Subspecialty of Paediatric Endocrinology
Guidelines for Paediatric Endocrinology Subspecialty Exit Assessment

A. Areas of Assessment

The assessment consists of 3 parts, i.e. Dissertations, Clinical Competence and Data Interpretation.

Dissertations

(a) Two papers on topics related to Paediatric Endocrinology are required, one of which, either a research study or case report must be published or accepted for publishing by a peer-reviewed journal. Only one paper on case report is allowed. At least one paper should be on Paediatric Endocrinology or Diabetes Mellitus.

- One paper on Inborn Error of Metabolism (IEM) is allowed but only valid for PE trainees who started training before 1st January 2026. Since then, paper on IEM is not accepted for PE exit assessment.

(b) The candidate must be the first author of both papers.

(c) An original thesis written for a postgraduate degree is NOT allowed.

(d) The papers are expected to be written up within the PE subspecialty (i.e. including higher training) training period. For published papers, those which are accepted prior to the commencement of the higher training period cannot be submitted. Papers which have been submitted for General Paediatrics Exit Assessment are NOT acceptable.

(e) Candidates are advised not to submit more than 2 papers. If so, he / she will be required to choose only two papers (one must be original study) for assessment.

(f) Dissertation submitted after the deadline for application will not be accepted. Candidates who fail to submit the required number of dissertations will not be able to present themselves for the PE Subspecialty Exit Assessment.

(g) If any one of the dissertations submitted by the candidate is considered as exceptionally unacceptable by the panel of the assessors, the candidate will fail the PE Subspecialty Exit Assessment irrespective of his / her overall score.

(h) The assessment of *quality of articles* (Part Ia(i)) and *viva performance* (Part Ia(ii)) will be evaluated separately for two individual articles (e.g. one case report and one original study). Candidates must achieve a minimum score of 50% in both the quality of article and viva performance components (i.e. Parts Ia(i) and Ia(ii)) for **each** article in order to pass the dissertation component (Part Ia). Candidates who fail to meet this requirement will be required to retake the dissertation component for one or more

article(s) at the next PE exit assessment, provided that all other sub-sections are passed.

(i) The candidate is expected to present and discuss their papers at the Exit Assessment. Such presentation and discussion will be subject to evaluation.

Data Interpretation

Candidates would be assessed on the interpretation of paediatric endocrine investigation results, radiological images and other clinical data that are relevant to Paediatric Endocrinology. These data for examination would be selected by the Examination Panel before the Exit Assessment. All candidates will be examined on the same set of questions.

Clinical Competence

During this assessment a candidate will be examined on at least two separate clinical problems which are designed by the examination panel. Areas of assessment would include clinical history, examination, investigations, management, patient / parent counselling, pathophysiology and genetics (if relevant). There will be prescribed areas of examination and the examiners will be given guidelines on salient points that the candidate should be able to discuss and explain.

Candidates would be assessed on the approach to problem formulation and clinical management, more than on book-knowledge and minute details. They would be assessed on their clinical judgment and competence in dealing with clinical problems. This assessment may also include evaluation of medical-legal problems and ethical issues that are related to Paediatric Endocrinology.

Note: for data interpretation (Part Ib), clinical approach (Part II(i)), management plan (Part II(ii)), and psychosocial/ethical/medico-legal considerations (Part II(iii))—candidates must obtain a minimum score of 40% in each sub-section. Failure in any one of these sub-sections will necessitate retaking the *entire* PE exit assessment.

B. Format

(1) Duration

It will be an 80-minute oral examination. There will be two examination panels. One panel of two examiners will examine on Clinical Competence, and another panel of two examiners will examine on Data Interpretation and the Dissertations.

(2) Assessors

Each candidate will be assessed by 4 assessors, among whom there is a senior assessor who will review the Subspecialty Training Program and overlook the overall examination of the candidate.

(3) Schedule

Panel	Section	Duration
A	Dissertations	15 minutes
	Data Interpretation	25 minutes
B	Clinical Competence	40 minutes

B. Marking scheme

		Marks
I.	Dissertations and Data Interpretation	
a)	Dissertations	
i)	Quality of articles _____	/20
ii)	Viva performance _____	/10
b)	Data Interpretation	
	_____	/30
II.	Clinical competence	
i)	Clinical approach _____	/15
ii)	Management plan _____	/15
iii)	Psycho-social/ethical/medico-legal _____	/10
TOTAL SCORE	_____	/100

* Total score 100, with a pass mark of 60. Candidate must also score of at least 40% in each sub-section, and at least 50% in a)I and II.

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