

OVERVIEW OF THE GENERAL COMPREHENSIVE CLINICAL EXAMINATION (CE1)

Section One

This section outlines information about the examination.

Purpose

The purpose of the General Comprehensive Clinical Examination (CE1) is to evaluate each candidate's general knowledge, skills, attitude and behaviour. The skills evaluated can include history taking, physical examination, data interpretation, clinical problem solving, diagnosis, management skills, ethics, safety, interviewing and communication.

The objectivity of the CE1 is achieved by using standardized guidelines for the administration of the examination, the use of trained Physician Examiners and standardized patients, and consistent scoring sheets. Scores are given to the candidates by the examiners on the basis of the candidate's performance at each station.

Format

The format for the General Comprehensive Clinical Examination (CE1) is an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), consisting of 12 stations depicting various clinical scenarios.

Each candidate rotates through the same series of stations. Each station is 10 minutes in length with 2 minutes between stations.

At each station, a brief written statement introduces a clinical problem and directs the candidate to the knowledge, skills and abilities being evaluated. In each station there is a standardized patient and a Physician Examiner. The standardized patient has been trained to consistently portray a patient. Candidates should interact with the standardized patients as they would with their own patients.

The Physician Examiner observes the patient encounter. After 7 minutes with the standardized patient, the candidate will respond to a series of standardized oral questions posed by the Physician Examiner.



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Equipment

To ensure familiarity with equipment, all candidates are responsible for bringing a lab coat and their own diagnostic kit (e.g., lab coat, stethoscope and reflex hammer). No other equipment will be permitted (i.e. no ophthalmoscopes, no penlights, no PDA, no handbooks). All other required equipment and supplies (e.g. penlight, ophthalmoscope, pens, pencils, paper) will be provided.