

Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

Urology

Guide to the Scope and Format of the Examination

Candidates are advised to consult the Urology syllabus as published on the JSCFE website

Section 1 is a written test* composed of two Single Best Answer papers. These papers are carefully prepared to cover the curriculum content which can be best assessed in this way. A process of standard setting is performed by trained and experienced examiners to set the eligibility to proceed mark. Section 1 examinations are delivered via computer based testing at pre-selected world-wide Pearson VUE Test Centres.

Candidates must meet the required standard in Section 1 in order to gain eligibility to proceed to Section 2.

Paper 1 120 Single Best Answer [SBA] (2 hours 15 mins)

Paper 2 120 Single Best Answer [SBA] (2 hours 15 mins)

* Case, S.M. & Swanson, D.B. (2001). Constructing written test questions for basic and clinical sciences. 3rd Edn. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), Philadelphia, USA.
www.nbme.org/PDF/ItemWriting_2003/2003IWGwhole.pdf (retrieved on 15/12/2006).

Section 2 is the clinical component consisting of a series of carefully designed and structured scenario-based interviews. The Section 2 examinations will be held in pre-selected world-wide host centres.

Oral examinations

The format of the examination will be eight 20 minute structured clinical scenario sessions as follows:

Session 1 [2 x 20 minutes]

Urological oncology [kidney & bladder]
Urological oncology [prostate, testis and penis]

Session 2 [2 x 20 minutes]

Paediatric urology
Emergency urology

Session 3 [2 x 20 minutes]

Calculi & urinary tract infections
Urological imaging and principles of urological technology

Session 4 [2 x 20 minutes]

Bladder dysfunction and gynaecological aspects of urology
BPH and andrology

The Intercollegiate Specialty Board in Urology reserves the right to modify the format of the examination.