

# Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

## Cardiothoracic Surgery

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

Candidates are advised to consult the Cardiothoracic Surgery 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.

#### Clinical examinations

- a) Cardiac surgery intermediate cases (x3 10 minute clinical)
- b) Thoracic surgery intermediate cases (x3 10 minute clinical)

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

#### Oral examinations

- c) Cardiac surgery (40 minutes). This will include 10 minutes on Cardiac images and equipment
- d) Thoracic surgery (40 minutes). This will include 10 minutes on Thoracic images and equipment

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