

Final Examination for the Fellowship in Clinical Oncology (Part B)

Clinical Examination - Instructions for Candidates

- Your candidate timetable will tell you when your clinical examination is scheduled to begin.
- You will be asked to arrive earlier than the scheduled time for your examination. For most candidates, this will be about 15 minutes prior to their examination start time. However, for a few candidates, this may be up to an hour earlier. These arrangements are to ensure that candidates cannot consult with each other.
- When you arrive at the examination, you will be asked to show your candidate timetable and ID. You will be given a badge bearing your candidate number and asked to wear this until you leave. You will also be asked to surrender your mobile telephone, which will be returned to you when you leave.
- In the clinical examination, you will move around five "stations" (examination rooms) and spend eight minutes at each. Depending upon the number of candidates being examined, a "rest station" may be incorporated where the candidate will wait until it is time to move to the next examining station.
- At each station you will be examined by a pair of examiners and so will encounter a total of ten examiners during the course of the clinical examination.
- Just before the start of your examination, you will be directed to stand outside one of the five stations, which will be labelled 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. You will rotate around all the stations in numerical order, moving from 5 to 1 when appropriate to complete the circuit.
- A bell will sound to indicate that your examination has begun and you will be instructed to enter the room. A bell will sound eight minutes later to indicate the end of the station and you should immediately leave the room and move to wait outside the next one. There will be a gap of about 90 seconds between stations. This procedure will be repeated until you have been examined at all five stations.
- An oral warning may be given after five minutes at each station to let the examiners and candidates know that there are three minutes remaining.
- In order to ensure examination security is maintained, candidates must remain in quarantine until the last group of candidates have entered the examination rooms and the bell has sounded. Once this has happened, your belongings will be returned to you and you are free to leave.