

The Candidates are presented with standardized challenges, which they are expected to deal with using their consultation and clinical examination skills as appropriate to the problem presented and patient needs to demonstrate the learning gained during training years of independently consulting patients.

**The aim of CCSA is to test a doctor's ability to:**

**1. Gather information:**

Gathering & using data for clinical judgement, make proper choice of examination, demonstrate proficiency in performing physical examinations & using diagnostic and therapeutic instruments.

If investigations given make proper interpretation.

**2. Apply understanding of disease processes and person-centered care appropriately:**

Recognition & management of common medical conditions in primary care. Demonstrate a structured & flexible approach to decision-making of evidence-based decisions.

Demonstrate the ability to deal with multiple complaints and co-morbidity.

**3. Communicate effectively with patients & colleagues:**

Demonstrating the use of recognized communication techniques to understand the patient's illness experience and develop a shared approach to managing problems, having person-centered approach.

Practicing ethically with respect for equality and diversity, in line with the accepted codes of professional conduct.

**What candidates did well.**

The candidates score best in data gathering irrespective of clinical condition of the case.

**What candidates did less well.**

The higher fail percentages are in the clinical management domain, than in data gathering and inter-personal skills domain irrespective of clinical condition of the case.

**What candidates may wish to consider to help them prepare for the CCSA Exam**

The candidates need have to be practicing in a primary care setting to be aware of the cases Family Physicians face on a daily basis.

Have updated clinical knowledge, make evidence-based decisions, obtain skills through their practice to apply understanding of disease processes and person-centered care appropriately and communicate effectively with patients & colleagues.