

MCC QE PART II (CLINICAL EXAM) PREPARATION COURSE

FOR PHYSICIANS
NEW TO CANADA

March 27 & 28, 2010
Saturday & Sunday

Room G500
Health Sciences Centre
University of Calgary
3330 Hospital Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta

**EARLY REGISTRATION ADVISED
COURSE LIMIT – 45 PHYSICIANS**

This program is designed for foreign trained physicians who have passed the Medical Council of Canada qualifying exam (MCC QE Part I) and are currently practicing as a physician in Canada.



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COURSE OVERVIEW

This program is designed for physicians new to Canada who are preparing to take Part II (clinical examination) of the Medical Council of Canada qualifying exam. The course will provide:

- **An overview of the Canadian approach to the physician-patient visit**

Evaluation of candidates during the exam is based on expectations for physicians in the Canadian health care system. Course presentations and demonstrations will cover expectations for physician-patient communication, data gathering, physical examination, and data interpretation and integration. This is intended to help physicians who were trained outside Canada prepare for the MCC QE Part II exam. It will also help them integrate effectively into the Canadian health care system and understand the expectations of Canadian patients.

- **An introduction to the objective structured clinical exam (OSCE) format**

This exam format is used by the Medical Council of Canada (QE Part II). In this format, candidates interact with 'standardized patients' who are actors trained to realistically portray typical patient presentations while physician examiners observe and grade the candidate's performance. During the course, the marking process and expectations for candidates will be explained. Candidates will have a chance to practice interacting with standardized patients prior to the mock examination.

- **Introduction to C₂LEO** – Candidates will discuss the *Considerations of Cultural-Communication, Legal, Ethical, and Organizational (C₂LEO)* aspects of medical practice.

- **Mock clinical examination**

Candidates will participate in a mock examination that consists of three typical exam stations. Practicing physicians who are trained examiners will mark the candidate's performance then provide feedback to the candidate.

Please bring a stethoscope and white jacket for the mock examinations on Sunday.

SATURDAY MARCH 27, 2010

- 0730 **Registration/Continental Breakfast**
- 0800 **Greetings/Overview of the Course**
Laura Bennion
- 0815 **Overview of the MCC Clinical Examination**
- what is the purpose of the examination?
 - how useful are the “Objectives for the Qualifying Examination”?
 - what is the format of the examination?
 - what role does the examiner play?
 - how is the exam related to the Canadian approach to patient care?
 - what are some tips for surviving the exam?
- Ray Lewkonja*
- 0930 Break
- 0945 **Communication Skills**
- what are the important aspects of physician/patient communication in the Canadian system?
 - how does the Calgary-Cambridge Model apply?
 - how are candidates expected to approach a 10-minute visit?
 - how are communication skills marked during the examination?
 - what does a typical interview with a standardized patient look like?
- Lara Nixon*
- 1115 **Data Gathering During the Exam**
- clinical reasoning based on history and/or physical examination
 - what are the expectations of the candidate in different types of stations?
 - what aspects of communication are most important?
- Ian Scott (TBC)*
- 1215 Lunch
- 1300 GROUP A
Practice with Standardized Patients
GROUP B
Expectations of the Physical Exam
- 1430 GROUP A
Expectations of the Physical Exam
GROUP B
Practice with Standardized Patients
- 1620 **Data Interpretation in Couplet Stations**
- what is a “couplet station”?
 - what is the purpose of the Post-Encounter Probe (PEP)?
 - what are some tips for success in couplet stations?
- Laura Bennion*
- 1705 **Questions & Adjournment**
Laura Bennion

SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2010

- 0745 Continental Breakfast
- 0810 **Overview of Day**
Laura Bennion
- 0830 Participants will be assigned to one of three groups (see below) and will rotate through three one hour sessions throughout the morning. When you arrive at the registration desk on the first day of the course, you will be informed as to which group and which session you will start with at 0830 on Sunday March 28.
- 1200 **Course Wrap-up & Adjournment**
Laura Bennion

GROUPS

- **Mock Examination Stations** (one hour session)
The mock examination will consist of 3 typical exam stations. Each station will be 10 minutes long with 5 minutes for feedback from the examiner.

Candidates should dress professionally as they would in practice, and should bring a stethoscope.
- **C₂LEO Discussions** (one hour session)
Participants will discuss cases to illustrate principles in cultural-communication, legal, ethical and organizational aspects of medical practice in Canada.
Bryan Ward
- **The Importance of Language and Clinical Communication Skills in Medical Examinations** (one hour session)
This session will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss the prime role that language and communication skills play in medical examinations. Participants will also have an opportunity to have their communication questions answered by an experienced facilitator.
Deidre Lake

FACULTY

Laura Bennion, MD CCFP Dip Sports Med – Course Chair
Community Family Physician, Calgary Health Region

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DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In keeping with accreditation guidelines, speakers participating in this event have been asked to disclose to the audience any involvement with industry or other organizations that may potentially influence the presentation of the educational material. Disclosure may be done verbally or using a slide prior to the speaker's presentation.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Laura Bennion, MD CCFP Dip Sports Med – Course Chair

Lara Nixon, MD CCFP

Mairi Babey, (CME)

Claire Mills, RN LLB (CME)

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL

Registrants must make their own arrangements. A block of rooms has been booked at the Hampton Inn & Suites (<http://www.hamptoncalgary.com>) – 2231 Banff Trail NW – under the name 'MCC Prep Course'. This hotel is located about a 5 minute drive or a 20 minute walk from the Health Sciences Centre. Phone 1 888 432 6777 by FEBRUARY 26 to book a hotel room at the group rate of \$109 for a single guest per night plus taxes or \$119 for 2-4 guests (includes breakfast).

Alternatively, other hotels in the area are:

Quality Inn Motel Village – 1 800 661 4667

Best Western Village Park Inn – 1 888 774 7716

Holiday Inn Express – 1 888 276 8666

Econolodge Inn & Suites – 1 800 424 6423

Comfort Inn – 1 866 789 2581

Rental cars are available at the airport. Alternatively, a taxi ride from the airport (approximately 30 minutes) will cost about \$50.

PARKING

Health Sciences Centre is located adjacent to the Foothills Hospital. Visitor parking is available in Lot 6 parkade (located across Hospital Drive from the Health Sciences Centre) or in the parkade in front of the Foothills Hospital. The parking rate is \$13/day in either parkade.

ACCREDITATION

University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine, Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development is fully accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS).

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

Confirmation of registration will be in the form of a tax receipt. No other confirmation will be sent. Please allow 2 weeks for registration processing.

COURSE CANCELLATION POLICY

The Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development reserves the right to cancel the course if there are insufficient registrations.

REFUND POLICY

A registration refund will be made upon written request prior to March 12, 2010. However \$40 will be retained for administrative costs. No refund will be made for cancellation after March 12, 2010. NOTE: Refunds are processed only on the return of original receipt. All receipts must be returned within 30 days after program date.

REIMBURSEMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

Physicians who are members of the Alberta Medical Association may be eligible for reimbursement of registration fees and expenses to attend CME courses from a fund administered by the AMA. For more information, check the members-only part of the AMA website (www.albertadoctors.org) or call the AMA at 780 482 2626 or 1 800 272 9680.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

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