

Feedback from Candidates Evaluation Summary Report

Total participants: 14 Total responses: 14 Response Rate: 100.0%

1. How would you rate the following components of the overall exam organisation?

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No answer		R/Rate	KPI
General Organisation	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	6	42.9%	7	50.0%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Ambient noise levels	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	2	14.3%	4	28.6%	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	14	85.7%
Moving around different Rooms	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	6	42.9%	7	50.0%	0	0.0%	14	100.0%
Information provided to you about the examinati	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	5	38.5%	1	7.7%	6	46.2%	1	7.1%	13	92.3%

2. How would you rate the following components of the planning viva?

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No answer		R/Rate	KPI
Correlation with what you had been told to expect	0	0.0%	5	35.7%	5	35.7%	2	14.3%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	14	64.3%
Relevance of planning viva to clinical practice	0	0.0%	2	14.3%	1	7.1%	5	35.7%	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	14	85.7%
Clarity of visual materials used (eg isotopic prints, planning scans, clinical photographs)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	15.4%	7	53.8%	4	30.8%	1	7.1%	13	100.0%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	6	42.9%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	78.6%
Sufficient time for consideration of material	1	7.1%	4	28.6%	4	28.6%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	64.3%
Sufficient time to answer questions	1	7.7%	2	15.4%	5	38.5%	4	30.8%	1	7.7%	1	7.1%	13	76.9%
Examiners' conduct of the viva	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	3	21.4%	8	57.1%	0	0.0%	14	100.0%

3. How would you rate the following components of the clinical vivas?

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No Answer		R/Rate	KPI
Suitable cases	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	7	50.0%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Sufficient time for assessment of patients	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	3	21.4%	4	28.6%	4	28.6%	0	0.0%	14	78.6%
Sufficient time to answer questions	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	2	14.3%	4	28.6%	4	28.6%	0	0.0%	14	71.4%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	4	28.6%	5	35.7%	4	28.6%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%

4. How would you rate the following components of the orals vivas?

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No Answer		R/Rate	KPI
Suitable cases	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	5	35.7%	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Clarity of visual materials presented (eg radiology films, clinical photographs)	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	7	50.0%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Sufficient time for consideration of the material														
Sufficient time to answer question	0	0.0%	3	21.4%	0	0.0%	7	50.0%	4	28.6%	0	0.0%	14	78.6%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	6	42.9%	4	28.6%	0	#DIV/0!	14	92.9%

5. How would you rate the following components of the long case?

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No Answer		R/Rate	KPI
Suitable case	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	5	35.7%	6	42.9%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	1	7.7%	0	0.0%	6	46.2%	6	46.2%	1	7.1%	13	92.3%
Sufficient time for assessment of patient	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	5	35.7%	5	35.7%	5	35.7%	14	92.9%
Sufficient time to answer questions	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	7	50.0%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%
Examiners' interaction with you throughout the viva	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	2	14.3%	6	42.9%	5	35.7%	0	0.0%	14	92.9%

KPI - Overall percentage for Good - Excellent

6. What were the best features of the viva examinations?

- Examiner's interaction
- Short case examiners put you at ease (as best as possible)
- Real life situations
- Good cases
- Well organised on the day.
- Friendly examiner - introductions
- Long case - depicts what happens in real life - ie see the patient, formulate management plan, discuss issues.
- Very relevant clinically and not concentrated on bookwork/literature

7. What were the least favourable features of the viva examinations?

- Time, lack of clinical background (history) do not represent what we should do in clinical practice
- Talking in the corridors
- Planning viva - only because I was uncertain what to expect, and the questions were unflexible and limiting.
- Information provided - kept changing and not very clear (written confirmation sent out to us)
- Long wait inbetween. Shorts are so limited in time, examiners don't write everything down.
- Examiners said details of ca very quickly, hard to absorb + process info
- Breaks
- Very nerve racking having a break before you start & doing the exam in the PM
- Short cases 'live' - doesn't indicate 'real life'. Assessments can't be thorough. More rushed
- Planning exams - some of the questions are quite vague.

### **8. What could be done differently to make the vivas less stressful for candidates**

Abolish short cases, give more long cases

Nothing. Good to meet examiners at beginning (v important)

Similar to the physicians exams, get results of written first, and the ability to only resit the orals if the candidate passes the written exam. This would help diffuse the pressure.

More time to examine shorts + radiology scans for orals

Perhaps make the live short cases 10 mins each rather than 6 minutes

Practice mins in on own lecture

### **9. What other feedback do you have for the exam organisers?**

Very professional. I was impressed by the kindness and respect of all team. Excellent.

Path exam at same venue. Earlier confirmation of days of clinicals for booking accommodation.

Eye contact

Good. Lollies and water were a nice touch. Thank you.

Need to ensure accurate maps (ie to Path exam).

Excellent

Give details of venue ie lend number as room number

Well done

Could candidates continue to answer questions when time is up?

? Do pathology earlier on in the course.

Well organised. Perhaps the examiners who are not familiar with the process sit in for a few more 'observing' sessions but on a whole all examiners were fair

Well done

### **10. What could Examiners do to make the vivas less stressful for candidates?**

More clarity for short cases

Less severe looking examiners - but I understand that they cannot give feedback to the candidate.

Speak slower (allow more time) in shorts when describing cases

Nothing - it will always have an element of stress (which is needed)

I think the Examiners have done rather well. Perhaps questions in the planning viva should be more specific than open (ie what would you tell the radiographer)

### **11. What other feedback do you have for the Examiners?**

Very professional. I was impressed by the kindness and respect of all team. Excellent.

Overall, the examiners were ok - but of course naturally it is a scary time and a smile or two is always a reassuring thing to see.

Excellent!

Nil - they have done a great job in organising the exams and making candidates sit at ease. They don't try to 'trick' you or lead you down a wrong path etc.

Well done.

### **12. Any other comments about the viva examinations?**

Long case very well organised. Planning needs some tuning.

I really think that the written and orals should be separate entities - as per the college of physician exams. The wait between the written and orals is truly awful. The worst experience of the whole exam process

One's ability to assess the radiology & "plan fields in your head" is curtailed because CT's are not in front of you - you have only looked at them for 20 seconds or so, then sit down.

Planning viva needs more instructions to candidates and examples in Part II course so know what to expect.

I think they are very ??? I get extremely nervous

Keep up with the high clinical relevance.

NB: 1. Found talking in corridors not ideal for short cases. Change of venue for path at late notice.

2. More time to assess plans (? Decrease number of short cases)

5. Multiple co-morbidities & circumferential history



