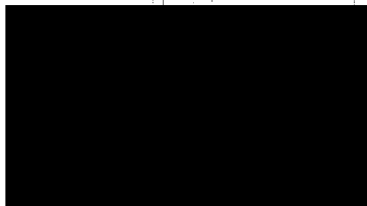
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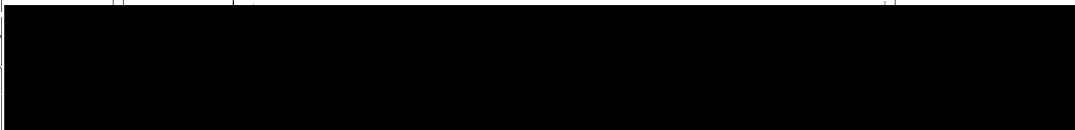
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1. Q: Are all medical schools in Rumania state controlled?  
A: Yes, they are state owned and controlled.
2. Q: Are the requirements for entrance, the curricula and requirements for graduation standardized in all medical schools?  
A: Yes, they are standardized throughout Rumania.
3. Q: What are the requirements for entrance into a medical school?  
A: Four years of elementary education; completion of eight years of lyceum (high school and pre-medical) with a passing grade in state administered examinations sufficient to earn a baccalaureate degree either in the arts or the sciences; and a passing grade in a competitive examination for entrance into the medical school. The percentage of failures in this latter examination averages about thirty per cent.
4. Q: Do political factors play any part in the selection of students for medical training?  
A: Given equal grades, the authorities will prefer the sons of laborers and peasants to all other candidates. This is a consequence of the Communist administration.
5. Q: Could you describe the curriculum of courses required to be taken to qualify for a degree in medicine?  
A: The medical course requires six years of study. The first three years are given over to the theoretical sciences and constitute the pre-clinical years. The following courses are requisite:

Anatomy	2 years	Histology	2 years
Physiology	2 years	Biochemistry	1 year
General Chemistry	1 year	Bacteriology	2 years
Physics	1 year	Pathology	1 year

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The second three years are clinical years. The following courses are requisite:

Internal Medicine	3 years	Dermatology	1 year
Pharmacology	1 year	Physiology	1 year
Surgery	3 years	Obstetrics and Gynecology	1 year
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2 years	Urology	1 year
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat	1 year	Dentistry	1 year

6. Q: What are the requirements for graduation?  
 A: A student is required to pass each of the courses listed above with a grade of six or better. Six would be the equivalent of a C under the US school system. Examinations are written and oral or oral only. In addition, the student must pass a practical examination in all of the clinical courses. Upon successful completion of all the courses with the proper passing grade, the student, prior to 1946, became an "Absolvent in Medicine". As such he qualified to prepare a self-selected thesis upon which he worked for several months. When completed the thesis was defended before a board composed of the medical school's faculty. If successfully defended the student then received his Diploma awarding him the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. The thesis requirement was dropped in 1946.
7. Q: Would the student then be required to pass a special examination to qualify for the practice of medicine in Rumania?  
 A: No. Since all schools are state owned and controlled, the receipt of a degree and diploma is tantamount to a license to practice. When the Diploma is awarded to the student, notice is sent by the University to the Department of Health to that effect. This notice immediately qualifies the candidate to practice medicine.
8. Q: Do the medical school or the state authorities require a period of internship prior to actual public practice?  
 A: No, internship is not required in Rumania.
9. Q: Is the information given in this report applicable to the situation as it existed under the Communist regime in 1947 prior to your departure?  
 A: In 1946 the Communist administration dropped the requirement for a thesis as a prerequisite to awarding the degree. In all other respects the system of education remained unchanged.

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