

Update
Consultation Skills Assessment Segment
Exit Examination
HKCFP

CSA Subcommittee

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Recap on previous arrangement

- Video tape **18** cases in 6 hours (net time)
- 2 hours per session (total 3 sessions) or 3 hours per session (total 2 sessions)
- Examination period: **7** calendar days
- Inform examination period – **2** working days
- Total **6** cases selected out of 18 cases for assessment

Problems identified

- Candidates:
 - Too many cases
 - repeated re-take video, exhausted
- **Examiners:**
 - **Lack of case varieties**
 - **Only simple URTI/chronic diseases Mx cases, not much psychosocial/ paediatric/ gynaecology cases**
- **Organization**
 - **Long examination duration**
 - **Difficulties on manpower and consultation room arrangement**

Updates

- Video tape sessions
 - 12 cases in 2 sessions, each session 2 net hours. (total 4 hours)
 - Examination period limited to 1 day (0:00-23:59, the date need to be show on consultation notes for computer records, or approved by trainer for hand writing records)
 - Overtime : the 6th case should be started within 120 minutes of net time, otherwise, the minutes exceeding overall net time would be subtracted.
- Recommended case:
 - Candidates can give recommendation on “good performed case”
 - **Up to 4 cases** can be recommended.
 - At least 2 out of 4 recommended cases would be selected
 - Cases with diagnosing challenges, psychosomatic complains, not simple URTI/ GE

Other changes

- Inform of examination:
 - 1st call, One week before examination, to inform the exam would be arranged next week
 - 2nd call, at 4:00 pm, the day before examination, to inform examination period and email examination materials.
- Examination period: 24hours
- Submission of video: one day after examination date before 5:30 pm.
- Examination will be re-arranged if clinic closed due to adverse weather conditions (typhoon signal 8 or black rainstorms)
- All cases will be selected by examiners

It is not changed

- The recording should be done **non-stop** during each session.
- Submission of demo video
- Exam. Process, e.g. signboards, consent, answer questions
- Reassessment arrangement

Pros and cons

- **Pros:**

- Less workload for candidates (18 → 12)
- Balance of reality and Variety
- Reality of candidate's usual practice could be reflected
- Variety could be improved by recommended case, and examiners could choose more case
- Unnecessary prolonged consultation could be reduced as the minutes exceeding overall net time would be subtracted.
- Easier manpower arrangement for the clinic (total 2 days)

- **Cons:**

- Possible “Artificial consultation” (recommended case)
- Candidates might feel stressful to complete examination in 1 day
- Need re-arrange examination if clinic closed or sick leave

Summary of proposed changes

	Current	Proposed
Case load	18	12
Net time	6 hours	4 hours
sessions	2 or 3 sessions (2/2/2, 3/3)	2 sessions (2+2)
Examination period	7 calendar days	1 working day (0:00 – 24:00)
Inform of examination	2 working days	1 st call 1 week 2 nd call 1 day, at 4:00 pm
Recommended case	No	4
How to select case	6 out of 18 3 random, 3 selected by examiners	Total 6 all selected by examiners At least 2 cases from recommended case
Overtime	No action	the minutes exceeding overall net time would be subtracted