

FRCOphth part 2 mock OSCE and Viva course: Saturday 23rd September 2017

Information for Candidates

This course will start at 9 am sharp at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital so you are required to register at 8:45 am and please report to Clinic Module B. (see map)

There will be five cycles of five candidates taking part. You will undertake one cycle of OSCEs, two of Vivas and two of the Communication Skills. Throughout there will be feedback provided, and we aim to make it as realistic and close as possible to the real exam.

There will be five stations in the **OSCE cycle**, these will be:

- Anterior Segment
- Glaucoma & Lid
- Posterior Segment
- Strabismus & Orbit
- Neuro-Ophthalmology

Though in FRCOphth part 2 OSCE stations 20 minutes are allotted to each station, we have planned to give 12 minutes for each station to allow for 3 min feedback and 1 min to get to next station therefore each OSCE cycle will last for 75 minutes.

There will be five stations each lasting for ten minutes in each **Viva cycle**, these will be:

- Patient Investigation And Data Interpretation
- Patient Management 1
- Patient Management 2
- Attitude, Ethics And Responsibilities, Audit, Research
- EBM And Health Promotion And Disease Prevention

There will be three minutes feedback after each station and two minutes to move to next station. So each viva cycle will last for 75 minutes.

There will be two **communication skills** cycle, each lasting for 75 minutes. We will commence with a short briefing with suggestions to improve your performance in the Vivas and communication skills. After this the ten candidates will be divided into five pairs.

We will give 10 minutes for candidates from each cycle to move to the other cycle.

So the **five cycles will run as follows**: 9:00 to 10:30, 10:40 to 12:10, 30 minute lunch break, 12:40 to 14:10, 14:20 to 15:50 and finally 16:00 to 17:30 hours.

There will be refreshments as well before you move to the next cycle, please note that you will be directed by the team throughout the day.

We aim to finish by 5:45 pm in the evening. We will then ask you to finalise your feedback form, as this will be important for us there will be a buffet dinner for all the candidates and examiners at 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed later.

The total cost is **£550** and this includes the course fees, lunch, refreshments in morning and afternoon as well as the evening dinner.

If you can confirm your attendance as soon as possible with Jennifer Murray via email at jennifer.murray@cmft.nhs.uk so that you can be invoiced for the course.

You will need to bring with you any examination equipment you will need such as your own occluder, fixation targets, red and white hat pins, lenses etc. for the OSCE cycle as this will help to ensure you get the most out of the OSCE. The course allows for verbal but also written feedback from the examiners which should help you. Please make sure you have collected that at the end of the day.

There are many hotels in Manchester to stay at; perhaps the most convenient is the Travelodge behind the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital on Upper Brook Street but there are many around Oxford Road and the City Centre which are recommended, the city centre is approximately a 30-40 minute walk, or a 15 minute bus ride.

We will send you further information nearer the actual date.

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