

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE





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LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE	20	Excellent Performance	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family • Exceeds expected standard	Fluent and accurate and within time Makes adjustment to routine where appropriate	Correctly identifies all essential and desirable signs	Establishes most likely diagnosis on basis of examination. Considers all likely alternatives	Correctly interprets investigations and integrates with examination findings without prompting Recognises and discusses areas of doubt Uses results to support differential diagnosis and discussion
	16	Better than Expected Standard	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family • Meets expected standard	 Fluent and accurate and within time Makes adjustment to routine where appropriate 	Correctly identifies all essential and most desirable signs	Identifies most likely diagnosis and provides reasonable differential diagnoses based on physical findings	Correctly interprets all major findings
	12	Expected Standard	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family Introduces him/herself to the patient Shows respect for patient as indicated by preservation of patient's modesty, seeking permission for sensitive aspects of examination Recognises and modifies examination when painful	 Undertakes systematic examination of required area or system without unnecessary duplication Demonstrates confidence in the examination Completes assigned tasks in appropriate time 	Detects all essential signs Reports significant negative findings Does not find major signs that are not present	 Provides appropriate interpretation of signs Recognises inconsistences in interpretation and findings Provides sensible priorities in diagnosis Discusses appropriate alternative diagnoses 	Accurately interprets in context of investigations Suggests appropriate line of investigation and integrates them with examination findings
	8	Below Expected Standard	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family Inappropriate and insensitive approach to patient	Examination incomplete or lacking fluency or systematic approach	Misses essential signs Fails to look for or mention important negative findings	 Not confident with a diagnosis List of differential diagnoses poorly developed Unable to consider alternative explanations for findings Requires more than minor prompting to reconsider options 	Does not offer appropriate investigations Misinterprets or is unable to integrate investigations with examination findings
	4	Well Below Expected Standard	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family • Unduly rough, clumsy or causes pain without adjustment or apology	Very slow and requires substantial prompting and guidance	 Misses essential signs Finds abnormalities that are not present Fails to look for important negative findings 	 Unable to suggest a reasonable diagnosis May advance diagnoses inconsistent with signs Requires substantial prompting Unable to reconsider additional information which may alter diagnosis 	Unable to use investigations to assist in diagnosis Inappropriate dependence on investigations
	0	Very Poor Performance	Candidates SHOULD achieve the expected standard in terms of their interaction with the patient/family Requiring examiners to intervene	 Slow examination not completed in appropriate time Cannot perform appropriate examination of system 	 Misses all essential signs Finds abnormalities that are not present Fails to look for important negative findings 	 Unable to suggest a reasonable diagnosis Unable to interpret the physical signs elicited 	Unable to suggest reasonable investigations Misinterprets information provided
	Curriculum link		61.1	11.12	11.1.2	11.1.3	11.1.4, 12.3