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MINI-CLINICAL EXAMINATION

The mini-clinical examination (mini-CEX) is an assessment tool designed to assess a range of clinical assessment and management skills in various clinical settings. It facilitates feedback in order to develop behaviours and performance related to knowledge, communication, decision-making, management and advocacy skills.

The assessment is formative, aimed at guiding further development of surgical practice.

The nature and complexity of the patient's condition should be commensurate with what the IMG as a consultant surgeon on day one would be expected to encounter in relevant surgical practice.

IMG REQUIREMENT

All International Medical Graduates (IMGs) on a specialist pathway are required to complete at least one satisfactory mini-CEX assessment during each 3 month period of clinical assessment whilst under supervision or oversight.

The assessment involves the Clinical Assessor observing the IMG interact with a patient in a normal clinical encounter.

IMGs may choose which of their two Clinical Assessors will act as the assessor.

IMGs can use mini-CEX Assessment to:

- Assess themselves against important criteria as they perform practical tasks
- Build on assessor feedback
- Chart their own progress
- Produce evidence of competence during each review

Mini-CEXs provide the opportunity to develop dialogue between with the Clinical Assessor and to form a portfolio of formative assessments to demonstrate the level of competence achieved.

RACS MINI-CEX ASSESSMENT TOOL

The College's mini-CEX assessment tool is an electronic, secure system which manages the registration, invitation and assessment process, facilitating feedback and discussion of the assessment with your Clinical Assessor.

CLINICAL ASSESSORS

The process is IMG led; the IMG chooses the timing, the problem under the guidance of the Clinical Assessor through the learning agreement. It is the IMG's responsibility to

- ensure completion of the required number and type of assessments by the end of each 3 month assessment term and
- to initiate the assessment electronically using the online mini-CEX assessment tool.

A Clinical Assessor may instigate an assessment anytime during the assessment period, if there are any concerns.

The Clinical Assessor observes the IMG undertaking the clinical encounter, doing what they would normally do in that situation. After completing the observation and evaluation the Clinical Assessor provides immediate feedback to the IMG Feedback generally takes about 5 minutes.

The Clinical Assessor completes the assessment electronically and submits it. The IMG receives notification that the assessment is complete, acknowledges and reviews the assessment, adds any comments and submits the assessment.

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Once the report is received by the IMG Assessments Department, a copy of the assessment is forwarded to the specialty Board Chair and/or IMG representative for review.

OUTCOMES

Observed clinical encounter evaluated against good clinical practice

Evaluation of an IMG's ability to communicate, examine, reason and organise when encountering clinical problems.