



# CLINICAL EXAMINATION (OSCE) PRACTISE COURSE: FOR FOURTH AND FINAL YEAR EXAMS

## Christie Hospital, Manchester

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for choosing to attend this event.

This mail is to inform you of the programme and format for the day.

**Date:**

30<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Sunday)

**Venue:** Seminar Room 4, 2nd Floor, Education Centre, Department 17, Christie Hospital, Manchester.

**Address:** The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 4BX. United Kingdom.

**Telephone:** 0161 446 3000.

**Directions:**

Please click on this link-

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**Start of registrations:** 0845 hrs

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**End of course:** 1745 hrs

**Course format/content:**

You will have four surgical stations - Orthopaedics, Neck/Breast, Abdomen and Vascular – in the morning and four medical stations - Cardiology, Neurology, Respiratory and Abdomen - in the afternoon. Each station is for 45 minutes. Being a course with restricted candidate numbers, you will get opportunities to carry out a full mock examination in most stations. You will be required to do 7 minutes of focused history/examination followed by 2 minutes of questions/discussion and a minute of feedback. If you do not wish to carry out the examination, another student will be given the opportunity or the tutor will demonstrate the correct examination technique. Simulated patients will be used for mock examinations but if the group wishes to practice their examination technique then it will be required to be carried out on each other (as a pair). In every station, the tutor will provide exam tips, further refinement to your technique and discuss clinical scenarios that can be tested in the exam.

Being a clinical examination practice course, it is meant to be hands-on and interactive. You will gain the most if you are prepared and willing to examine (the SP or your colleague), and be examined (by your colleague). In certain stations, if you wish, you will be provided the opportunity to practice clinical examinations within your pairs (same gender; chest will be used only in male participants or SPs).

**Breaks:** There is a 15-minute refreshment break in the morning and a 40-minute lunch break. Coffee, tea and biscuits as well as sandwich lunch along with fruit juice will be provided as appropriate.

**Dress code:**

You can wear whatever you wish (formal, casual etc). As such, there is NO dress code. However, as alluded above, if you wish to actively participate in the practice examinations (examine and be examined) and maximize this learning opportunity, then may we suggest that you bring with you appropriate clothing (shorts and vest/T-shirt), mainly for limb and abdominal examination.

To reiterate, being examined by your colleague is optional, and, as such, if you do not wish to be examined then it absolutely fine. You just turn up in whatever you wish to wear.

**What you need to bring with you:**

1. A copy of the email you have received from us regarding your confirmation of place (with your name) and your course registration number. Please note that you will not be allowed to attend the course without this information.
2. All the relevant material that one should take for a final year clinical exam – e.g., stethoscope, pen torch and measuring tape. Tendon hammer, tourniquet and tuning fork are optional but recommended.
3. Your University/Hospital identification badge – this is both for name recognition when you perform an examination and for us to provide you with more detailed feedback.
4. Note book (A4 or A5 sized) and a pen.

We look forward to seeing you at the course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on [info@doctorsacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@doctorsacademy.org.uk) if you have a query in the interim.

With very best wishes,

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