

Feedback from Candidates Evaluation Summary Report

Total participants: 13 Total responses: 12 Response Rate: 92.3%

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%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	7	58.3%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Ambient noise levels	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	50.0%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Moving around different Rooms	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	66.7%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Information provided to you about the examinati	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	5	41.7%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%

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%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	58.3%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Relevance of planning vivia to clinical practice	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	50.0%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of visual materials used (eg isodose plots, planning scz	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	4	33.3%	7	58.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	6	50.0%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time for consideration of material	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	3	25.0%	3	25.0%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time to answer questions	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	3	25.0%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Examiners' conduct of the viva	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	4	33.3%	7	58.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%

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

	Poor		Fair		Good		Very Good		Excellent		No Answer		R/Rate	KPI
Suitable cases	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	3	25.0%	3	25.0%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time for assessment of patients	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	3	25.0%	2	16.7%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time to answer questions	2	16.7%	1	8.3%	2	16.7%	1	8.3%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	1	8.3%	4	33.3%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%

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	8.3%	3	25.0%	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of visual materials presented (eg radiology films, clincial photographs)	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	3	25.0%	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time for consideration of the material	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	2	16.7%	6	50.0%	3	25.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time to answer question	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	2	16.7%	5	41.7%	3	25.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of examination questions	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	5	41.7%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%

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	8.3%	1	8.3%	4	33.3%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Clarity of examination questions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	25.0%	4	33.3%	5	41.7%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Suffient time for assessment of patient	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	25.0%	3	25.0%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Sufficient time to answer questions	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	16.7%	3	25.0%	7	58.3%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
Examiners' interaction with you throughout the viva	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%	5	41.7%	6	50.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%

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

Clarity of questions in planning exam  
 Well organised  
 Good cases. Good examiners.  
 Admin staff very efficient and reassuring. Examiners reassuring and surprisingly "NOT scary"  
 Clarity of questions.  
 Well organised.  
 Well conducted  
 Clinically orientated. Practical.  
 Good patient selection.  
 They were helpful when stuck.

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

Short cases and orals  
 Breaks between cases  
 Candidates in afternoon session allowed to mix with morning candidates.  
 Rapidity of orals/clinicals but it's OK  
 Difficulty putting on gloves with sweaty hands.  
 Stressful beforehand! Time pressures. Unnatural situation.  
 Low time per case.

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

Less waiting. More straight forward cases. Only 6 minutes and stressful situation - had to perform with very unusual pathologies

More detail on format - in advance.

Prefer if no "break" before start but short break during is OK

Can't be done!

Nothing. Any examination which determines whether or not you are capable to perform your job which you have worked/studied in for 4 years will be stressful.

Some encouragement along the way.

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

See above

Better to use more radical cases and less difficult palliative cases which usually take a while to consider options.

The initial "orientation" talk would potentially be better mailed out beforehand.

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

Smile! (Which they do)

More smiles and minimal encouragement.

More like the pathology exams.

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

Part II prep course and mock exam exercise very valuable.

The written was uncharacteristic of past papers. I had been confronted/treated only 5 out of the 10 RT written patient cases.

It was not indicative of my daily practice. In 4 years I had not seen these cases.

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

Complex cases don't allow candidate to show actual level of competence.

Would appreciate knowing pass/fail status on writtens rather than blinding proceeding to vivas is unsuccessful (and if little chance of redeeming poor written performance)

Fair and excellent arrangement. Well done and thank you!

Is there a role for a centralised mock examination?