

Standing Committees

Examination Committee's Report

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1. Examination Committee Meetings

Four Examination Committee Meetings were held in 2008-09. The Coordinators for different examinations were appointed as follows: Dr. Chan Hin Bui and Dr. Betty Young for DCH Part IA and DCH clinical examination; Prof. Y L Lau and Dr. Leung Chi Wai for MRCPCH Part IB; Prof. P C Ng, Dr. W H Lee and Dr. Winnie Tse for MRCPCH Part II written and Clinical examination of the Joint MRCPCH / Intermediate Examination, and; Dr. Chan Hin Bui for Exit Assessment. Within the year, there were a total of 11 examinations / assessments held, including three Part IA & IB Examinations, three Part II written Examinations, two Part II Clinical Examinations, two Exit Assessments, and one DCH Clinical Examination.

2. Joint Intermediate / MRCPCH Examinations

Prof. P C Ng, Dr. Chan Hin Bui, Prof. Y L Lau, Dr. W H Lee, Dr Leung Chi Wai and Dr. Betty Young represented the College to attend the respective RCPCH Examination Part I and Part II Board meetings in UK. Through these meetings, they obtained first hand information on the rules and the latest development of different aspects of the examinations. The Committee has recruited three new MRCPCH examiners, Dr Leung Chi Wai, Dr Daniel Ng Kwok Keung and Dr Winnie Tse Wing Yee and their applications have been approved by the RCPCH.

The MRCPCH clinical examination, which has taken the format of OSCE, has run smoothly and successfully in the past 5 years. A musculo-skeletal (MSK) station has been introduced

in February 2009 to assess candidates' ability to test locomotor function, including various joints and gait.

The RCPCCH has implemented a new rule for retaking MRCPCCH Part I examination in September 2008. All candidates, regardless of when and where they sat their Part I, need only to retake the Part IB. Also, from October 2008, examination results are available online for candidates to view.

Results of MRCPCCH Examinations:

Part I Examination (13 January 2009)

	<i>Pass /attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
IA	6/20	30 %
IB	4/31	13 %

Part I Examination (12 May 2009)

IA	6/9	67 %
IB	17/22	77 %

Part I Examination (8 September 2009)

IA	14/31	45 %
IB	7/30	23 %

Part II Examination (10 December 2008)	4/12	33 %
Part II Examination (15 April 2009)	4/19	21 %
Part II Examination (19 August 2009)	18/22	82 %
Part II Examination (16 December 2009)	Pending	Pending

Clinical Examination (11-12 November 2008)	6/17	35 %
Clinical Examination (24-25 Feb 2009)	2/9	22 %
Clinical Examination (3-4 Nov 2009)	pending	pending

Examiners for the February 2009 MRCPCCH Clinical Examination at Prince of Wales Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital included: Dr. Leena Patel (Senior Examiner), Dr. Ted Wozniak, Dr. Joanna Walker, Dr. Li Chi Kong (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Hin Bui, Dr. William Wong, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. Chiu Man Chun (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Kwok Yin, Dr. Chow Chun Bong and Prof. Virginia Wong.

Examiners for the November 2009 MRCPCH Clinical Examination at Queen Mary Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital included: Dr. Janet Anderson (Senior Examiner), Dr. Mike Hall, Dr. Janet Nicholls, Dr. Tsoi Nai Shun (Host Examiner), Dr. Ha Shau Yin, Dr. Leung Chi Wai, Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Dr. Ng Yin Ming (Host Examiner), Dr. Cheung Kam Lau, Dr. Winnie Tse and Dr. Yau Fai To.

3. Exit Assessment

Two Assessments were conducted, one in December 2008 and one in June 2009. Both were held at the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building. There will be a change in the examination format in December 2009 so that the assessment time for dissertation will be reduced to 10 minutes, whereas the assessment time for service-related issues will be increased to 15 minutes.

The results of the two Assessments were as follows:

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Exit Assessment (16 December 2008)	5/5	100 %
Exit Assessment (16 June 2009)	11/11	100 %

Assessors for Exit Assessment in December 2008 included: Dr. Chau Kai Tung, Dr. Ha Shau Yin, Dr. Huen Kwai Fun, Dr. Lee Wai Hong, Prof. P.C. Ng, Dr. Winnie Tse Wing Yee.

Assessors for Exit Assessment in June 2009 included: Dr. Chan Kwok Yin, Dr. Cheung Pik To, Dr. Chow Chun Bong, Dr. Kwong Ngai Shan, Dr. Leung Chi Wai, Prof. Lau Yu Lung, Dr. So Lok Yee, Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Prof. Virginia Wong, Dr. William Wong, Dr. Betty Young, Dr. Yuen Hui Leung.

4. Diploma of Child Health

The DCH clinical examination has also changed to the OSCE format similar to that of the MRCPCH clinical examination. The Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital had successfully served as the host centre for the DCH clinical examination in November 2009.

Results of DCH Examinations

	<i>Pass/attendance</i>	<i>Pass rate</i>
Clinical Examination (13 Nov 2008)	8/11	73 %
Part IA (13 January 2009)	0/2	0 %
Part IA (12 May 2009)	0/1	0 %
Part IA (8 September 2009)	4/4	100 %
Clinical Examination (5 Nov 2009)	Pending	Pending

Examiners for the November 2009 DCH Clinical Examination at PYNEH included: Dr. Janet Anderson (Senior Examiner), Dr. Mike Hall, Dr. Janet Nicholls, Dr. Betty Young (Host Examiner), Dr. Chan Hin Biu and Dr. Kelvin Liu.

5. Chairman's message

The Chairman and members would like to welcome Dr. Wong Sik Nin, Dr. William Wong and Dr. Leung Chi Wai who have joined the Examination Committee earlier this year.

Thanks to all the host centres, the MRCPCH and DCH examinations ran very smoothly in Hong Kong. The Examination Committee will continue to organize training sessions on a regular basis for local trainees on different OSCE stations. On 6th November 2009, the training session was focused on the History, Communication and MSK stations. Dr. Janet Anderson, Dr. Mike Hall and Dr. Janet Nicholls were the UK instructors. These training sessions have proven to be particularly useful for new trainees, who would benefit considerably from knowing what to expect of them at different stations. As the 'other' station would be converted to the MSK station, a DVD on pGals has been distributed to all COS and training supervisors in Hong Kong. Hopefully, all trainees should be able to perform a competent musculo-skeletal examination. Upon request from the RCPCH, Hong Kong Centres (both MRCPCH and DCH) will contribute MCQs for discussion with UK examiners after each clinical examination. The RCPCH has formulated new guidelines for selection and subsequent approval of new clinical examiners for MRCPCH and DCH examinations, and the process is expected to be much more stringent than before. The RCPCH has also set up an Exit Examination in UK consisting of 10 stations. The format would be different from those of the MRCPCH Clinical Examination. So far, there is no plan to adopt the same format by the Hong Kong College of Paediatricians.

Above all, the Chairman and members would like to thank Prof. Fok Tai Fai and Dr. Li Chi Keung, who have retired from the Committee, for their invaluable contributions and support to the Examination Committee throughout these years.

Prof. NG Pak-cheung
Chairman, Examination Committee