

Certification in Maternal Fetal Medicine (CMFM) Hybrid In-Hospital Clinical Examination (IHCE)



Examiner - Important Notes & Declaration

Before completing the Summative In-Hospital Clinical Examination (IHCE), the *Training Supervisor (Invigilator)* and both the onsite and remote examiners are advised to familiarise themselves with the Hybrid IHCE, including selection of patient cases and the assessment criteria used for each scan to be assessed.

- Advise the candidate to treat the Hybrid IHCE assessments as a normal scan and focus on the patient rather than the examiners.
- This is a practical exam which is designed to assess the candidate's scanning skills and not a theoretical test.
- The Hybrid IHCE will be of approximately three hours duration.
- The Hybrid IHCE consists of three compulsory obstetric cases:
 - 12 Week Ultrasound Assessment
 - Mid Trimester Ultrasound Assessment
 - Third Trimester Ultrasound Assessment
- The cases to be selected by the Invigilator, and they must not have been previously known to the candidate and are expected to have a structurally normal fetus.
- Ensure the Invigilator has obtained each patient's consent to participate in the Hybrid IHCE, and each patient has completed and signed their consent form prior to the scan commencing.
- It is recommended that the Invigilator remains in the room during the first case to ensure there are no practical issues with the equipment or exam set-up.
- It is recommended that the onsite examiner is considered as the "*main examiner*". This means that the main examiner will direct all aspects of the exam, due to the remote examiner not being onsite.
- It is recommended that the examiners create an open messaging system (e.g. WhatsApp) to allow discussion during the examination for example, allowing the remote examiner to input directions / feedback more easily via the onsite examiner.
- During the examination the examiners should remain quiet for the first fifteen minutes.
- During the examination if it is unclear what the candidate is doing the examiner is encouraged to ask the candidate to explain their process.
- Questions should be limited to those regarding the scan being performed and the USS machine settings and physics.
- It is expected that the main examiner from time to time will ask the candidate to move on particularly if that area of assessment has been satisfactorily completed.
- The examiners will need to bring a device (phone, iPad or laptop), as scoring will be completed via a Cognito Form.
- ALL the criteria boxes must have one of their corresponding scoring boxes ticked.

- In the exceptional situation where you are unable to score a certain criterion, make a note to the right to explain.
- Where there are multiple opportunities to demonstrate a particular fetal aspect in different cases this can be cross credited e.g. heart is well seen in its entirety in the mid trimester scan. but only some aspects visible in the third trimester due to fetal position. A score of 4 or higher can be assigned in the third trimester scan when the examiners are confident in the candidate skillset.
- Complete 'aspects performed well' and 'aspects to be improved' and give the candidate feedback as required.

SCRIPT for examiner to read to the Candidate prior to commencing the exam:

- Treat the IHCE assessments as a normal scan and focus on the patient rather than the examiners
- Please scan each patient as you would normally scan. We will largely leave you to scan uninterrupted, but might ask you to demonstrate certain findings or ask you some questions after you have had some time to demonstrate your scanning technique
- The two examiners will be communicating via messaging so please disregard the onsite examiner's use of their phone.

EXAMINER DECLARATION

I confirm that:

- I have read and complied with all the instructions above
- I have personally observed the trainee's examination
- I have personally made the assessment

Examiners Name

Signature

Date