



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

Announcement on new format (OSCE) of MHKICBSC Part 3 Exam

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Dear All,

The Hong Kong Intercollegiate Board of Surgical Colleges (HKICBSC) will change the current format (viva and clinical components) of HKICBSC Membership Examination – Part 3 to Objective Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE) with effect from March 2011. The last diet of current format of clinical components for candidates passing Viva Components in previous Part 3 Examinations will be conducted in parallel with the first diet of OSCE format in March 2011.

The introduction of the Part 3 exam (OSCE) aims to examine the competency of trainees and is in line with the development of a similar examination system in United Kingdom which is found to be more equivalent to the daily activities of a Basic Surgical Trainee.

For candidates who have taken the HKICBSC Membership Exam during the period from March 2008 to September 2010, and have not yet passed the current format of Part 3 examination will be required to sit for the Part 3 (OSCE) exam from 2011 and pass the examination within the period specified in the Examination Regulations. Candidates holding partial pass (i.e. passed in viva component) of current Part 3 exam could have their last chance to enroll in current format (clinical components only) in March 2011 or otherwise, they have to enroll in the new examination and there is no exemption from any of the stations.

As for new candidates, the eligibility for sitting the Part 3 (OSCE) examination and the period of completion of the HKICBSC Membership Examination remains unchanged as specified in the Examination Regulations.

Further details of Part 3 (OSCE) examination will be announced and updated on the website at www.cshk.org once available.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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