

## **M.MED (O&G) IN-HOSPITAL CLINICAL TRAINING MODULE (IHCTM)**

### **GUIDELINES**

#### **MODULE 2: DIAGNOSTIC ULTRASOUND**

##### **Format**

A single Assessor will observe a Trainee examining at least three patients in a normally scheduled clinic session. Using the standard Rating form, the Assessor will rate the Trainee's performance in a number of defined skill areas.

This is an interactive assessment. The Trainee is encouraged to explain what he is doing during the examination and to comment on findings as they occur. After each patient, the Assessor may ask the Trainee to summarise the results of the ultrasound assessment and discuss relevant issues with the Trainee. Corrective advice or any relevant discussions may be initiated by the Assessor at any other appropriate time. The Assessor may also examine the patients to check the accuracy of the Trainee's assessment.

This Trainee must achieve basic competence in **ALL** skill areas.

Trainees should attempt the module during basic training, and must achieve competence prior to the M.Med examination.

##### **Setting**

The IHCTM in Diagnostic Ultrasound will be conducted in the hospital in which the Trainee is currently employed. It will take place in a normally scheduled clinic session using ultrasound equipment with which the Trainee is familiar.

##### **Number of Patients**

The Assessor must observe the Trainee examining at least 3 patients, of which at least one must be in the first trimester of pregnancy, at least one must be in the second trimester and at least one must be in the third trimester.

##### **Duration of Observation**

The Assessment should normally be completed within a 2-hour period during one clinic session.

##### **Assessor**

The Assessor must be selected from the Division's Panel of approved Assessors. The Assessor must have had limited contact with the Trainee. Where possible, the Assessor should be recruited from another hospital. The Assessor must be a specialist Obstetrician/Gynaecologist of Consultant status who is either a sub-specialist in diagnostic ultrasound or has a special interest in the area and who has been approved for that purpose by the Division of Graduate Medical Studies (DGMS).

##### **Repeating the Assessment**

The IHCTM may be attempted as many times as is necessary but may not be repeated within 4 weeks after an unsuccessful attempt. A different Assessor should be used for each subsequent attempt.

## **Assessment Fee**

The Assessment fee of S\$110 per module (the fee is subject to change) must be paid to the Division each time the IHCTM is attempted.

Trainees who inform DGMS to postpone session at least 3 days prior to the confirmed session will not have to pay extra charge for rescheduling the session.

Trainees who inform DGMS to withdraw at least 1 week prior to the session will have S\$25 of the fee paid for this assessment retained.

Trainees who do not inform DGMS that he/she is unable to attend (with a valid reason) on the day of the session will have the Assessment fee forfeited.

## **Rating form**

The Assessor must use the standard Rating form for the IHCTM Module in *Diagnostic Ultrasound* when rating the performance of the Trainee. This form requires the Assessor to rate the Trainees on their performance in each of 7 skill areas using a 5 point scale. To achieve basic competence the Trainee must achieve a rating of at least "B" in each of the 7 skill areas.

After each attempt, the Assessor must sign the Rating form, which must then be countersigned by the Training Supervisor. The original of the Rating form must be returned to the Division immediately following the assessment.

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