

Welcome

ABO Scenario-Based Clinical Examination



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Disclaimer:


The following slides include basic information about the Examination Orientation. Additional details may be given in the live orientation which will take place directly before each of the scheduled examinations.

Examination Orientation

- Examinees will visit 6 different exam rooms
- A total of 20 minutes is dedicated to each exam session
 - 18 minutes for the actual exam / 2 minutes for the examiners to reset
- Total exam time of 2 hours
- Chairs located outside each exam room
- Always be stationed in the chair outside of your upcoming exam room

Sample Name Badge

Front




Last Name	
First Name	
	PID #12345
	Room #3
	TA1

Back

Exam Schedule (PID: 12345 Session: TA1)	
Time	Room
7:30AM - 7:50AM	3
7:50AM - 8:10AM	4
8:10AM - 8:30AM	5
8:30AM - 8:50AM	6
8:50AM - 9:10AM	1
9:10AM - 9:30AM	2

How will you know when to
move to the next room?

Examination Orientation

- Synchronized countdown clocks located in each exam room
- Tone will sound signifying the beginning of the first examination (0:00) 
- Tone will sound giving a 2 minute notification (16:00) 
- Tone will sound signifying the conclusion of the exam session (18:00) 
- Additional tone (2 minutes later) signifying the Start of next exam session
- This process will continue until you have visited all 6 rooms assigned on the back of your name badge

Examination Orientation

- If you complete an exam session before final tone is sounded, quietly proceed to chair in front of your next scheduled exam room
- If you are still in an exam session when you hear the final tone, you must conclude the exam session and move on to the chair in front of your next scheduled exam room
- Do not enter the next exam room until the tone has sounded to begin the next exam

Examination Orientation

- Examiners will tell you the number of questions within each exam session
- If you choose to excuse yourself from a room in the middle of an exam session, the exam time will continue
- Once you conclude an exam and have exited the room, you are not permitted to re-enter
- All scenario questions need to be covered in the allotted 18 minute time period

Examination Orientation

- Staff members will be stationed in the hallways to answer questions and assist with the transition periods
- **Speaking to other examinees between scenario sessions in the hallway and/or restroom is strictly prohibited**

***Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action,
including denial or revocation of eligibility or certification***

What happens inside the exam room?

Examination Orientation

- Each room will have 2-3 examiners
- Each examinee will be in contact with 12-18 different examiners
- Each examiner has gone through a Conflict of Interest exercise
 - Determined if there is a true conflict that would prevent them from conducting a fair, unbiased examination
 - Amount of exposure does not allow all connections to be avoided

Examination Orientation

- If examinee feels as though there is a true conflict of interest with an examiner they are paired with, it is the responsibility of the examinee to speak up at time of introduction
- Replacement examiners are available in the unlikely event that this is needed
- It is important to speak up at this time, as this will not be considered grounds for appeal after an examination if no one is alerted of the conflict during the examination

Examination Orientation

- Opening scenario and questions will be orally presented by examiners
- You will be presented with patient case records
 - Physical records
 - Marking on stereolithic models is prohibited
 - Electronic records (PowerPoint)
 - Examiners will have pulled up on screen
 - Examinee will have control of the mouse throughout the exam
- Some rooms may have multiple sets of patient records

Examination Orientation

- Binders will be available in the rooms
 - Written questions provided
 - Indicate which set of records correspond with the question
- Examinees are responsible for progressing through the binders and written questions as they are verbally presented (**no skipping ahead**)
- Examinees may access previous records, but may not move forward until prompted

Examination Orientation

Case 1

Question 1

Provide an ideal treatment plan.

Records

Part 1 Records
Part 2 Records
Part 3 Records
Part 4 Records
Part 5 Records
Full Presentation
Cast-Radiograph Evaluation Models
Superimposition Exercise

Examination Orientation



Examination Orientation

- Once all questions have been visited, examinees may ask to revisit previous questions if time permits
- Pencil and paper will be available for note taking
 - All notes must be left in the exam room at the end of the exam session

Examination Orientation

- Try to relax and listen carefully
- Be thorough with answers and do not skip to obvious conclusions
- Examiners have gone through an extensive training process
 - Examiners will not clarify or interpret questions
 - Examiners remain impartial and will not indicate if answers are correct/incorrect
 - Do not take lack of examiner response personally

Examination Orientation

- Observers monitor each exam room in real time
 - Ensuring process is a fair and equal experience across all rooms - documenting exam process irregularities
 - Providing necessary feedback to examiners after exam sessions
- Exams are not recorded

What happens
after the exam?

Examination Orientation

- Update contact information in ABO account, if necessary
- Exam results will be sent to you via email within a two month period
 - If you have been using a school email address and have now completed your program, update to a personal email
- Official mailed results letters within a three month period
 - Mailing address in your account is where your results letter will be mailed
- A post-exam survey will be emailed to you after the examination
 - We appreciate your honest feedback

Examination Orientation

The ABO will consider a request to review a Clinical Examination appeal:

- If received within 72 hours from the time the examinee completes the examination
- On the basis of an alleged irregularity in the administration process of the examination
 - Alleged process irregularities are considered only when serious enough to affect the examinee's performance on an examination
 - Requests to review an examination based on content will not be considered

Examination Process Review requests must be in writing, directed to the ABO's Chief Executive Officer

The full Examination Process Review Policy and Procedures may be viewed on the ABO website

Questions?



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