

## **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 (only one paper on Inborn Error of Metabolism is allowed).

(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 higher training or subspecialty 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 would be required to choose only two papers 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 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.

## 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 of the candidate.

### (3) Schedule

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

## C. Marking scheme

<u>Dissertation</u>	<u>Marks</u>
Quality of articles: _____	/20
Viva performance: _____	/10
<u>Date Interpretation</u>	
_____	/30
<u>Clinical competence</u>	
Clinical approach _____	/15
Management plan _____	/15
Psycho-social/ethical/medico-legal _____	/10
<b>TOTAL:</b> _____	/100

### Pass Mark:

Total 60 marks or above, and score of at least 40% in each sub-section, e.g. at least 8 marks in "Quality of articles".