



Birmingham PACES course

27th and 28th September 2014
Out-patients Department, Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for choosing to attend our PACES course. May we take this opportunity to kindly welcome you to the course and to Birmingham!

This mail is to inform you of the directions to the venue, the reporting procedure, and the programme and format for the days.

1. GENERAL AND REPORTING

Dates:

Saturday 27th September 2014 (Clinical examination)

Sunday 28th September 2014 (History taking and communication skills)

Venue:

OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENT
Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Bordesley Green East
Birmingham
B9 5SS

Start times:

Registration is at 0900 hours on day 1 and 0830 hours on day 2. Coffee/tea (no breakfast) will be available during registration.

The course will start promptly as per the programme.

Where to report:

The course will be held in the Out-patients department in Heartlands Hospital. Please report to the Out-patient department.

Contact:

The main Heartlands Hospital switchboard number is 0121 424 2000.

2. DIRECTIONS AND PARKING

For directions, please follow this link:

http://www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/?page_id=75

1. By car

Please click on the link below to see directions to Heartlands Hospital:

<http://www.qualityvenues.co.uk/heartlands-location.asp>

2. By train

The nearest train station to Heartlands Hospital is Stechford, which is two miles away. From Birmingham New Street Station the hospital is a 20 minute taxi ride away.

3. By bus

Information on bus links to Heartlands Hospital can be found by clicking on “Directions” in the link below:

<http://www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/directions/>

Parking:

Parking is possible in several areas:

1. Cars can be parked in the visitor’s car park at the front of the main entrance, for a maximum charge of £5 per day.
2. On weekends, public parking spaces are usually available on Yardley Green Road near the back entrance to the hospital.

3. PROGRAMME AND CONTENTS

The final programme will be similar to the one that has been placed online

http://doctorsacademy.org/Course/PACES/downloads/PACES_course_programme_Sep2014.pdf, but will be given to you at registration.

The mainstay of the course is small group teaching, with only a small amount of time being devoted to lectures. Group rotation can be found in this link:

http://doctorsacademy.org/Course/PACES/downloads/GroupRotation_sep.pdf

As you will appreciate from the programme, the course will be intense and exhausting. Hence please read and practice as much as possible beforehand so that you will obtain maximum benefit from the course.

4. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

You can consider one of the following accommodation that is close to the hospital:

Holiday Inn Express Birmingham - South A45

Address: 1270 Coventry Rd, Birmingham B25 8BJ

Phone: 0121 289 3333

http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/birmingham/bhxbs/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_ex_-_GBEN_-_bhxbs

Travelodge Birmingham Yardley

Address: 1741 Coventry Rd, Birmingham B26 1DS

Phone: 0871 984 6065

http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/111/Birmingham-Yardley-hotel?utm_source=google&utm_medium=maps&utm_campaign=Birmingham%20Yardley

The Birmingham Hotel

Address: Poets Corner, Golden Hillock Rd, Birmingham, West Midlands B11 2PN

Phone: 0121 604 8111

<http://www.thebirminghamhotel.com/>

Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel

Address: Chester Rd, Birmingham B36 9DE

Phone: 0121 748 0030

<http://www.castlebromwichhallhotel.co.uk/>

Hotel Ibis Birmingham Bordesley Circus

Address: 1 Bordesley Park Rd, Birmingham, West Midlands B10 0PD

Phone: 0121 506 2600

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-2178-ibis-birmingham-bordesley-circus/index.shtml>

5. WHAT TO BRING:

Please ensure that you bring your **stethoscope** to the course. Also bring with you an A4/A5 note pad/book to note down points of interest.

6. DRESS CODE:

You will be examining patients. Therefore, kindly dress in an appropriate and professional manner as you would do when going to a hospital ward.

7. BREAKS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH:

There will be 15-minute refreshment breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions, during which coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided. There will also be a 45 minute lunch break, where buffet lunch with both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food will be served.

We hope that the above is helpful, and look forward to seeing you for the course.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@doctorsacademy.org.uk if you have a query in the interim.

Best wishes,

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