



HONG KONG INTERCOLLEGIATE BOARD OF SURGICAL COLLEGES

Announcement on new format (OSCE) of MHKICBSC Part 3 Exam

13 July 2010

Dear All,

The Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges (HKICBSC) will change the current format (viva and clinical components) of HKICBSC Membership Examination – Part 3 to Objective Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE) with effect from March 2011. The last diet of current format of clinical components for candidates passing Viva Components in previous Part 3 Examinations will be conducted in parallel with the first diet of OSCE format in March 2011.

The introduction of the Part 3 exam (OSCE) aims to examine the competency of trainees and is in line with the development of a similar examination system in United Kingdom which is found to be more equivalent to the daily activities of a Basic Surgical Trainee.

For candidates who have taken the HKICBSC Membership Exam during the period from March 2008 to September 2010, and have not yet passed the current format of Part 3 examination will be required to sit for the Part 3 (OSCE) examination from 2011 and pass the examination within the period specified in the Examination Regulations. Candidates holding partial pass (i.e. passed in viva component) of current Part 3 examination could have their last chance to enroll in current format (clinical components only) in March 2011 or otherwise, they have to enroll in the new examination and there is no exemption from any of the stations.

As for new candidates, the eligibility for sitting the Part 3 (OSCE) examination and the period of completion of the HKICBSC Membership Examination remains unchanged as specified in the Examination Regulations.

Further details of Part 3 (OSCE) examination will be announced and updated on the website at www.cshk.org once available.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr Hung-to LUK
Censor-in Chief
Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

22 November 2007

Dear All,

I am glad to announce that Part 1 and Part 2 of the new Membership Examination of the Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges (HKICBSC) were smoothly conducted on 6 November 2007.

As all of you know, this new examination, wholly run by the HKICBSC, is meant to replace the old Conjoint Intermediate Examination (RCSE/HKICBSC) since the latter is going to fade out in United Kingdom. Yet, for the benefits of the trainees who have already passed part of the old examination, HKICBSC will continue to organize the old examination until the end of 2008. Therefore, the “old” and the “new” Membership Examinations will run in parallel in the year 2008.

As for eligibility, only candidates who have joined and passed part of the old examination will be allowed to enroll for the old examination. Other candidates can only sit for the new examination. Nevertheless, candidates of the old system are welcome to take the new examination if they wish to do so.

I hope I have clarified the current situation and won't confuse any of our trainees on this matter.

Thank you very much for your attention!

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Hung-to LUK
Censor-in-Chief
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