

The Royal Glamorgan - Doctors Academy

Mock Intercollegiate Examination for FRCS (Gen Surg)

10th May 2014, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Llantrisant, Wales

Dear Candidate,

- o Mock Intercollegiate FRCS(Gen Surg) Examination

Thank you for choosing to attend this Mock Examination. This letter is to inform you of the directions to the venue, the reporting procedures programme and format for the day.

I. General and reporting

Date:

10th May 2014 (Saturday)

Start time:

The course will start promptly at 0715 hrs. The Restaurant Coffee room, where the registration will be held, will be open from 0700 hours. The academic papers will be issued and you will have one hour to review both papers.

Venue:

Outpatients department
Ynysmaerdy, Llantrisant
Rhondda Cynon Taff
Wales
CF72 8XR

Where to report:

When you arrive at the Main Entrance of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, please follow directions to the hospital Restaurant. The Coffee Room is adjacent to the restaurant (number 112 in the map here: <http://www.cwmtafuhb.wales.nhs.uk/opendoc/198378>).

II. Address, directions and parking

Address:

Royal Glamorgan Hospital
Ynysmaerdy, Llantrisant
Rhondda Cynon Taff
CF72 8XR
Sat Nav postcode: CF72 8XR

Hospital website:

<http://www.cwmtafuhb.wales.nhs.uk/royal-glamorgan-hospital>

Directions:

For general directions to reach The Royal Glamorgan Hospital, please click on the link below:

<http://www.cwmtaf.wales.nhs.uk/aboutus/drivingdirections.htm>

To plan your journey by car, please click here:

<http://www.cwmtafuhb.wales.nhs.uk/directory/hospitals/183>

Parking:

Parking is available in the visitors' car-park and costs a nominal 60 pence per day.

Internal map of the hospital can be found in this link:

<http://www.cwmtafuhb.wales.nhs.uk/opendoc/198378>

III. The Exam

Timetable and Rotations:

The timetable can be found in this link:

<http://doctorsacademy.org/Course/PracticecourseFRCS/downloads/pgm.pdf>

There is always the possibility of patients arriving late and thus may necessitate some flexibility in the programme. Thus we will endeavour to stick to the session times (i.e., morning and afternoon) and hence all breaks, and start and finish times during both days will be followed as per programme.

Examiners:

The list of Consultants who will be examining you can be found in this link:

http://doctorsacademy.org/Course/PracticecourseFRCS/downloads/Faculty_14.pdf

Dress code:

As you will be examining patients we expect you to be dressed professionally as when do an out-patient clinic. You will be expected to dress formally for the actual exam at the college and we suggest that you do the same in this mock exam.

Breaks for refreshments and lunch:

There will be 30-minute refreshment breaks after each viva and clinical. During the refreshment break, you will be provided coffee/tea, biscuits and mineral water. There will be lunch buffets 12.30-13.30. Both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food will be available. Halal food will also be available.

IV. Travel and Accommodation

Travel:

Some guidance on travelling to Cardiff can be found in this link:

http://doctorsacademy.org/Course/PracticecourseFRCS/downloads/Travel_info.pdf

The hospital is about 15 mins by car from Cardiff. If travelling by train, the nearest train station is at **Llantrisant**. You can obtain further information by following this link:

http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/nonrail/towns/llantrisant.html

Accommodation:

If you are staying overnight, you may then consider staying in one of these three places. Premier Inn is the nearest to the hospital and the cheapest.

<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LLALLA/llantrisant>

<http://www.blueberryinn-pontypridd.co.uk/>

<http://www.miskin-manor.co.uk/>

Accommodation may also be available at the hospital. However, we arrange only the course and not the accommodation. Nevertheless you are welcome to contact the accommodation manager directly at Royal Glamorgan Hospital and arrange a room if one is available. The number of the hospital switch board is 01443 443443. Kindly ask them to put you through to the hospital accommodation manager. You can inform them that you are attending a course at the hospital and would require an accommodation. They may provide you a room (for a charge) if one were available.

We look forward to seeing you at the examination.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at courses@doctorsacademy.org.uk if you have any queries in the interim.

Best wishes,

Course Organising Team
Doctors Academy and Royal Glamorgan Hospital