

# Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

## Otolaryngology

### Guide to the Scope and Format of the Examination

Candidates are advised to consult the Otolaryngology 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edn. National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), Philadelphia, USA.  
[www.nbme.org/PDF/ItemWriting\\_2003/2003IWGwhole.pdf](http://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

4 x 30 minute orals

- Otolaryngology including Neuro-Otology
- Head & Neck Surgery
- Paediatric Otolaryngology
- Rhinology & Facial Plastics - (Facial Plastics will cover otoplasty, rhinoplasty, flap reconstruction, excision of facial lesions, suturing techniques, tissue handling & assessment of patients undergoing cosmetic procedures)

Pertinent to which, candidates should have a knowledge of Basic Sciences, Clinical presentation and progression of disease processes, Investigative procedures, Management policy of disease processes, Operative techniques, including reconstruction.

#### Clinical examinations

Clinical short cases (two 20 minute sessions) on the following domains:

- Otolaryngology including Neuro-Otology, Paediatric Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery and
- Rhinology & Facial Plastics

No patients will be present. Clinical Scenarios are used for each Case.

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