

## **MRCGP [INTERNATIONAL] DUBAI**

### **Feedback on the MCQ April 2019**

After exam sitting is complete, the MCQ core group provides feedback on overall candidate performance overall candidate performance via the College website. We also highlight areas of general interest related to the exam. We hope that this feedback is helpful to all those applying to MCQ-MRCGP Dubai International and we welcome comments on the feedback to the email address at the end of this report.

For important general information about how to prepare for the MCQ exam, including a description of the exam format and content please see the web links at the end of this report of the MRCGP-Dubai International site.

Guidelines currently exist in a number of clinical areas and we will make accommodation for this, generally by testing on recommendations that the guidelines make in common. The guideline used as reference in the exam will be provided in the "Advice for candidate" attachment available in the website of the MRCGP-Dubai International site.

#### **Statistics**

Scores in MCQ paper April 2019 ranged from 64 to 122 out of 200 questions with a mean overall score of 96 marks

The pass mark for MCQ paper April 2019 was set at 99 with pass rates as below:

Candidates (numbers) Pass rate: (15) 45%

Other key statistics from this test:

Reliability (Cronbach  $\alpha$  coefficient) = 0.81

Standard error of measurement = 5.7

We have highlighted below general areas of good performance, as well as areas of poor performance.

#### **Areas of good performance:**

Candidate performed well in area related to common drug related condition and side-effects e.g. in relation to prescribing drug for palpitation and common mental problems.

The candidate showed good knowledge in the diagnosis and management of the common presenting condition in general practice in Cardiovascular, emergency,

respiratory, Gynecology, surgical, neurology, Psychiatry, gastroenterology, Hematology, Musculoskeletal, Infectious and Endocrine & metabolic.

### **Areas of poor performance:**

#### **Vaccination program**

There were some difficulties in vaccination programmes and schedules relate to more than just childhood immunisations. Candidates should be familiar with national schedules relating to both child and adult vaccinations, including for specific at risk groups.

#### **Care of Children and Young People**

Candidates had some difficulty with management of common childhood musculoskeletal, skin problems. For some of these situations, prescribing or referral may not be required, or an “active monitoring” approach is recommended.

#### **Infectious diseases**

Candidate need to have good knowledge about prophylaxis of infectious disease

#### **Care of People with Neurological Problems**

Candidates showed difficulty in the diagnosis of common neurological condition related to elderly. Although headache is, a common presentation but candidate showed difficulty in the management of common causes of headache. Candidates are reminded to bear in mind the prevalence of the common conditions treatment.

#### **Respiratory Health**

The candidates had difficulty identifying less common respiratory disease and management of common respiratory condition. Guidelines exist to guide diagnosis and management of many conditions candidates should take a broad approach to their clinical medicine learning needs.

#### **Cardiovascular health**

Guideline for conditions including hypertension, ischemic heart disease need to be reviewed by the candidates.

### **Care of people who misuse drugs and alcohol**

Candidates had some difficulty with questions concerning drug misuse diagnosis and complications of alcohol abuse. This is a common problem with which candidates should be familiar.

### **Care of people with eye problems**

Although eye problems may increasingly be dealt with by opticians, GPs need to know when to refer urgently.

### **Epidemiology, healthy people, promoting health and preventing disease**

Candidate had difficulty in question related to statistics, and criteria for screening program.

### **Women's health**

Candidate had difficulty in the gynecology and pregnancy care in area of investigations and management.

### **Care of people with metabolic problems**

Candidate need to be able to diagnose endocrine disease other than the common condition of thyroid and diabetes.

### **Care of people with skin problems**

Candidate had difficulty in question related to common skin disease problem.

*We hope that candidates will not overlook these and other common and important areas in their exam preparation, guided by the curriculum and the content guide.*