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Administrative History: Although an Examination Committee was founded in 1954, the MRCGP exam was only piloted in 1965 (run by a Court later Panel of Examiners). In the meantime, for the years 1952-1966 membership of the College was via the Board of Censors who devised a complicated points based system for assessing applicants for membership of the College. The College exam – the MRCGP became the principle route to becoming a member of the College from 1968. It was initially run by an Examination Secretary (later Chief Examiner, later Convenor) and a panel of examiners (POE). Each examination paper had its own group of examiners who developed it.

Every year from 1968, the examiners held an annual conference to discuss exam methodology and from 1974, they also ran seminars for new examiners.

In 1981, a newly created Membership Division had responsibility for conduct and development of the examination, assessment for the established general practitioner and overseas candidates. It was chaired by John Walker. The Examination Working Party (1982-1986) reported to the Membership Division. The Honorary Examination Secretary of the POE was replaced by the office of Chief Examiner 1981-1987. The role of a convenor elected by examiners was started in 1987. The Examination Board ran the exam 1988-2007 when they were replaced by the Assessment Committee for the new qualification the nMRCGP.

Between 1988 and 1991, there were a series of reviews of the exam by the Centre for Medical Education in Dundee. A computer system introduced in 1989 to Examination Department which meant that every candidate received a breakdown of their marks.

In 1992, some pre-exam tests became compulsory - CPR and CHS [Child Health Surveillance].

By 1996 the exam had two parts - Multiple Choice Questions [MCQ] plus Summative

Assessment: (All trainees to record a single video tape. The accompanying workbook to be divided into two sections. The first section would be completed by all trainees and based upon the assessment method developed by the UK advisers. Candidates who wished to take the MRCGP would also complete the second part of the work book); MEQ [Modified Essay Question] paper of two hours twenty minutes; CRO [Critical Reading Question of two hours thirty minutes and two oral exams of thirty minutes. The first simulated surgery as part of the MRCGP took place in June 1997. The exam became modular in 1998. In 2007, an entirely new exam nMRCGP became the standard entry to the profession.

Scope and Content: Records of membership and examination officers and committees.

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Examination papers, syllabi, pass lists, practical arrangements, notes for candidates, invigilators and regulations.

F13. Examination correspondence,1963-1971

F14.Board of Censors correspondence, 1968-1988

Correspondence concerning Board of Censors; later Member Division Executive (1982-7); Examination Board (1988-

F15. Examination Board - Relations with Other Bodies, 1982-1987

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- F22. Examiners - Workshops, 1972-1992**
- F23. Examiners Newsletters, 1987-2005**
- F24. MCQ Multiple Choice Paper (MCQ) Development, 1990-1995**
- F25. ODG Oral Development Group, 1984-1992**
- F26. Assessment of Clinical Competence or Consulting Skills by Video, 1990-1998**
- F27. Assessment of Clinical Competence or Consulting Skills by Simulated Surgery, 1988-1998**
- F28. Written Component Nuclear Group, 1997-1998**
- F29. Practice Topic Question [PTQ], Critical Reading Question [CRQ],1976-1997**
- F30. Modified Essay Question MEQ, 1978-1994**
- F31. Examination Application Fees, 1989-1999**
- F 35. Membership by Assessment of Performance [MAP], 1981-2005**

File Level Listing

A CE F 1 Criteria Committee minutes, 17 February 1954 - 12 December 1959

Minutes, mostly signed, of the meetings of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and of the meetings of the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-1959). *N.B. This committee was disbanded on 16 June 1954, and revived on 8 February 1958.*

[For discussion about the formation of the Committee, see internal correspondence as Honorary Secretary of Council, 1954-65, Personal Papers John Hunt, B HUN A 5-2]

A CE F 1 - 1	Minutes, mostly signed, of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-1959). <i>Date details: gap 16 June 1954 - 8 February 1958.</i>	17 February 1954 - 12 December 1959
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A CE F 2 Criteria Committee papers, 1954 - 1963

Supporting papers for meetings of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-1959), including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence, together with some Board of Censors material.

N.B. [For discussion about the formation of the Committee see internal correspondence as Honorary Secretary of Council, 1954-65, Personal Papers John Hunt, B HUN A 5-2]

- A CE F 2 - 1** Supporting papers for meetings of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-), including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence, together with some Board of Censors material. **1954 - 1958**
- A CE F 2 - 2** Supporting papers for meetings of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-1959), including reports and correspondence, together with some Board of Censors material. **1954 - 1960**
Item: Report of the Criteria Committee of the Fifth College Council, 28 September 1958.
- A CE F 2 - 3** Supporting papers for meetings of the Criteria for Membership Ad Hoc Committee (1954), and the (reconstituted and renamed) Criteria Committee (1958-1959), including reports and correspondence, together with some Board of Censors material. **1955 - 1963**

A CE F 3 Board of Censors minutes, 1955 - 2004

Minutes of meetings of Board of Censors (1955-1981)
(Renamed) Membership Division Executive (1982-1987)
The College was College restructured in 1981 to have four divisions: communications, education, membership and research. The new Membership Division had responsibility for conduct and development of the Examination, assessment for the established general practitioner; overseas candidates.

(Renamed) Examination Board (1988-

N.B. See also

ACE F4 Papers of Board of Censors (later Membership Division, Examination Board)

ACEF14 Correspondence of Board of Censors

ACE F6-14 - F6-19 Examination Working Group/Party 1981-1987. 1988 onwards both of these taken over by Examination Board

ACE F7 - Part 1 Working Party of the Membership Division Executive

ACE J13-1 Forum on Assessment

See also

Personal Papers Patrick Byrne, B BYR C 2-4, for material relating to Byrne's involvement with the Board of Censors, 1965-74, Byrne was Chairman of the Board and Chief Examiner from 1967-73, and was President of the College, 1973-76]

- A CE F 3 - 1** **College of General Practitioners Board of Censors Minutes** **29 January 1955 - 7 July 1962**
Minutes, mostly signed, of meetings of Board of Censors.
N.B. Includes two signed copies of minutes of meeting of 10 December 1960.
- A CE F 3 - 2** **Board of Censors Minutes** **13 October 1962 - 12 June 1981**
Minutes, mostly signed, of meetings of Board of Censors (from 6 February 1976 to 16 September 1977 as the Board of Censors and Education), including lists of admissions to membership, some agendas and other papers. Also minutes of a joint meeting of the Court of Examiners and Board of Censors (2 February 1969), of a joint meeting of the Board of Censors and the Panel of Examiners (9 September 1970), and of meetings of Examiners (28 November

1970, 4-5 June 1971).
N.B. Minutes of the meetings of 21 July 1972 and 6 December 1980 are missing.

- A CE F 3 - 3 Membership Division Executive (1982-7) Examination Board (1988-1989)** **8 January 1982
- 12 October 1989**
Minutes, mostly signed, of meetings of Membership Division Executive (1982-1987) and of the Examination Board of Council (1988-1989).
- A CE F 3 - 4 Examination Board Minutes** **15 Feb 1990
- 15 July 1993**
Minutes of the Examination Board of Council 1989-1990
1st Meeting 15 Feb 1990 EB90/1-EB90/15
2nd Meeting 19 April 1990
3rd Meeting 19 June 1990
4th Meeting 25 October 1990

1990/91
1st Meeting 14 Feb 1991
2nd Meeting 25 April 1991
3rd Meeting 13 June 1991
4th Meeting 26 Sep 1991

1991/2
1st Meeting 13 Feb 1992
2nd Meeting 16 April 1992
3rd Meeting 16 July 1992
4th Meeting 8 Oct 1992

1992/3
1st Meeting 4 March 1993
2nd Meeting 22 April 1993
3rd Meeting 15 July 1993
Item: ?Full signed minutes 1990-date still with Tom Dastur in Examinations Department
See ACE F4 for Examination Board papers up to 1997 with detailed subject listing.
- A CE F 3 - 5 Examination Board** **1997
- 2004**
Minutes of the Examination Board of Council
1st Meeting - February 6th, 1997 (EB1-12)
* 2nd Meeting - April 17th, 1997 (13-23)
* 3rd Meeting - July 17th, 1997 (24-34)
* 4th Meeting - October 16th, 1997 (36-49)

1997/98 Meeting Minutes:
* 1st Meeting - February 5th, 1998 (EB 1-14)
* 2nd Meeting - July 9th, 1998 (1-16)
* 3rd Meeting - October 15th, 1998 (16-25)

1998/99 Meeting Minutes:
* 1st Meeting - February 4th, 1999 EB(1-17)
* 2nd Meeting - July 8th, 1999 (1-20)
* 3rd Meeting - October 14th, 1999 (1-17)

1999/00 Meeting Minutes:
* 1st Meeting - February 3rd, 2000 (EB1-19)
* 2nd Meeting - July 6th, 2000 (1-16)

* 3rd Meeting - October 12th, 2000 (1-16)

2000/01 Meeting Minutes

* 1st Meeting - February 8th, 2001 (EB1-18)

* 2nd Meeting - July 5th, 2001 (1-16)

* 3rd Meeting - October 18th, 2001 (1-15)

2001/02 Meeting Minutes:

* 1st Meeting - January 31st, 2002 (EB1-17)

* 2nd Meeting - July 4th, 2002 (1-17)

* 3rd Meeting - October 14th, 2002 (1-15)

2002/03 Meeting Minutes:

* 1st Meeting - January 30th, 2003 (EB1-19)

* 2nd Meeting - July 10th, 2003 (1-15)

* 3rd Meeting - October 9th, 2003 (1-16)

2003/04 Meeting Minutes:

* 1st Meeting - January 29th, 2004 (EB1-17)

* 2nd Meeting - July 22nd, 2004 (1-16)

* 3rd Meeting - October 14th, 2004 (1-15)

A CE F 4 Board of Censors papers, 1955 - 1997

Minutes, Agendas and Supporting papers for meetings of

1. Board of Censors 1955-1981, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence,

2. Member Division Executive 1982-7;

(The College was College restructured in 1981 to have four divisions: communications, education, membership and research. The new Membership Division had responsibility for conduct and development of the Examination, assessment for the established general practitioner; overseas candidates. It was chaired by J H Walker.)

3. Examination Board 1988-93

N.B. See also

ACE F3 Minutes of Board of Censors, Membership Division, Examination Board

ACE F14 Correspondence of Board of Censors, Membership Division, Examination Board

ACE F3 - Part 1 Working Party of the Membership Division Executive

ACE F5 - F6 Examination Committee, Panel of Examiners, Working Group/Party 1954-1987. 1988 onwards both of these taken over by Examination Board

See also

Personal Papers Patrick Byrne, B BYR C 2-4, for material relating to Byrne's involvement with the Board of Censors, 1965-74, Byrne was Chairman of the Board and Chief Examiner from 1967-73, and was President of the College, 1973-76]

A CE F 4 - 1	Board of Censors Duplicate minutes and agendas for meetings of Board of Censors, together with correspondence.	1955 - 1962
A CE F 4 - 2	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, reports and correspondence.	1963 - 1973
A CE F 4 - 3	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including	1962

	agendas and reports.	
A CE F 4 - 4	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, agendas and reports.	1962 - 1963
A CE F 4 - 5	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including agendas and reports.	1964
A CE F 4 - 6	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1965 - 1966
A CE F 4 - 7	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1966 - 1967
A CE F 4 - 8	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1968
A CE F 4 - 9	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1969
A CE F 4 - 10	Board of Censors and Panel of Examiners Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors and Panel of Examiners, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1970 - 1972
A CE F 4 - 11	Board of Censors and Panel of Examiners, Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors and Panel of Examiners, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1973 - 1973
A CE F 4 - 12	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1974 - 1974
A CE F 4 - 13	Board of Censors Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1975 - 1975
A CE F 4 - 14	Board of Censors and Education Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors and Education including Clinical Standards Working Party, study group on section 63 courses, duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.	1976 - 1976
A CE F 4 - 15	Board of Censors and Education Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors and Education including Clinical Standards Working Party, study group on section 63 courses, criteria for selection of hospital posts,	1977 - 1977

social work training, duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.

- A CE F 4 - 16 Board of Censors and Education** 1978
- 1978
Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors and Education including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence. Includes role of regional advisers, recognition of MRCP by Israel; Working Party on Development of the Examination
- A CE F 4 - 17 Board of Censors** 1979
- 1979
Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence. Regional advisers; evolution and structure of the examination, core medical training for child health services (result of Court report); status of overseas training; development of the Examination and possibility of Fellowship by Assessment
- A CE F 4 - 18 Board of Censors** 1980
- 1980
Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence. Standard Setting for Established General Practitioners, aim of the examination; examination executive meetings [ACE F6-12]; examination methodology, vocational training in the armed forces
- A CE F 4 - 19 Board of Censors** 1981
- 1981
Supporting papers for meetings of Board of Censors including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence. Standard Setting for Established General Practitioners, admission under 3 (d); Practice Visits Working Party; assessment in General Practice - purpose of examination; WSOD; clinical component of examination
- A CE F 4 - 20 Membership Division Executive papers** 1982
- 1982
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division.
Includes overseas relationships, Examination Working Group, MRCP Clinical component; responses on WSOD; letter for new members; membership booklet; course for failed candidates; child health; methodology; viva observation; criteria for Fellowship
Item: 5 Folders
- A CE F 4 - 21 Membership Division Executive papers** 1983
- 1983
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division.
includes overseas candidates; predictive validity; leaflet; Part 1 Working Party; Examination Working Party; recruitment working party;
- A CE F 4 - 22 Membership Division Executive papers** 1984
- 1984
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division.
includes Fellowship by Assessment; eligibility of overseas candidates; clinical component of MRCP; Libya; practice logs study; part 1 working party; predictive validity; "Beyond MRCP" self assessment; effectiveness of examiners workshops; examiners recruitment; proposed Irish College; Trainees

Committee
Item: See ACE N45-1 Irish College of General Practitioners
ACE F15-2 Examination Relations with External Bodies - ICGP

- A CE F 4 - 23 Membership Division Executive papers 1985**
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division. - 1985
includes Failed Candidates survey; examiner recruitment; alternative routes to membership; trainee recruitment; reciprocity with New Zealand; psychosexual medicine; certification ; data protection; vocational training and MRCGP performance; quality initiative
- A CE F 4 - 24 Membership Division Executive papers 1986**
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division. - 1986
includes "Why Candidates Fail?", computer marking; overseas examinations; FBA; joint meeting with Examination Working Group[15 September 1986], role of chief examiner; administration of examinations to be taken over by new role Convenor of Panel of Examiners
Item: Some confidential material
See also ACE F14-6
- A CE F 4 - 25 Membership Division Executive papers 1987**
Supporting papers for meetings of Membership Executive Division. - 1987
includes Convenor of Panel of Examiners; development of the examination; minutes of examination committee; "Review of Membership Examination Procedures of the Royal College of General Practitioners" [David B Swanson]; tenders for exam review; regionalisation of the Examination [Wales]; final report of Part 1 [Mid Point Assessment Profile] working party; mutual recognition of Irish examination
Item: Some confidential material
See also ACE F14-6
Sep 1987 Examination Board agreed by Council
- A CE F 4 - 26 Examination Board Papers 1988**
Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Board. - 1988
4 February 1988 Agenda, Minutes of Membership Division Executive Meeting 8 October 1987; Minutes of Examination Committee 6 November 1987 terms of reference and constitution; draft programme for Examiners Workshop Ullswater; development of exam manual report from convenor (PMJ Tombleson); computerisation; job description for Education Consultant; Exam objectives; overseas centres (Cyprus, Hong Kong); resuscitation;

27 April 1988 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 4 Feb 1988; exam objectives; place of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation in the MRCGP Exam; potential examiners; stats; revising examiners handbook; report on DCC; psychometric research (Oliver Samuel); development of MCQ (Helen Mulholland);

28 July 1988 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 27 April 1988; Minutes of MRCGP Examination Development Group; future of PTQ paper; induction of new examiners; examination of the Canadian,

Australian and New Zealand Colleges; report on first Irish exam MICGP; standards for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation performance test; resolution by Course organisers that exam is taken after vocation training

13 October 1988 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of 28 July 1988, progress report on exam research and development (Helen Mulholland); use of Richard Wakeford's report on trainees perceptions of the exam; report on Kuwait diploma; resuscitation; locum allowances

Item: First meeting 4 Feb 1988 Chaired by John J Ferguson; Convenor PMJ Tombleson

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Examination Board Papers

**1989
- 1989**

Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Board.

1 February 1989 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 13 October 1988; terms of reference; budget; computerisation; "Report to the Examination Board" Dr Helen Mulholland and Sean McAleer (University of Dundee); potential examiners; draft workshop programme; report on implementation of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as an entrance requirement for MRCGP; revised sample MCQ questions; draft letter to regional advisers; stats;

18 April 1989 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 1 Feb 1989; budget; phase two of development of the examination; future of practice topic paper; examiner remuneration; "An Education Strategy for General Practice"; proposed Saudi diploma in Primary Health Care; communication between Board and Panel;

19 July 1989 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 18 April 1989; budget; phase two of Examination development project; computerisation; standards of trainee projects; the role of the dissertation as used by professional bodies; deferment [retaking parts of exam not passed]; future of PTQ; publication of marking schedules; timing of MRCGP exam; Kuwait diploma; venue of Examiners workshop

12 October 1989 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of 19 July 1989, computerisation; Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation documentation for testers; Kuwait diploma; deferment; potential examiners; questionnaire for Panel; ethnic minority discrimination of Asian GP's (Leicester Faculty); postgraduate education allowance; changes to DCCH; development of MCQ.

*Item: Chaired by John J Ferguson; Convenor PMJ Tombleson
See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence*

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Examination Board Papers

**1990
- 1990**

Supporting papers for meetings of 1990 Examination Board.

15 February 1990 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 12 October 1989; terms of reference; budget; computerisation; results of POE questionnaire; implications of new contract on exam; Kuwait diploma; CPR report; budget; the RCGP and Asian practitioners; potential examiners; International MCQ bank; cut-off mark for MCQ; OCSE development; accreditation in child health; "Report to the Examination Board of the Royal College of General Practitioners" (Helen Mulholland; Sean McAleer)

19 April 1990 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 15 Feb 1990;

application fees; computerisation; accreditation in specific areas; cut-off points in written papers & MCQ; role of a moderator; alternative routes to membership (Vale of Trent initiative); ethics; draft guide to candidates on "Critical reading question paper"; agenda for Examination Development meeting

19 June 1990 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board meeting and of Examination Development Meeting 15 April 1990 - CPR, reports from convenors; diplomas in general practice; child health surveillance; report of visit to Kuwait by John Toby; finance; professional test developer for the exam; Asian GP's; representation on POE; report on visit by convenor to Canada (see ACE P60 Canada); MEQ examiner performance; notes for oral examination and practice experience questionnaire

25 October 1990 Agenda, Minutes of Examination Board and Examination Development Meeting 19 June 1990; Professional test developer for the exam; Examination Board Aims and Targets (includes College strategy 1990-1993); budget; role of convenor; potential examiners; ethnicity of candidates; collection of candidate data; meeting with Regional Advisers on assessment; development of diplomas for continuing medical education; content of the examination relating to Inner City Problems; membership by assessment; Research Strategy for the 1990's; does performance improve when candidates re-sit (IC McManus); Assessment of clinical skills with standardised patients (CPM Va de Vleuten, David B Swanson); Learning Approaches of doctors undertaking the MRCGP Exam (Richard Wakeford)
Item: Chaired by John Toby;
Convenor PMJ Tomblason

ACK Lockie Convenor MEQ
PL Lewis Convenor MCQ
D M Dwyer Convenor PTQ/CRQ
P Tate Convenor Orals

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence
ACE F17 CPR; ACE F18 Child Health Surveillance
Decide to split meeting morning Examination Board business
afternoon development of examination
See Also ACE P161 Kuwait

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Examination Board Papers

Supporting papers for meetings of 1991 Examination Board.

**1991
- 1991**

14 February 1991 EB91/1-EB91/18 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board and Examination Development 25 October 1990; terms of reference; aims and targets; Asian doctors and ethnic minorities questionnaire; finance; notes of Child Health Surveillance MRCGP working Party; annual report; potential examiners; Course Organisers and CRQ [Critical Reading Questions Paper]; international MCQ; Examiners Workshop 6-8 March 1991 programme and aims; relations with Irish college MICGP; contraception and the MRCGP; report on tender meetings for professional test maintenance and development services; report from working party on clinical competence; MEQ feedback questionnaire;

25 April 1991 EB91/19-EB91/27 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting

14 Feb 1991; report of Working Party on MRCGP and Asian candidates; proposed International MCQ; budget; progress towards an In-House MRCGP Marking System; report on convenors observation of DCCH examination; endorsement of pre-certification in Child Health Surveillance to start March 1992; critical reading question paper; proposed abolition of negative marking in the MCQ; alternative routes to membership; sharing MCQ's ICGP;

13 June 1991 EB91/28-EB91/35 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board meeting and of Examination Development Meeting 25 April 1991 - video assessment working party; budget; application fee; proposed simulated surgery assessment; forum on assessment; BMJ editors observing oral examination; "Summative Assessment of Vocational Training" [Discussion paper by Roger Neighbour - vocational Training Working Group]

26 September 1991 EB91/36-EB91/49 Agenda, Minutes of Examination Board and Examination Development Meeting 13 June 1991; budget; aims and target; discrimination against Asian doctors; child health surveillance; report on DCCH; ICGP cross representation; potential examiners; study to measure any differences in the study approaches of doctors preparing for the MRCGP before and after the introduction of Critical Reading Question Paper [Lesley Southgate and Richard Wakeford]; proposed educational workshop for Royal College and University Medical school examiners and examination organisers; proposed reciprocity agreement with Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners RNZCGP [See ACE P16-6 International - Reciprocity]; MRCGP relationship with diplomas; BMA resolution that MRCGP should not be taken during trainee year. "Review of Issues of concern in the MCQ paper" [John Foulkes]; Proposed changes in MCQ paper [Peter Elliot]; Statistical Moderation of Test Scores [John Foulkes]
Item: Chaired by John Toby; Convenor PMJ Tomblinson; Lesley Southgate Convenor elect March 1991-March 1992

(New Exam) May 1991 exam marked by University of Newcastle Computing Laboratory and at the College using newly developed in-house system.

May 1991 Council agree compulsory pre-certification in Child Health Surveillance to start March 1992; [see ACE F18 Child Health Surveillance]

From Autumn 1991, Essay paper replaced by Critical Reading Question Paper with three paper part 1 presented a published paper and invited candidate to examine and criticize aspects of it. Part 2 required a discussion of selected mainstream topics in general practice and part 3 presented a piece of GP directed literature [e.g. an advertisement from a pharmaceutical company or memo from a regional Medical Director] and asked in what ways the GP might respond and the implications for his practice.

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait
ACE P19-1 International MCQ
ACE F15-2 Exams - Irish College of General Practitioners
ACE N45-1 Irish College of General Practitioners

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Examination Board Papers

**1992
- 1992**

Supporting papers for meetings of 1992 Examination Board.

13 February 1992 EB92/1-EB92/19 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board and Examination Development 26 September 1991; terms of reference; aims and targets; archiving of data; MCQ review; "Combining components of assessment"; "review of issues of concern in the MEQ paper; budget; annual report; Child Health Surveillance; multiple resits; recruitment of examiners; examiners workshop 4-6 March 1992 programme; Forum on Assessment minutes 21 Jan 1992; report on Kuwait diploma (pre and post war); International MCQ; alternative route to membership report; standards for CPR;

16 April 1992 EB92/20-EB92/31 Agenda, Minutes of Meetings of Examination Board and Examination Development 13 Feb 1992; guidance on Child Health Surveillance; Membership by Assessment [MAP]; budget; tender from UCLES (University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate) to provide OME for MCQ; Saudi Arabia; recognition of Hong Kong government of MRCGP as a higher qualification; report on DCCH; grant application for simulated surgery/video- recorded consultation project

16 July 1992 EB92/33-EB92/47 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board meeting and of Examination Development Meeting 16 April 1992 - proposed assessment training Fellowship; report from Video Assessment working party on developing clinical component of exam; standardising scores in the oral examination; oral development group; Membership by Assessment [MAP] consultation paper; Forum on Assessment meeting with Regional Advisers to discuss Summative Assessment of Trainees; Forum on Assessment Interim Report; relationship with Patient Liaison Group; Saudi Arabia - proposed international Exam; Kuwait; "Background Data" report

8 October 1992 EB92/48-EB92/63 Agenda, Minutes of Examination Board and Examination Development Meeting 16 June 1992; standardisation of oral marks; budget; aims and targets; minutes of Forum on Assessment 6 August 1992; Interim report on clinical component from Simulated Surgery Assessment Working Party and from Video Assessment Working Party; proposed Examiner Recruitment days; concerns on CPR; Saudi Arabia; Kuwait; "Transcultural Medical - dealing with Patients from Different Cultures" [Bashir Qureshi]; restructuring College; meeting with Irish College ICGP on reciprocity; Examination Development paper "Setting and Maintaining Standards" John Foulkes; "A Preliminary Analysis of CRQ (Critical Reading Question) paper" John Foulkes
Item: Chaired by John Toby; Convenor PMJ Tombleson; Lesley Southgate Convenor elect March 1991-March 1992

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May 1991 Council agree compulsory pre-certification in Child Health Surveillance to start March 1992; [See ACE F18 Child Health Surveillance]

Following a pilot in April 1990 from Autumn 1991 the essay paper (Practice Topic) was replaced by Critical Reading Question Paper with three papers

Part 1 presented a published paper and invited candidate to examine and criticize aspects of it.

Part 2 required a discussion of selected mainstream topics in general practice

Part 3 presented a piece of GP directed literature [e.g. an advertisement from a pharmaceutical company or memo from a regional Medical Director] and asked in what ways the GP might respond and the implications for his practice.

From Oct 1992, format of MCQ paper changed to 360 True/False format from 60 questions or stems with five items. Penalty scoring was abolished and marks were no longer deducted for incorrect responses.

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

F15-2 Irish College of General Practitioners

F17 CPR

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait

ACE P166 International - Saudi Arabia

ACE P19-1 International MCQ

ACE P Reciprocity

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Examination Board Papers

**1993
- 1993**

Supporting papers for meetings of 1993 Examination Board.

4 March 1993 EB93/1-EB93/13 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board and Examination Development 8 October 1992; terms of reference; aims and targets; annual report; new standards for CPR in the light of new guidelines for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support agreed by the European Resuscitation Council November 1992; pressure to release questions from MCQ bank; minutes of Forum on Assessment (to discuss implementation of summative assessment) 14 January 1993; notes of Forum on Assessment meetings with Regional Advisors; proposed letter to medical press on MRCGP pass rate as a training output quality indicator; report of Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group March 1993 (G R Caird)

22 April 1993 EB93/14-EB93/23 Agenda, Minutes of Meetings of Examination Board and Examination Development 4 March 1993; updating OP46; proposed revising MCQ paper to increased number of trialed items; tender for optical scanning of MCQ paper; proposed consultant to Examination Board to provide general educational and psychometric advice; proposal for piloting of the Video based clinical component; fees increase; proposed central provision of MRCGP courses; DCCH examiners; peer referencing; accommodation in Edinburgh

15 July 1993 EB93/24-EB93/38 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board Examination Development Committee 22 April 1993; proposed MRCGP courses; use of MCQ's in summative assessment; minutes of meeting of Forum on Assessment 29 April 1993; report of JCPTGP summative assessment working party 27 May 1993; proposed paper for Council to respond to this report; proposed clinical viva; report on performance of CRQ (July 1993); Yorkshire assessment package and MCQ marking; updating OP46; DCCH report; "Assessment of Overseas Doctors and the MRCGP Examination" on Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and proposed International examinations; pilot videoing of consultations (293 examination); terms of reference of Oral Development group proposals for training examiners; purposed certificate of competence in family planning;

7 Oct 1993 EB93/39-EB93/49 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board 15 July 1993; proposal to add clinical assessment by video from 294 diet; Saudi Arabia; development of International exam; notes from first Convenors group meeting 15 July 1993; Forum on Assessment report on summative assessment 28 Sep 1993; aims and targets; budget; matching eligibility for membership with JCPTGP equivalent experience; Peer Group referencing; assessment of skills for elderly surveillance [Keith Thompson]; dissemination of MRCGP information in courses; Edinburgh accommodation.

Item: Chaired by John Toby; Convenor Lesley Southgate

CPR Certificate revised from Oct 1993 so that it conformed to guidelines of basic life support working party of the European Resuscitation Council.[See also ACE F17 CPR]

MCQ from Oct 1993 included Extended matching items

10 July 1993 Council disagree with JCPTGP report on summative assessment and reaffirm the need for a single national standard of assessment at the completion of vocational training and recommended that all trainees should sit the MRCGP exam

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait; ACE P166 Saudi Arabia

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Examination Board Papers

Supporting papers for meetings of 1994 Examination Board.

**1994
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10 February 1994 EB94/1-EB94/15 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board 7 October 1993; publication of exam statistics (viz article in BMJ on pass rate); proposed restriction on resits; budget; "Clinical Component for the RCGP report" (Jan 1994); trainee stats pilot; proposed eligibility panels; revised procedures for Kuwait diploma; programme for Examiners Workshop 2-4 March 1994;

14 April 1994 EB94/16-EB94/25 Agenda, Minutes of Meetings of Examination Board 10 February 1994; budget; nuclear group

activities; updating OP46; promotion of MRCGP [Midland Faculty]; timing of child health surveillance certification; ethnicity (background data) questionnaire;

14 July 1994 EB93/26-EB94/42 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board 14 April 1994; ethnicity questionnaire; minutes of meeting with regional advisers on summative assessment; "Summative Assessment in the MRCGP Examination" [Forum on Assessment]; issue of doctors failing MRCGP but not bad enough to be denied certificate of prescribed or equivalent experience; GMC response to proposal to use video recordings; results of questionnaire on assessment of clinical competence by video panel of examiners; "Proposal for the Development of Simulated Surgery as a Clinical Component of the Membership Examination" (June 1994); examination fee; action plan; criterion referencing; (Foulkes July 1994); report on MCQ nuclear group; marking schedules; Overseas accreditation panel; report on Saudi exam 4th May 1994; report on CRQ paper

6 Oct 1994 EB94/43-EB94/53 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board 14 July 1994; budget; summative assessment; MEQ (Roger Neighbour) proposal to extend from May 1995 the MEQ from 10 to 12 with an extra 20 minutes on the exam duration; training and selecting Panel of Examiners; Scottish pass rates; Kuwait diploma; Examiners Convenors group 6 Oct 1994 papers

Item: Chaired by David Haslam; Convenor Lesley Southgate

Oct/Dec 1994 voluntary video assessment proposed but cancelled pending clarification from GMC.

Forum on Assessment disbanded but some elements such as Simulated Surgery Working Party continued;

May 1994 Exam held in Saudi Arabia

Agreed from 1st Jan 1996 JCPTGP rule that all doctors completing vocational training must be formally assessed prior to being issued with a Certificate of Prescribed or Equivalent Experience.

MCQ to include Extended matching questions (EMQ)

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence; ACE F18 Child Health Surveillance

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait; ACE P166 Saudi Arabia

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Examination Board Papers

Supporting papers for meetings of 1995 Examination Board.

**1995
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19 January 1995 EB95/1-EB95/15 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting Examination Board 6 October 1994; terms of reference; budget; annual report; summative assessment action plan including "Entry criteria to the examination for trainee candidates"; meeting with

regional advisers; consulting skills regional assessments (John Hasler); GMC guidance on consulting skills video assessment; report from convenors on modular MCQ's; notes of convenors meeting 6 Oct 1994; DCCCH report;

30 March 1995 papers missing (see minutes in July 1995 papers)

13 July 1995 EB95/32-EB95/42 Agenda, Chairman's agenda
Minutes of 30 March meeting of Examination Board; overseas candidates; Kuwait diploma; summative assessment; proposed changes to MCQ; equal marks issue; budget; application fees; appeals procedure; Saudi exam report; tender from John Foulkes to provide a service for the design, production and scanning of MCQ answer sheets

12 Oct 1995 EB95/43-EB95/54 Agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board 13 July 1995; deriving results in the new MRCGP; ethnicity; budget; acceptance by JCPTGP of MRCGP for summative assessment; proposed MRCGP International (problems of new consulting skills assessment and increasing numbers of overseas candidates wishing to take MRCGP); Transcultural medical "Video Assessment of Consultation skills: cultural and religious aspects"; report from MCQ nuclear group; proposed pilot for video component Christmas 1995; report from simulated surgery group

Item: Chaired by David Haslam; Convenor Lesley Southgate

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MCQ to be held 4 times a year

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CRQ [Critical Reading Question of two hours thirty minutes

Orals. Two oral exams of thirty minutes.

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See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait; ACE P166 Saudi Arabia

8 February 1996 EB96/1-EB96/12 missing (see minutes in April

1996 papers)

18 April 1996 EB96/13-EB96/19 Agenda, Chairman's Agenda, and Minutes of meeting of 8 February 1996 "The Oral and Video Component of the MRCGP Exam: Another Way Forward?" {Richard Wakeford}; candidate identity; ethnicity; International Exam; DCCH; eligibility of registrars; proposed diploma in Prison Medicine; terms of reference, budget, articulation [for Research Projects] with summative assessment; eligibility of examiners; release of candidates results, "Proposed Collaboration to Devise an International Specialist Examination in General Practice/Family Medicine for Developing Countries - Draft report of an Expert Group Meeting to Assess Technical Feasibility (report of meeting funded by Nuffield Foundation)

11 July 1996 EB96/25-EB96/35 Agenda, Chairman's agenda, Minutes of 18 April 1996 meeting of Examination Board; application to the JCPTGP for recognition of the video-based consulting skills component of the MRCGP, budget, proposed probationary period for new examiners; processing applicants for membership; ethnicity "Language and its potential for indirect discrimination: The MRCGP Oral Assessment Interview" [Consultant Researchers: Celai Roberts (Thames Valley University) and Srikant Sarangi (University of Wales, Cardiff)]

17 Oct 1996 EB96/36-EB96/46 Agenda, Chairman's agenda, Minutes of Meeting of Examination Board 11 July 1996; application to the JCPTGP for recognition of the video-based consulting skills component of the MRCGP; criteria for approval of summative assessment packages, new application form; examiners expenses; "The Selection and Induction of new examiners" [Roger Neighbour]; revision to patient consent form; notes on simulated surgery weekend (Chilworth 27-28 July 1996); venues; CRQ report summer 1996;
Item: Chaired by David Haslam; Convenor Lesley Southgate, Convenor Elect Roger Neighbour

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See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait; ACE P166 Saudi Arabia

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Examination Board Papers

1997

Supporting papers for meetings of 1997 Examination Board.

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6 February 1997 EB97/1-EB97/10 Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 17 October 1996, papers: terms of reference, submission for approval by JCPTGP of the Simulated Surgery as a method of assessment of the consulting skills of GP Registrars for Summative Assessment; draft feedback from candidates questionnaire; budget, locum payments; development of the exam "Sustaining the MRCGP Examination: Proposals for the short and medium term development of the Exam" [David Haslam and Roger Neighbour]; "Sustaining the MRCGP: The Relationship with Summative Assessment" [Haslam and Neighbour]; "Articulation with Summative Assessment" application to the JCPTGP for recognition of the video based consulting skills component of the MRCGP (question if also should apply for simulated surgery); draft policy on candidates with temporary or permanent disabilities which might hinder their performance; programme for Examiners Workshop 5-7 March 1997

CEC 13 Feb 1997 papers submitted by Exam Board "Method for Deriving a minimum standard for the MRCGP clinical component" and "MRCGP Simulated Surgery as a Method of Assessment of the Consulting Skills of GP Registrars for Summative Assessment"; use of dictionaries

17 April 1997 EB97/11-EB97/15 Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 6 February 1997, accounts, reactions to Haslam and Neighbour paper "Sustaining the MRCGP Exam..."; oral development group Summary of Saunton 1997 exercise: panel group reports including implications of modularization; change of content; "Strategy for the Implications of Suggested Revisions to the MRCGP Exam" [John Foulkes]; MRCGP International, Saudi Arabia; simulated surgery pilot

17 July 1997 EB97/16-EB97/23 Agenda, Chairman's Agenda, Minutes of 18 April 1996 meeting of Examination Board; [papers missing] see 16 Oct 1997 papers for minutes

16 Oct 1997 EB97/24-EB97/29 Draft Agenda, [papers missing] Minutes of 17 July 1997 meeting of Examination Board

5 February 1998 EB98/1-EB98/7 Draft Chairman's Agenda

Item: Chaired by David Haslam; Convenor Lesley Southgate, Convenor Elect Roger Neighbour

First simulated surgery due Dec 1996 cancelled because only one candidate eligible. Pilot exam for 18 registrars from North Thames VTS at CHIME 2-3 April 1997

20 July 1997 Council approve modular exam for 1998

"Sustaining the MRCGP Examination: Proposals for the short and medium term development of the Exam" [David Haslam and Roger Neighbour] - proposes fully modular exam, and that MEQ and CRQ be tested in one paper;

*"Sustaining the MRCGP: The Relationship with Summative Assessment" [Haslam and Neighbour]
[Whatever the pressure to align the MRCGP with Summative Assessment] "Clearly the MRCGP must never lower its standards. We do not suggest that the College should shrink from seeking exemption for registrars gaining the MRCGP. On the contrary we urge the College to pursue the logically unassailable case that if a registrar is shown to be competent at a superior level, using an integrated and holistic test of established validity and reliability, then competence at a minimal level should de facto be conceded".*

"Articulation with Summative Assessment" application to the JCPTGP for recognition of the video based consulting skills component of the MRCGP (question if also should apply for simulated surgery) "The MRCGP video-based consultation skills assessment is not designed to determine whether doctors achieve a minimum acceptable level. Its assessment aims are different; but while they are not strictly comparable, they may be generally more demanding. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that the assessment might detect all GP registrars who fall below minimum acceptable standards but it would also fail some who are at or above that level". Should MRCGP tapes be marked by summative assessment or should JCPTGP summative assessment be marked by MRCGP markers instead. "We know that the two assessments have different aims, but one might also serve the purpose of the other." [video approved by JCPTGP for Summative assessment May 200 for use from May 2001

See also F14-11 Examination Board Correspondence

See Also ACE P161 International -Kuwait; ACE P166 Saudi Arabia

A CE F 5 Examination Committee minutes, 15 December 1954 - 24th November 1987

Minutes of meetings of Examination Committee (1954-1963), the Court of Examiners (1965-1969), including joint meetings with the Board of Censors and the Panel of Examiners (1969), and Examiners' Conferences (1972-1975) and Workshops (1977-1978). Also notes on meetings of examiners (1970-1972).

See Examination Board for later material F3 & F4

N.B. See ACE F6 Examination Committee/Working Group papers

F21 Examiners Training & F22 Examiners Conferences/Workshops

A CE F 5 - 1

College of General Practitioners Examination Committee Minutes

Minutes, mostly signed, of meetings of Examination Committee (1954-1963), minutes and some agendas of, and other papers concerning, the meetings of the Court of Examiners (1965-1969), including joint meetings with the Board of Censors (2 February 1969) and the Panel of Examiners (3 May 1969, 13 June 1969, 24 October 1969 and 29 November 1969), Examiners' Conferences (18 September 1972 - 22 February 1975) and Workshops (23-24 September 1977 - 27-29 September 1978). Also notes on meetings

**15 December 1954
- 27-29 September
1978**

of examiners of 28 November 1970, 4-5 June 1971, 26-27 November 1971 and 1-3 June 1972.

- A CE F 5 - 2 Examination Executive of the Panel of Examiners Committee Minutes** **26 October 1978**
- 24 November 1981
Minutes and some agendas of, and other papers concerning the Examination Executive of the Panel of Examiners
Item: Panel of Examiners becomes part Membership Division see ACE F4-20 - F4-25 1981-1987; See also Examination Working Group/Party ACE F6-14 - F6-19 1981-1987. 1988 onwards both of these taken over by Examination Board

A CE F 6 Examination Committee papers, 1954 - 1987

Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Committee (1954-1963), Court of Examiners (1965-1969), Panel of Examiners (1968-1981), Examiners (1970-1972), and Examiners' conferences (1972-), Examination Working Party (1982-1986), Examination Committee (1987); including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.
See ACE F4 & F5 Examination Board Minutes and Papers 1988- for later material
*N.B. See ACE F4 & F5 for Examination Board 1988-
See also F21 Examiners Training & F22 Examiners Conferences/Workshops*

- A CE F 6 - 1** Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Committee, including duplicate minutes, agendas, and reports. **1954**
- 1963
- A CE F 6 - 2** Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Committee, including reports and correspondence. **1954**
- 1956
- A CE F 6 - 3** Supporting papers for meetings of Examination Committee, including reports and correspondence. **1956**
- 1963
- A CE F 6 - 4** Supporting papers for meetings of Court of Examiners, and joint meetings of Court of Examiners and Panel of Examiners, including duplicate minutes, agendas, reports and correspondence.
Item: Optional test of knowledge (pilot examination) paper, November 1965. **1965**
- 1969
- A CE F 6 - 5** Supporting papers for meetings of Panel of Examiners. **1968**
- A CE F 6 - 6** Reports and correspondence concerning meeting of Examiners (4-5 March 1970), and related matters. **1970**
- A CE F 6 - 7** Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. **1972**
- 1973
- A CE F 6 - 8 Panel of Examiners** **1971**
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. **- 1973**
Includes top ten books; clinical examination; draft essay questions; MEQ; role play orals
- A CE F 6 - 9 Panel of Examiners** **1974**
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. **- 1974**
Includes RCGP's responsibilities to examiners; international working party on examinations and evaluations [WONCA]; draft TEQ and MEQ questions; league position of faculties; faculties

without examiners;

- A CE F 6 - 10 Panel of Examiners Executive** 1975
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. - 1976
Includes reports from observers, specialist accreditation of the MRCGP
Date details: 28 June 1975 - 2 August 1976.
- A CE F 6 - 11 Panel of Examiners Executive** 1978
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. - 1979
Includes role of the College in assessment; analysis of subjects covered; recertification; use of video recording; comparison with Australian exam;
Date details: October 1978- December 1979.
- A CE F 6 - 12 Panel of Examiners Executive** 1980
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. - 1980
Includes exam methodology; representation and role of the Committee; oral exam development group [video analysis]; pass rate of trainees compared to principals; computer marking; aims of the exam; increased clinical component of the exam
- A CE F 6 - 13 Panel of Examiners Executive** 1981
Supporting papers for Examiners' meetings and conferences. - 1981
Includes reorganization of Membership Division; predictive ability; computerisation of membership records; MRCGP Part 1 re-development; non- examination based assessments; protocol for study of practice logs
Item: Restructuring Division - Examination Executive became Membership Executive of the Board of Censors. The Honorary Examination Secretary of the POE replaced by the office of Chief Examiner
- A CE F 6 - 14 Examination Working Party** 1981
Correspondence and papers of Examination Working Party - 1981
Item: Restructuring Division - Examination Executive became Membership Executive of the Board of Censors 1981. The Honorary Examination Secretary of the POE replaced by the office of Chief Examiner.
First meeting of 24th Nov 1981
- A CE F 6 - 15 Examination Working Party** 1982
Correspondence and papers of Examination Working Party - 1982
includes rating of consulting skills; predictive validity; TEQ marking
Item: Minutes from March 1982 missing?
- A CE F 6 - 16 Examination Working Party** 1983
Minutes, papers and correspondence of Examination Working Party includes future management of the examination, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, use of title MRCGP examiner; "Looking Forward" booklet; membership information; - 1983
- A CE F 6 - 17 Examination Working Party** 1984
Minutes, papers and correspondence of Examination Working Party included Ullswater Workshop; criteria for being an - 1984

examiner; "MRCGP Revisited"; survey of candidates; future of the PTQ; examiners booklet;

A CE F 6 - 18 Examination Working Group Papers 1985 - 1985
Minutes, papers and correspondence of Examination Working Group

11 January 1985 Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of meeting 26 Sep 1984 (2 versions; results; reciprocity with other Colleges; Potential New Examiners paper - "To Be or Not to Be An Examiner"

6 March 1985 Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of 11 January 1985 meeting; philosophy of Ullswater; oral centres; draft MRCGP course organisers pack; results; frequently asked questions about the exam [discussion paper for Examination Executive]

13 June 1985 Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of 6 March 1985 meeting; report from Ullswater (analysis of views in general group discussions); FAQ's (Questions we need to answer Theo Schofield); group practice competence; data protection; after-sales services to candidates; analysis of examiner behaviour; potential new examiners

19 Sep 198 Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of 13 June 1985; examiners feedback to regional advisers; stats and data analysis; instructions to invigilators; draft of new log diary; survey of trainees attitude to exam and membership; "Towards Quality in General Practice"; attributes looked for in the oral examination; programme for study day for new examiners

A CE F 6 - 19 Examination Working Group Papers 1986 - 1986
Minutes, papers and correspondence of Examination Working Group

9 January 1986 Meeting, Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 19 Sep 1985; potential new examiners - PTQ marking exercise; "Why Candidates Fail the MRCGP Examination"; data analysis; anxiety provoking training practices [confidential]; minutes of oral development group; GP trainees and the MRCGP Examination: Perceptions and Plans; Hong Kong examination; Research/Development and support needs for Membership division

26 Feb 1986 Agenda, Minutes of meeting 9 January 1986; examiner marking analysis; view of Professor A I Rothman (University of Toronto) on observing MRCGP examination; proposed joint part I with RCP [Edin]; proposed exam in Dublin;

12 June 1986* (last meeting chaired by Andrew Belton before his dismissal) Agenda, Minutes of Meeting 16 Feb 1986; surveys on effects of examiners experience, effect of written paper marks, gender; correlation co-efficients/mean marks in exam; examiner nominations; Aims of MICGP [Irish College Exam] [T R O'Leary]

14th August 1986 Agenda, report on exam administration {not clear if this meeting happened]

15th Sep 1986 Joint meeting with Membership Division Executive

includes proposals by the Examination Working Group to amend proposal changes and restructuring of the Exam Administration

30th Sep 1986, Agenda Examination Committee, minutes of 12 June meeting; statement by John Hasler counter statement by Committee in support of Andrew Belton ; identification of new post of convenor;

A CE F 6 - 20 Examination Committee Papers 1987 - 1987

Minutes, papers and correspondence of Examination Committee

16 January 1987, Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 30 Sep 1987 (John Toby to be acting convenor); correspondence with College of Family Physicians of Canada;

25 Feb 1987, Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 16 January 1987; report by David Swanson, Assistant Director of the American Board of Internal Medicine "Review of Membership Examination Procedures of the Royal College of General Practitioners"; report on study day for potential new examiners; letter from Journal Editor asking for information on the exam to be published;

3 June 1987 Agenda, Minutes of meeting of 25 February 1987; division of responsibilities between convenor and administration; examiner selection "To Be or Not to Be - An Examiner"; examiner nominations; clinical content;

16 Sep 1987 Agenda* first meeting chaired by PMJ Tomblason , Minutes of meeting of 3 June 1987; specing for computerisation of MRCPG; division of responsibilities between convenor and administration; Minutes of Academic Development Group of the Examination Committee 29 June 1987, 18 August 1987; proposals for revising the MCQ

12 Nov 1987 Agenda, Minutes, Minutes of 16 Sep 1987; proposed constitution of Examination Board; computerisation; development of PTQ examination

Item: see Examination Board for later papers

A CE F 7 Membership Advisory Panel Development Group papers, 7 June 1982 - 25 January 1988

Unsigned minutes, reports and correspondence of the Part I Development Group of the Membership Division (1982-1985) and the (renamed) Membership Advisory Panel Development Group (1985-).

N.B. See ACE F4 20- Membership Division Papers

A CE F 7 - 1 MAP Minutes and Reports 1982 - 1985

Unsigned minutes (10 September 1982 to 12 September 1985), reports and correspondence of Part I Development Group (1982-1985), and (renamed) Membership Advisory Panel Development Group (1985-).

A CE F 7 - 2 MAP Correspondence 7 June 1982 - 25 January 1988

Correspondence of Part I Development Group (1982-1985) and (renamed) Membership Advisory Panel Development Group (1985-).

A CE F 8 Membership registers, 1954 - 2003

Membership registers, faculty lists and registers, and reference books.

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| A CE F 8 - 1 | Register of Members and Associates (1954), and Faculty Lists and Register (1956, 1958, 1960, 1963, 1969).
<i>N.B. Full membership lists are also in annual reports, 1953-1955.</i> | 30 September 1954
- 1969 |
| A CE F 8 - 2 | Members' Reference Books 1982-1986
Members' reference books including copies of annual reports.
<i>N.B. Include full membership lists.</i> | 1982
- 1986 |
| A CE F 8 - 3 | Members' Reference Books 1987-1991
Members' reference books including copies of annual reports.
<i>N.B. Do not contain full membership lists.</i> | 1987
- 1991 |
| A CE F 8 - 4 | Members' Reference Books 1992-1996
Members' reference books including copies of annual reports.
<i>N.B. Do not contain full membership lists.</i> | 1992
- 1996 |
| A CE F 8 - 5 | Members' Reference Books 1997/98-1999/2000
Members' reference books including copies of annual reports.
<i>N.B. Do not contain full membership lists.</i> | 1997
- 1999 |
| A CE F 8 - 6 | Members' Reference Books 2000/2001/2002-3
Members' reference books including copies of annual reports.
<i>Item: MRB finished after 2003.</i>
<i>N.B. Do not contain full membership lists.</i> | 2000
- 2003 |
| A CE F 9 Membership subscriptions, 1954 - 1955
Account books for membership subscriptions. | | |
| A CE F 9 - 1 | Subscriptions 1954-1955
Account book for membership subscriptions. | 1954
- 1955 |
| A CE F 10 Membership papers, 1953 - 1960
Papers and reports concerning admission to College membership. | | |
| A CE F 10 - 1 | Reports concerning applications for College membership. | 1953
- 1959 |
| A CE F 10 - 2 | Reports concerning applications for College membership. | 1953
- 1959 |
| A CE F 10 - 3 | Reports concerning applications for College membership. | 1959
- 1960 |
| A CE F 11 Membership correspondence, 1953 - 1975
Correspondence concerning College membership. | | |
| A CE F 11 - 1 | Correspondence with members arranged by surname, A-C. | 1953
- 1954 |
| A CE F 11 - 2 | Correspondence with members arranged by surname, D-G. | 1953
- 1954 |
| A CE F 11 - 3 | Correspondence with members arranged by surname, R-S. | 1953 |

- 1954
- A CE F 11 - 4 Correspondence with members arranged by surname, T-Z. 1953
- 1954
- A CE F 11 - 5 Correspondence concerning membership subscriptions, non-paying and reduced rate members, subscription refunds, and membership of Royal Army Medical Corps officers. 1959
- 1961
- A CE F 11 - 6 Correspondence concerning associate and corresponding associate membership subscriptions, proposed register of members' interests and experience, resignations, applications to rejoin and other membership matters. 1960
- 1975
Date details: several gaps after 1965.

A CE F 12 Examination arrangements and papers, 1965 - 2002

Examination papers, syllabi, pass lists, practical arrangements, notes for candidates, invigilators and regulations.

- A CE F 12 - 1 Printed 'Guidance Notes for Censors' booklets issued to Drs. J. Burdon and J. McCormick to promote uniformity of assessment. 1966
N.B. A handwritten explanation of the purpose of these booklets, dated 13 March 1972, is given in the flyleaf of Dr. J. Burdon's copy.
- A CE F 12 - 2 Examination papers (6th November 1965; 21 May 1966; 5th November 1966; 13 May 1967; 4 November 1967; 4 May 1968; November 1968) 1965
- 1969
- Syllabi and related material, including a printed report of a conference on examination methods at the Royal College of Physicians (14-15 November 1968), published booklet on vocational training for general practice (May 1965), several drafts of 'Training for Membership' guidance notes for membership applicants (1968), 'Training for General Practice' bibliography (1969), and some correspondence.
- A CE F 12 - 3 Examination lists, reports (including material on new admission criteria), application forms and related correspondence. 1968
- A CE F 12 - 4 **Examination papers** 1968
Dr. J. Knox's draft of the multiple choice paper (1968). - 1968
- A CE F 12 - 5 **May & Nov 1969** 1969
Examination papers MEQ, MCQ (includes annotations by J D E Knox) and results lists, together with reports and some correspondence relating to arrangements for examinations; marking sheets & data cards for MCQ's; pass lists; copies of examination bulletin from London University; Invigilator and candidate briefing, Bulletins no. 13 & 15. - 1969
Item: 82 candidates
64 passes
78%

2 files

- A CE F 12 - 6 May & Nov 1970** **1970**
- 1970
Applications; pass list; observers report (Nov 1970); timetables;
pre-examination briefing
MCQ paper May 1970 MEQ paper Nov 1970
*Item: Exam held London Manchester, Edinburgh Dublin and
Cardiff*
- A CE F 12 - 7 May/June & Nov 1971** **1971**
- 1971
comments on Exam; correspondence with University Examination
Postal Institution; Association for the Study of Medical
Education "Report of a Working Party on a Central Medical
Examining Service" (1971); Applications; pass list; timetables;
pre-examination briefing;

MCQ, MEQ & TEQ papers(outlines of answers of TEQ paper);
oral questions
*Item: Exam held London Manchester, Edinburgh Dublin and
Cardiff*
- A CE F 12 - 8 May- June 1972** **1972**
- 1972
Booking of rooms in Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, cost
of examination, arrangements for examiners, pass list, letters to
successful and unsuccessful candidates; report of candidate; role
plays for orals; correspondence concerning costs of conjoint
examination in Edinburgh

MCQ papers & notes for invigilators of MCQ paper;
TEQ questions and guidelines for answers;
MEQ paper;

*Item: Exam held London (Conjoint Hall, Queen Square & Princes
Gate) Manchester, Edinburgh Belfast and Cardiff. 127 candidates*
- A CE F 12 - 9 27 October & 23-25-Nov 1972** **1972**
- 1972
Pass list; correspondence with candidates, notes on slides,
timetables for orals, "Problem-solving cases" notes for examiners,
notes for invigilators, booking of venues

MEQ, TEQ, & MCQ papers, TEQ marking slips,
*Item: Exam held London (Conjoint Hall, Queen Square & Princes
Gate) Manchester, Edinburgh Belfast and Cardiff. 142 candidates*
- A CE F 12 - 10 February - March 1973** **1973**
- 1973
Pass list; marking arrangements, notes on slides, bookings of
venues, candidate lists, notes on TEQ's questions for markers,
notes for candidates

MEQ, TEQ & MCQ papers,
*Item: Exam held London (Conjoint Hall, Queen Square & Princes
Gate) Manchester, Edinburgh Dublin and Cardiff
48 candidates 31 successful*
- A CE F 12 - 11 June 1973** **1973**
- 1973
Pass list; marking arrangements, TEQ cribs, timetable,
application list, possible exam in Kenya; note on the flow of the
MEQ paper (Keith Hodgkin)

MEQ, TEQ & MCQ papers,

Item: Exam held London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast Dublin, Singapore and Cardiff
140 candidates (79 in London)

- A CE F 12 - 12 February-March 1974** **1974**
- 1974
Timetables, marking sheets, pass lists, candidates correspondence, overseas centres, TEQ crib

TEQ, MCQ, MEQ papers
Item: Exam held London (107), Manchester (28), Edinburgh (33), Kenya, Belfast Dublin, Singapore, Malta, Hohne (Germany) and Cardiff
189 candidates (79 in London)
total candidates 1974: 554 Passes 413 74%
- A CE F 12 - 13 31st May - 4th-6th July 1974** **1974**
- 1974
Timetables, marking sheet (includes factual & psycho-social; management, attitudinal score), pass lists, candidates correspondence, oral timetable, notes for slides, TEQ marking schedule,

TEQ, MCQ, MEQ papers
Item: Exam held London , Manchester , Edinburgh , Belfast Dublin, Singapore, Malta, and Cardiff
184 candidates
total candidates 1974: 554 Passes 413 74%
- A CE F 12 - 14 Oct-Dec 1974** **1974**
- 1974
Notes for invigilators, marking schedules, oral timetable, pass list, letters from candidates on experience of the exam, telegram from Association of Immigrant doctors, breakdown of subject areas covered by written and oral examinations, notes on slides, TEQ crib, BMJ article [13 April 1974 pp99-107] Evolution of an Examination MRCP (UK)

TEQ, MCQ & MEQ papers
Item: Exam held London , Manchester , Edinburgh , Belfast, Dublin, Sennelager, Laarbruch, Malta and Cardiff
173 candidates
total candidates 1974: 554 Passes 413 74%
- A CE F 12 - 15 May-July 1975** **1975**
- 1975
marking schedules, oral timetable, pass list, oral timetable, letters to candidates, MEQ summary, copy of cutting on Cork GP training scheme, notes on slides, hiring of metal screens and curtains, subjects covered in oral exam, preparation of stock cases for examining, copy of minutes (and draft) of Examiners Conference 22 Feb 1975 [on the oral exam]; "Testing competence in the MRCGP Examination"; "Paediatric case used at the Examiners Conference as a clinical example"; problem solving oral; TEQ crib, notes to invigilators
TEQ, MCQ & MEQ papers
Item: Exam held London , Manchester , Edinburgh , Belfast, Dublin, and Cardiff, Cyprus, Minden, Wildenrath, Newcastle
277 candidates
- A CE F 12 - 16 Oct-Dec 1975** **1975**
- 1975
marking schedules, oral timetable, pass list, oral timetable, letters

to candidates, MEQ summary, , notes on slides, hiring of metal screens and curtains, subjects covered in oral exam, TEQ crib, notes to invigilators, comments on proposed TEQ's [written by D C Morrell]

TEQ, MCQ & MEQ papers

Item: Exam held London , Manchester , Edinburgh , Belfast, Dublin, and Cardiff, Cyprus, Birgelen, Minden, Munster Newcastle 265 candidates

A CE F 12 - 17 May- June 1976

1976

Notes for Examiners May /July (for marking the orals), Notes for Invigilators, TEQ crib "Marking schedules for TEQ" [David Morrell], correspondence with candidates, oral timetables, MCQ errata, Instructions for Candidates, report on the marking of the oral exam of July 1975 by "I M Richardson" and report of an observer of the oral examination [D C Morrell]

College brochures as follows:

'Aims and Activities'

'How to Become a Member or Associate'

'Explanatory Notes for the MRCGP Examination'

'Criteria for the Selection of Trainers in General Practice' (Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice, 1976).

'The MRCGP Examination' (reprinted from Update, The Journal of Postgraduate General Practice, 1976).

TEQ paper, MCQ papers, MEQ paper, MEQ summary, Examination papers for 1976, together with related reports and correspondence

Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Rome, USA, Rheindahlen, Minden

Pass rate 76%

440 candidates. 406 had orals. First year that orals held in Edinburgh as well as London

A CE F 12 - 18 November - December 1976

**1976
- 1977**

Pass List - MEQ Summary, marking form, notes for examiners; examiner arrangements, notes for invigilators, slides; oral timetable, correspondence with candidates

MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ paper

Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Hong Kong & Rheindahlen

Pass rate 76%

301 candidates

A CE F 12 - 19 May - July 1977

**1977
- 1977**

Pass list, correspondence with candidates, oral timetables, marking circulation; marking schedules, notes on Opscan sheet completion, notes on the marking of TEQ, report on examiners pencil techniques on TEQ, notes for candidates

MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ paper

Item: Exam taken London, Leeds, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Rheindahlen, Cyprus, Isle of Westray

orals at Edinburgh and London

Candidates 531

Pass rate part 1 80% 420
370 passes

- A CE F 12 - 20 Nov - Dec 1977** **1977**
- 1977
Pass list, costings, correspondence with candidates, oral timetables, marking circulation; marking schedules, , notes for candidates

MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ papers
Item: Exam taken London, Leeds, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Aberdeen, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Rheindahlen, Cyprus,
orals at Edinburgh and London
Candidates 332
Orals 277
211 passes
- A CE F 12 - 21 May - July 1978** **1978**
- 1978
Pass list, costings, correspondence with candidates, oral timetables, marking circulation; marking schedules, , notes for candidates, observers reporting; use of log diaries; Ullswater remarking exercise; marking schedule and sheet, invigorator notes,

MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ papers
Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Aberdeen, Rheindahlen, Leeds, Birmingham, Hong Kong
Orals London & Edinburgh
Candidates 474
Orals 397
Pass 342
- A CE F 12 - 22 November - Dec 1978** **1978**
- 1980
Pass list, costings, marking sheets, correspondence with candidates, oral timetables, marking circulation; marking schedules, draft answers for TEQ's, notes from Ullswater, TEQ marking schedule
MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ papers
Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Aberdeen, Rheindahlen, Leeds, Birmingham,
Orals London & Edinburgh
Candidates 343
Pass 188
Pass rate 57%
- A CE F 12 - 23 May - June 1979** **1979**
- 1980
Pass list, marking sheets, correspondence with candidates, observers; oral timetables, marking circulation; marking schedules, draft answers for TEQ's, notes from Ullswater, TEQ marking schedule
MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ papers
Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Aberdeen, Rheindahlen, Hong Kong; Leeds, Birmingham,
Orals London & Edinburgh
Candidates 552
Called for orals 574

Pass 321
Pass rate 50%

A CE F 12 - 24 Nov- Dec 1979 **1979**
- **1979**
Pass list, candidates feedback; marking sheets, oral timetables;
"the Observers Role"; observer timetable; instructions for
candidates and invigilators

MEQ (and crib) , TEQ (and crib) & MCQ papers
*Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle,
Cardiff, Belfast, Dublin, Aberdeen, Rheindahlen, Hong Kong;
Leeds, Birmingham,
Orals London & Edinburgh
Candidates 390
Pass 234
Pass rate 59%*

A CE F 12 - 25 May- June 1980 **1980**
- **1980**
Pass list, candidates feedback; marking sheets, oral timetables;
"the Observers Role"; observer timetable; notes on marking of
TEQ's instructions for candidates and invigilators, log book,
observers from Australia

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking
guidance) & MCQ papers
*Item: Exam taken London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle,
Cardiff, Exeter, Belfast, Dublin, Aberdeen, Rheindahlen, Leeds,
Birmingham,
Videoing of orals for analysis by David Pendleton
Orals London & Edinburgh
Candidates 695 applicants 661 sat
Passed part 1 533
Pass 385
Pass rate 60.6%*

A CE F 12 - 26 Oct- Dec 1980 **1980**
- **1980**
Pass list, list of panel of examiners, candidates feedback; oral
marking sheets, oral timetables; expenses; observer timetable;
"splitting the MRCGP?", "An Initial assessment of Clinical
Skills", notes for invigilators. Observers from Zagreb,
correspondence with candidates

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking
guidance) & MCQ papers (and instructions)
*Item: Exam taken Aberdeen, Belfast, Dublin, Cardiff, Exeter,
Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Leeds, Newcastle, London
Orals London & Edinburgh*

*candidates 474
Passed part 1 383*

A CE F 12 - 27 May-July 1981 **1981**
- **1981**
Arrangements, RAMC candidates based in Germany, log diary,
venues, MCQ instructions for candidates and invigilators, marking
sheets; oral timetables, orals calibration, observers briefing, report
of workshop with Keith Hodgkin on "Unmarkable Questions";
"Clinical Decision Making", Factual Questions"; "Attitudinal

Questions"; pass list

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance) & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Aberdeen, Belfast, Dublin, Cardiff, Exeter, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Leeds, Newcastle, London Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 678

Passed part 1 581

Pass 436?

A CE F 12 - 28 Oct-Dec 1981

**1981
- 1982**

Printout of marks, correspondence with candidates, lists of examiners doing orals, timetables, orals marking sheet, observers briefing notes, invigilators notes, instructions for candidates, membership application form

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance, and "good answers") & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Keating, Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London

Orals London & Edinburgh (Examiners lunches sponsored in Edinburgh by Pfizer and Stuart Pharmaceuticals)

candidates 441

Passed part 1 371

Pass 287

A CE F 12 - 29 May-July 1982

**1982
- 1982**

Correspondence with candidates and observers, venues, examiners, Falklands war; "Notes for Membership" booklet, lists of examiners doing orals, timetables, orals marking sheet, quartet marking form for borderline candidates; "RCGP Marking Adjustments", observers briefing, MEQ marking circulation; notes to invigilators; instructions for candidates, log diary, fees; "The College Examination" [John Howie, offprint from Update Vol 17, Number 11. 1 Dec 1978]

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London

Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 808

Passed part 1 371

Pass 556

A CE F 12 - 30 Oct- Dec 1982

**1982
- 1982**

Pass lists, correspondence with candidates, examiners, observers. Oral exam timetable; marking sheets, briefing; aide memoire for asking oral questions; ballot papers for examiners to serve on

Examination Working Group. "The College Examination" [John Howie Update 1978]; criteria for membership, explanatory notes for the MRCGP exam, RCGP aims and activities

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 446

Passed part 1 371

Pass 287

Pass list to be published by faculty in Annual report

MCQ 60 questions

A CE F 12 - 31 May-July 1983

**1983
- 1983**

Pass lists, correspondence with candidates, examiners, observers. Oral exam timetable; marking sheets, briefing; aide memoire for asking oral questions; ballot papers for examiners to serve on Examination Working Group. "The College Examination" [John Howie Update 1978]; Explanatory notes for the membership, associateship and the Membership exam, RCGP Looking Forward, membership certificate

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds, Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 934

Passed part 1 774

Pass 579

Pass list to be published by faculty in Annual report

MCQ 60 questions

A CE F 12 - 32 Nov-Dec 1983

**1983
- 1983**

Pass lists, correspondence with candidates, examiners, observers. Oral exam timetable; marking sheets, briefing; aide memoire for asking oral questions; instructions for candidates and invigilators, log diary. Analysis of MCQ performance, distribution of marks

"The College Examination" [John Howie Update 1978]; Explanatory notes for the membership, associateship and the Membership exam, RCGP Looking Forward, membership certificate

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , TEQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)

Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds, Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 540

pass part 1 460
Pass 356

Pass list to be published by faculty in Annual report

A CE F 12 - 33 May - July 1984 **1984**
- 1984

List of candidates and marks, pass list, distribution of marks; correspondence with candidates, loss of exam papers, examiners, observers. Oral exam timetable; marking sheets, briefing; aide memoire for asking oral questions; instructions for candidates and invigilators (1980-1983), log diary. Analysis of MCQ performance, distribution of marks, job description: "Examination Secretary" [Andrew Belton]

"The College Examination" [John Howie Update 1978]; Explanatory notes for the membership, associateship and the Membership exam, RCGP Looking Forward, membership certificate

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)
Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds, Aberdeen, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London
Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 1047
pass part 1 885
Pass 737 [219 associates]
pass rate 70.4%
Brian Scott Spear awarded Fraser Rose Medal

Pass list to be published by faculty in Annual report
First PTQ paper [Practice Topic Question]

A CE F 12 - 34 Oct - Dec 1984 **1984**
- 1984

Pass list, marks, distribution of marks; correspondence with candidates, examiners, observers. Overseas exam centre in Jamaica; Oral exam timetable; marking sheets, briefing; aide memoire for asking oral questions; observers programme; log diary. Analysis of MCQ performance, distribution of marks,

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers (and instructions)
Item: Exam taken Exeter, Birmingham, Leeds, Jamaica, Dublin, Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Manchester, London
Orals London & Edinburgh

candidates 563
pass part 1 459
Pass 378

A CE F 12 - 35 May- July 1985 **1985**
- 1985

Pass list, marks

Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking
guidance,) & MCQ papers
Item: candidates 960
pass part 1 816
Pass 655
Distinction 23

A CE F 12 - 36 Oct-Dec 1985 **1985**
Pass list, marks **- 1985**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking
guidance,) & MCQ papers
Item: candidates 680
pass part 1 578
Pass 463
Distinction 17
Pass Rate 68.1%

A CE F 12 - 37 May-July 1986 **1986**
Pass list, marks **- 1986**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking
guidance,) & MCQ papers
Item: candidates 1262
pass part 1 1072
Pass 891
Distinction 33
Pass Rate 70.06%

A CE F 12 - 38 Oct-Dec 1986 **1986**
Pass list, marks, stats by sex **- 1986**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance, "Past History & Problem
Card") , PTQ (and crib, marking guidance,) & MCQ papers
Item: candidates 738
pass part 1 627
Pass 524
Distinction 18
Pass Rate 71%

A CE F 12 - 39 May - July 1987 **1987**
Pass list, marks, **- 1987**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking
guidance,) & MCQ papers [answers]
Item: Orals in London, Dublin & Edinburgh
Candidates 1158
pass part 1 984
Pass 839

Distinction 18
Pass Rate 72.3%

- A CE F 12 - 40 Oct - Dec 1987** **1987**
Pass list, marks, **- 1987**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) , PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, sheet) & MCQ papers (answers)
Item: Orals in London, Dublin & Edinburgh
Candidates 657
pass part 1 558
Pass 466
Distinction 16
Pass Rate 70.9%
- A CE F 12 - 41 May- July 1988** **1988**
Pass list, marks, **- 1988**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance, "History and Problem Card") ,
PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, sheet) & MCQ papers (answer key)
Item: Exam centres: Edinburgh, London, Leeds, Newcastle, Manchester, Cardiff, Belfast, Bristol, Dublin, Liverpool, Birmingham,
Candidates 1250
pass part 1 1060
Pass 919
Distinction 31
Pass Rate 73.5%
- A CE F 12 - 42 Oct- Dec 1988** **1988**
Pass list, marks, statistics by region **- 1988**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, copies of background info inc. articles of sexual abuse & information on breast cancer screening,) & MCQ papers (answer key)
Item: Candidates 600
pass part 1 510
Pass 432
Distinction 15
Pass Rate 72%
- A CE F 12 - 43 May - July 1989** **1989**
Pass list, marks, **- 1989**
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, copies of background info inc. articles & reading list) & MCQ papers (answer key)
Item: Candidates 1145
pass part 1 961

Pass 811
Distinction 28
Pass Rate 71.8%

- A CE F 12 - 44 Oct- Dec 1989** **1989**
- **1989**
Pass list, marks, statistics by region
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, copies of background info inc. articles) & MCQ papers (answer key, item response statistics)
Item: Candidates 730
pass part 1 621
Pass 536
Distinction 18
Pass Rate 73.4%
- A CE F 12 - 45 May - July 1990** **1990**
- **1990**
Pass list, marks, statistics by region
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), PTQ (and crib, marking guidance, copies of background info inc. articles on child health surveillance, insomnia, doctor-patient relationship) & MCQ papers (answer key, item response statistics)
Item: Candidates 1173
pass part 1 997
Pass 877
Distinction 30
Pass Rate 74.8%
- A CE F 12 - 46 Oct - Dec 1990** **1990**
- **1990**
Pass list, marks, statistics by region
Papers
MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc. "Can Health Screening damage your health? Howard Stoate, alert letter on meningococcal infections, treating hypertension, diabetes) & MCQ papers (answer key, item response statistics)
Item: First exam where CRQ replaced PTQ
Candidates 608
pass part 1 521
Pass 443
Distinction 15
Pass Rate 72.9%
- A CE F 12 - 47 May - July 1991** **1991**
- **1991**
Pass list, marks

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc. reading lists, "Referral letters and replies from orthopedic departments: opportunities messed" L G H Jacobs, MA L Pringle, alert letter on meningococcal infections, treating hypertension, diabetes) & MCQ papers (answer key, item response statistics)
Item: Candidates 1045

pass part 1 889
Pass 773
Distinction 27
Pass Rate 74%

A CE F 12 - 48 Oct -Dec 1991 **1991**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores" **- 1991**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles on cervical smears, prescribing benzodiazepines, night visit auditing and immunization figures, reading lists on inner city homeless, cholesterol screening) & MCQ papers (answer key, item response statistics, sample)
Item: Candidates 637
pass part 1 552
Pass 481
Distinction 16
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 49 May - July 1992 **1992**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores" **- 1992**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles on dipstick haematuria and bladder cancer prescribing benzodiazepines, night visit auditing and immunisation figures, reading lists on hypertension, consultation length, use of antibiotics in treating otis media in children) & MCQ paper
Item: Candidates 1066
pass part 1 908
Pass 775
Distinction 26
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 50 Oct - Dec 1992 **1992**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores" **- 1992**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles on barium meals and bladder cancer prescribing benzodiazepines, night visit auditing and immunisation figures, reading lists on chronic asthma, myocardial infarction, high blood pressure in the elderly), MCQ paper
Item: Candidates 649
pass part 1 555
Pass 480
Distinction 16
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 51 May - July 1993 **1993**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores" **- 1993**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), sample completed scripts

CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles) Sample completed scripts
MCQ paper
Item: 16 Folders
Candidates 1074
pass part 1 920
Pass 802
Distinction 27
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 52 Oct - Dec 1993 **1993**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores" **- 1993**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
MCQ paper
Item: Candidates 620
pass part 1 528
Pass 460
Distinction 16
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 53 May-July 1994 **1993**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores", Notes on membership, associateship and the Membership exam Sep 1993 (suitable for May/July 1994 exam) **- 1994**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
MCQ paper (V1-V5)
Item: Candidates 1123
pass part 1 1007
Pass 842
Distinction 28
Pass Rate

A CE F 12 - 54 Oct - Dec 1994 **1994**
Pass list, marks includes "Hodgkinised scores", Notes on membership, associateship and the Membership exam Sep 1993 (suitable for May/July 1994 exam) **- 1994**

MEQ (and crib, marking guidance, sample database card), CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
MCQ paper (V1-V4)
Item: Candidates 763
pass part 1 653
Pass 577
Distinction 19
Pass Rate 75.6%

A CE F 12 - 55 May - July 1995 **1995**

- MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) - 1995
 CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
 MCQ paper
- A CE F 12 - 56 Oct - Dec 1995** 1995
 MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) - 1995
 CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
 MCQ paper
- A CE F 12 - 57 May - July 1996** 1996
 MEQ (and crib, marking guidance) - 1996
 CRQ [Critical Reading Question] (and crib, marking guidance, copies of info inc., articles)
 MCQ paper
- A CE F 12 - 60** Examination Written or TEQ "Traditional Essay Paper" paper 1971-80 1971
 MEQ Examination paper May 1980 - 2002
- The MRCGP Examination and Summative Assessment changes to the exam 1996
 Sample Examination questions, syllabus and regulations May/July 1996, Oct/Dec 1996
 The Modular MRCGP Exam – a guide for prospective Candidates 1997 for new exam May 1998
 Sample examination paper 2 May 1998
 Exam Regs 1999
 Exam Regs 2000
- Exam workbook and regulations 2002
Item: 1971-2002
Date details: 1971; 1973; 1980; 1996-2000; 2002.
- A CE F 13 Examination correspondence, 1963 - 1971**
 Correspondence concerning College examinations.
- A CE F 13 - 1 Examination for Membership 1963 Coll. Gen. Pract.** 1963
 Bound volume containing published correspondence concerning admission to College membership by examination.
- A CE F 13 - 2** Correspondence, including that of Drs. J. Knox and I. Scott, concerning examination questions, candidates and other matters, including lists of admissions. 1968
 - 1971
- A CE F 14 Board of Censors correspondence, 1968 - 1988**
 Correspondence concerning Board of Censors; later Member Division Executive (1982-7); Examination Board (1988-
N.B. See also Examiners Correspondence A CE F20
[See Personal Papers Patrick Byrne, B BYR C 2-4, for material relating to Byrne's involvement with the Board of Censors, 1965-74, Byrne was Chairman of the Board and Chief Examiner from 1967-73, and was President of the College, 1973-76]
- A CE F 14 - 1 Board of Censors** 22 December 1959
 Correspondence mostly between John Burdon and John Hunt - May 1970
 relating to Board of Censors includes proposal that thesis and case

report be added to membership criteria [instead of examination]; role and voting powers of faculty members on Board of Censors; rejoining of lapsed members; proposed category of Fellowship; associates on the Board of Censors; administrative procedure and difficulties in the period just prior to the examination; draft "The advisability of a diploma of the College of General Practitioners" - a memorandum for the consideration of the working party set up by Council January 1966 [Burdon]; Memorandum on Assessing Section of the Examination [Burdon] 1970; Report of a Working Party on logistics, cost and organization of the examination for membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners
Item: From Membership file of John French Burdon [1915-200] Chairman Board of Censors 1963-1968; Honorary Secretary 1960-1962, 1971 Senior Advisor 1968; Date details: 1959-1960; 1964-1966; 1970.

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| A CE F 14 - 2 | Board of Censors
Correspondence, mainly of Professor Knox, relating to Board of Censors with some supporting papers, together with some Court of Examiners material. | 1968
- 1970 |
| A CE F 14 - 3 | Board of Censors
Correspondence relating to Board of Censors with some reports, including paper on examination logistics. | August 1971
- September 1972 |
| A CE F 14 - 4 | Board of Censors.
Correspondence relating to Board of Censors.
<i>Item: Agenda and supporting papers for meeting, 26 September 1980.</i> | January 1974
- December 1980 |
| A CE F 14 - 5 | Board of Censors
Correspondence relating to Board of Censors with some supporting papers, including discussion of MRCGP examination and College membership. | January 1981
- November 1981 |
| A CE F 14 - 6 | Membership Division Executive Correspondence
Correspondence (College Officers) relating to Board of Censors Working Party; alternative routes to membership; response from Faculties on future of exam "Membership of the College" and What Sort of Doctor; Membership under 3(d); re-admission of resigned members; taking MRCP as well as MRCGP; delays in development of part I exam; objectives of MRCGP and child health; application to RCS [Edin] for MRCGP to be accepted as exemption for 1st part of FRCS A&E; successor to J H Walker and role of a possible "Chief Examiner"; notes on "The Clinical Knowledge Factor in Education for General Practice" (Acheson & Henley); associate membership for a year for MRCGP failures; MRCGP analysis; statistics; welcoming new members to the College; Fellowship enrolment fees; programme for N&W London faculty course MRCGP for established general practitioners; proposed presentation of MRCGP Certificates by Faculties; proposed publication of past MEQ papers; Trainee committee; letter from Chief Examiner to Regional Advisers on quality and training of candidates; "Beyond the MRCGP" [proto FBA scheme]; Course organisers package; "Vocational Training and Performance in the MRCGP Examination" (April 1985 Belton); progressive rating; venues for oral exams; response to Richard Wakeford paper [see Examination Working Party Papers] | Nov 1981
- December 1985 |

on trainees responses
Item: Chairman J H Walker until 1983. [see F20-12 - Retirement of J H Walker]
1983- 1985 J A Lee
Chief Examiner Andrew Belton Oct 1983-1986
Some confidential material

A CE F 14 - 7 **Examiner Andrew Belton** **May 1983**
Correspondence relating to removal of Andrew Belton as Chief **- November 1988**
Examiners, includes cuttings. New post 1986 Convenor of the
Panel of Examiners
*Item: Confidential. See also resignation of John Hasler, Chairman
of Council*

A CE F 14 - 8 **Membership Division Executive Correspondence** **Jan 1986**
Correspondence on observations by Panel of Examiners on why **- December 1986**
candidates fail; membership analysis; publication of Examiners
notes to Course Advisers on improving trainee training and pass
rates together with press and medical reactions; comments on draft
log diary; relations with Education Division; Wakeford report on
trainees reaction to exam; membership of experienced doctors;
Fellowship by Assessment; oral development group;
computerisation changes; vocational training; post of Chief
Examiner to be replaced by Chairman of the Panel of Examiners;
ethics of marking multiple decision related questions; Hong Kong
centre for exam; terms of reference of Examination Committee
and role of convenor; reports on examination (sub) committee;
"How to increase your trainee pass rate in the MRCP
Examination [Belton n.d.]; responses to dismissal of Andrew
Belton [see also ACE F14-7]
Item: Chairman of Division John Lee
Chairman of Council correspondence {John Hasler}
Some confidential material

A CE F 14 - 9 **Membership Division Executive Correspondence** **Jan 1987**
Correspondence, cuttings and reports of activities including **- Nov 1987**
appointment of Philip Tomblason as convenor of examiners [John
Toby had been acting convenor]; Belton affair includes responses
and evidence to Presidential Working Party; "Review of
Membership Examination Procedures of the Royal College of
General Practitioners " [David B Swanson]; clinical element of
exam[article by David Haslam comparing Irish exam to MRCP];
role of convenor on Membership Division Executive; membership
stats 1953-1979 and exam passes; problems of trainees getting
application forms; reasons for resignations; development of
examination (includes agreement with Dundee University);
minimum competencies; founding of Examination Board;
recognition of Irish qualifications; resignation of Theo Schofield
*Item: June 1987 Council considered proposal from GPC
regarding a new Divisional Structure arising out of President's
Working Party. It was agreed that the Panel of Examiners should
relate directly to Council rather than through a Division. 18th Sep
1987 Council agreed that an Examination Board of Council be
established to be responsible for all aspects of the MRCP
Examination.*

*See also Examinations- Relations with External Bodies ACE F15-
2- Irish College of General Practitioners*

A CE F 14 - 10 Examination Board Correspondence **1988**
- 1988
Correspondence includes trainees performance; annual report; the place of the MRCGP in vocational training; pass rate by region; statement by Council "Entry requirements for the MRCGP Examination" (visa vis North Thames Region); pass rates from oversea educated doctors; letter to Association of Course Organisers re trainees sitting the MRCGP Examination before finishing vocational training; comparison of pass rates of examination held by Medical Royal Colleges; Irish Exam;
Item: File of Officers DPG and Bill Styles

A CE F 14 - 11 Examination Board Correspondence **1989**
- 1989
Correspondence includes why trainees take the exam; examining resuscitation; Chairmanship of Examination Board; annual report; resolution by Beds & Herts on alternative routes of assessment for admission to the College for established principals; role a of College tutors; examination nominations to DCH; publishing of exam results in national papers; Irish reciprocity; campaign by ACO to change time of exam so that trainees were not eligible; proposed questionnaire for Panel of Examiners on exam issues; BPA & paediatric surveillance; welcoming ceremony for new members
Item: File of Officers DPG and Bill Styles
See ACE F18-1 Examinations - Child Health Surveillance

A CE F 15 Relationships with External Bodies, 1988 - 2000

Includes joint projects with National bodies concerned with International Affairs e.g. British Council, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, VSO as well as International organisations concerned with health e.g., WHO
N.B. See also RCIF, WONCA, and Europe

A CE F 15 - 1 Association of Course Organisers **1985**
- 1992
Correspondence includes observers, articles for Journal, response to resolutions of ACO that exam should not be taken before completion of vocational training;
Item: The ACO is a national body representing the views of Course Organisers in Britain and has been in existence since 1984. The first National ACO Conference was held in 1985

A CE F 15 - 2 Irish College of General Practitioners [ICGP] **1986**
- 1998
Correspondence includes "The Aims and Objectives of the MICGP Exam; "Irish Health Services"; RCGP Council Liaison Group on the Formation of the Irish College; reciprocity; OCSE; "Relationship between the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Irish College of General Practitioners"; training Irish Examiners; observing; Irish Liaison Committee; "One Up on the MRCGP" [David Haslam on OSCE in Irish Exam Spring 1989 ACO Journal]; "Some observations on OSCE's;" [John Toby]; pooling MCQ's internationally
Item: ICGP founded 1984. An exam committee founded 1984, first exam summer 1988

See also Examination Board Papers ACE F26; 29; 30

Examination Board Correspondence ACE F14-9

Irish College of General Practitioners ACE N45-1

International MCQ ACP P-16

See also Joint Visiting

See also RCGP Connection April 1991 for photo of conjoint

meeting
Date details: 1986-1995; 1998.

- A CE F 15 - 3 Joint Committee for Postgraduate Training for General Practice [JCPTGP] 1984 - 1995**
Correspondence, reports and regulations, correlation between those who receive a certificate of satisfactory completion of vocation training who fail the MRCGP [[1985]; "The Education Objectives of Vocational Training"; NHS (Vocational Training) Amendment Regulations 1986; "Assessment and Vocational Training for General Practice: Final Report of a JCPTGP Working Party" (1987); statistics; "Vocational Training for General Practice - Hospital Experience" (A report from JCPTGP Bill Styles 1988); "Assessment and the Satisfactory Completion of Vocational Training" (1991); "A Guide to Certification" [1987]
Item: See also Summative Assessment and Examination Board Papers
ACE H Education
- A CE F 15 - 4 Royal College of Physicians 1984 - 1994**
Correspondence including clashing exam dates, recognition of hospital posts overseas, scanning MCQ's, examiners fees, mutual recognition with RCP [Edin], AFOM, health and safety training, subscription fees, monitoring examiner variability,
Item: See also Summative Assessment and Examination Board Papers
ACE H Education
- A CE F 15 - 5 Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 1986 - 1994**
Correspondence including DROG examiners; MROG working party; DROG Working party report [Council paper May 1993 C/115]

A CE F 16 Examinations GPwSI and Diplomas, 1988 - 1993

The College lent its support to DRCOG, DCH and DCCH, but in 1984, it rejected an offer by the British Geriatrics Society and RCP to join with them in developing a diploma in Geriatric Medicine. Concern was raised in the College about the proliferation of non RCGP diplomas geared towards the general practitioner. A working party looked into this situation in 1989. Papers were presented to May 1990 Council from the Chairman of the Education Division and Examination Board and it was agreed that

1. The Core Content of General Practice should be covered by the Membership Examination
2. A Distinction could be drawn between the core content and specialist interests
3. Specialist Interests of general practitioners could be assessed by diplomas
4. The College should examine the possibility of the award of a master's title.

Dec 1990 laid down guidelines for the endorsement of Education Programmes. It also agreed that:

1. The minimum for which the College should settle for should be representation on the controlling body of any diploma with which the College may be working
2. The representative should be sufficient experience in examination techniques, and seniority, to be able to make a useful impact on the methods employed in the diploma.

The subject was further refined by Council Sep 1991 which reiterated the College's view that the College should offer all end point assessment and accreditation in core areas of general practice

and that it should develop and support a framework of assessment both summative and formative which would be required in the future. It agreed that "The College should seek to become increasingly involved in the work of other organisations providing examinations for established principles with special interests in areas relating to general practice through the identification of examiners their training and the sharing of expertise."

Nov 1993

(a) The College accepted an invitation from the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene to join a steering group to consider the development of a diploma award in Health Promotion/Disease Prevention. and (b) agreed the College would participate in the accreditation of a diploma in Travel Medicine.

March 1997 a new working party was set up to advise Council on future policy on diplomas. It recommended that

The Chairman of the Education Network introduced a paper on the place of diplomas at different stages of a career in general practice. Diplomas tended to be taken in SHO years, Registrar years and post membership years.

(a) in SHO years diplomas should not be mandatory but should not be discouraged where the study undertaken may be beneficial and the is relevant to the career intentions and interests of the doctor;

(b) in the Registrar years, any diploma should focus on training for general practice, ending in sitting the MRCGP Examination;

(c) in post membership years general practitioners should be encouraged to take courses that are appropriate to their higher professional education and are relevant to their career or interests.

From March 1999 the Higher Professional Development Working Group started accrediting Courses including diplomas. [See Diploma in Substance Misuse from 1991-; Diploma in Prison Medicine]

The NHS Plan for England Dec 2000 called for 1000 specialist GP's and the College [Mike Pringle] then started seriously considering the role GPwSI's [CEC/52 Feb 2001]

N.B. [See also Board of Censors minutes and papers ACE F4-11]

See also DCCH. The College withdrew from this in 1997

A CE F 16 - 1 Correspondence

**1988
- 1993**

Correspondence including proposed diploma in palliative care; practical dermatology, geriatric medicine, Working Party on Diplomas minutes and reports, "Diplomas: Multiple Diplomatism and the Need for Diplomacy"; "Diplomas- An Education Strategy for General Education"; "Examination in General Practice" [May 1990 John Toby]; child health surveillance; "Future of MRCGP Examination" [July 1990]; Scottish Council; "Diplomas for Continuing Medical Education" [Oct 1990]; minor surgery accreditation; otolaryngology; family planning certification [1993]; public health; travel medicine

Item: Diplomas Working Party Dec 1988

Bob Colville [Chairman Education Division]

John Ferguson [Chairman Examination Board]

Colin Waine [Chairman Clinical and Research Division]

Bill Styles [Honorary Secretary of Council]

Training for GP Examiners Working Group "to examine ways in which the College might assist in the training of GPs to take their place as Examiners for a variety of diplomas 1991

Lesley Southgate

Philip Tomblason

Mike Jeffries

A CE F 17 Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, 1981 - 1997

AN RCP Working Party on Resuscitation (RCGP Representative Judith Fisher) reported in 1987. It considered that during three years vocational training, experience in resuscitation would be considerably limited in certain specialties and in general practice itself. "General Practitioners should attend a course in basic life-support within two years of becoming a principal". It also recommended training of practice staff and the implementation of public education programmes in emergency aid by the general practitioner.

17 Sep 1988 RCGP Council Agreed certificate in CPR became a compulsory pre-requisite for the MRCGP from May 1990. A Working party chaired by Dr Fisher, who was also Chairman of BASICS, was set up to put the requisite procedures in place. Agreement was reached with the Association of Chief Ambulance Officers that Ambulance Training offers were to assess candidates. This was soon widened to include St John Ambulance, Red Cross and A&E or Anesthetists Consultants and later widened to more qualified people such as holders of the Diploma in Immediate Medical Care of RCS [Edin], examiners for St Andrew Ambulance Resuscitation Training Officers, members of BASICS regularly involved in assessing CPR, medical officer in RN Reserve, Territorial and RAF Reserve, medial officers to the fire service.

CPR Certificate was revised from Oct 1993 so that it conformed to guidelines of basic life support working party of the European Resuscitation Council. It was then further revised in 1997.

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| A CE F 17 - 1 | Correspondence | 1988
- 1989 |
| | Correspondence includes "The Place of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation in the MRCGP Exam" [EB88/18]; demonstration of manikin, proposed test form, "Why have CPR Exam" [Keith Hopcroft GP Nov 4 1988]; Resuscitation Working Party of the Examination Board minutes; marking schedule, notes for testers, notes for candidates, press release, response from A&E specialists; ambulance services | |
| A CE F 17 - 2 | Correspondence | 1990
- 1994 |
| | Correspondence and articles in press includes using St John Ambulance and Red Cross as testers, testing of army officers, revision of rules | |
| A CE F 17 - 3 | Revision of CPR Guidelines | 1992
- 1997 |
| | Correspondence and forms
<i>Item: Nov 1992 European Resuscitation Council issued new guidelines for Basic Life Support and Advanced Life Support. College test changed in 1993 to take these into account. The Test was further changed in July 1997</i> | |

A CE F 18 Examinations Child Health Surveillance, 1989 - 1995

In the early 1970's the College had a working party with the BPA [ACE N23-1] on the Health

Needs of Children which was published in 1976 and was used as evidence to the Court Report [ACE N27-5] into Child Health Services in 1976 (see also OP 6). By 1978, the College had formally adopted a policy on child care in general practice which included the statement that every child shall receive "A comprehensive curative and preventative service including child health surveillance through general practice".

February 1989 the Secretary of State announced a new contract and introduced the idea of a child surveillance list. April 1989 the College consulted widely with its members and a special meeting of Council was called "The College will act as the standard setting and examining body for all educational and clinical aspects of general practice"

Guidelines in the Training and Accreditation of GP's in Child Health Surveillance were Jointly Issued by the College and the British Paediatric Association in December 1989. The GMSC was not too happy about this initially as they thought that they should be instructing FPC's rather than the College.

An update was issued in Dec 1990 and again Sep 1991

The Examination Board felt that there was widespread support for the need for important areas of a general practitioner's competence to be examined by general practitioners. Child health surveillance was identified as part of the core of general practice. There was political pressure for competence in this area to be guaranteed by the MRCGP examination, in fact Child health was seen as a test case for future development. The examination Board did not think it was possible to insert a clinical section on a particular part of general practice into the MRCGP without unbalancing the whole examination. A working party with BPA; HVA; RCN; GMSC report in Dec 1990 on the content of a core district programme for child health surveillance

May 1991 Council agreed that from May 1992 all candidates presenting for the Membership exam should provide evidence of their competence in child health surveillance at the time of application. "Pre-certification will obviate the need to increase the testing time available and the current balance of the exam will be maintained".

Assessors were to be general practitioners undertaking child health surveillance on a regular basis and proved to do so by the FHSA and other doctors currently undertaking child health surveillance under the auspices of a local District Health Authority.

Not all FHSA's accepted the guidelines which led to disparity between regulations applied in different areas (See Council May 1993 C/110 and Nov 1993 C/16)

A CE F 18 - 1 Correspondence **1989**
- 1995
Correspondence includes drafts of RCGP/BPA Guidelines; pre-certification of competence forms; press releases, GMSC, position papers by Examination board; working parties meeting notes, potential assessors, faculty responses

A CE F 20 Examiners, 1972 - 1992

Individual Files on Examiners including appointment, admin, resignations; Nomination Files
See Examiner Training for Study days for new examiners and Examiners Workshops.

A CE F 20 - 1 Examiners A-B **1972**
- 1994
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair

Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes photographs
Article on taking MRCGP exam by Walter Anderson World
Medicine 1979

A CE F 20 - 2 Examiners C-E **1972**
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, **- 1995**
nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of
exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair

Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Article on Being An Examiner by D S H Cannon "Not Tonight
here Darling - I'm Marking" 1985

A CE F 20 - 3 Examiners F-H **1972**
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, **- 1995**
nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of
exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair

Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Article from General Practitioner 1982- "Take into Account
Modern Consulting Methods - Psychology has a role in the
Surgery" by Theo Schofield; David Pendleton, Peter Tate, Peter
Havelock [includes photo of them]
Keith Hodgkin file includes cartoons and article "On the
Observers Role" 1979

A CE F 20 - 4 Examiners K-M **1972**
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, **- 1995**
nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of
exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair;
overseas postgraduates

Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Includes A Guide to Project Assessment and "The Development of
the Examination for Membership of the Royal College of General
practitioners (Ulster Medical Journal Vol 57 pp195-199 Oct
1988) both by Ben Moran

A CE F 20 - 5 Examiners N-R **1972**
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, **- 1995**
nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of
exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair;
overseas postgraduates

Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Includes comments on exam changes 1986 Ian Ruffett

A CE F 20 - 6 Examiners S-T **1972**
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, **- 1995**

nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair; role of the Convenor; examiners relationship with Council [Theo Schofield]; trainees knowledge of current medical literature; [Andrew Smith]; role of video taping; age/results [Keith Thompson]; statement in support of becoming Chairman of Examination Board - 1989 [John Toby];

*Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Includes comments on exam changes 1986 Ian Ruffett*

A CE F 20 - 7 Examiners U-Z **1972**
- 1995
Correspondence between Examiners and College - appointment, nomination forms, resignation, comments on development of exam and techniques, arrangements for meetings, Belton affair; value of MEQ 19890 [J Whewell]

*Item: Arranged Alphabetically by Examiner
Includes some photographs
Includes comments on exam changes 1986 Ian Ruffett*

A CE F 20 - 8 Examiners Ballot for New Examiners **1972**
- 1972
Including nominations, votes
Item: See also ACE F21 Training for New Examiners

A CE F 20 - 9 Examiners Nominations **1977**
- 1977
Including policy on selection criteria; qualities of the ideal examiner; Irish examiners; confidentiality of nominations and rejections

A CE F 20 - 10 Examiners Nominations Correspondence **1977**
- 1984
Including policy on selection criteria; qualities of the ideal examiner; Irish examiners; confidentiality of nominations and rejections

A CE F 20 - 11 Examiners Resignations **1977**
- 1978
Including policy on selection criteria; qualities of the ideal examiner; Irish examiners; confidentiality of nominations and rejections
Item: See also Examiners Personal Files ACE F20 1-7

A CE F 20 - 12 "The Testing Years" Retirement of Professor John H Walker **1983**
- 1983
Copy of books of anecdotes, tributes and cartoons relating to JH Walker's time as Chief Examiner of the MRCGP exam written by his colleagues on the panel of examiners presented at Ullswater Feb 1984 [ACE F22-11]
Item: John Walker retired as Chairman of Membership Division and Chief Examiner (from 1972) in November 1983

See also ACE F14-6 Membership division Executive Correspondence

A CE F 21 Examiners Training, 1972 - 1992

In 1977, a new method of selecting examiners was approved. New examiners were to serve for

training or continuing education. A study day for new examiners was held 20-21st February 1975
Exam included MCQ Multiple choice questions; MEQ Modified Essay Questions; TEQ Traditional Essay Questions and oral examination. Includes offprint from JRCGP 1972, 22, 596
"Explanatory Notes for the MRCGP Examination"
Date details: February 1975.

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| A CE F 21 - 4 | New Examiners Course on Examination Techniques
Programme; delegates; speakers; draft questions; Section 63 approval
Correspondence including use of video tape for teaching orals skills; draft MEQ from Jack Cormack; notes for the guidance of examiners marking traditional essay questions [David Morrell and Eric Gambrill]; | 1977
- 1977 |
| A CE F 21 - 5 | New Examiners Course on Examination Techniques
Correspondence including appointments and MEQ crib; | 1978
- 1978 |
| A CE F 21 - 6 | New Examiners Course on Examination Techniques
Correspondence including delegates and appointments includes draft Nov 1978 TEQ paper; | 1979
- 1979 |
| A CE F 21 - 7 | New Examiners Course on Examination Techniques
Correspondence including delegates and appointments, comments by assessors includes TEQ paper 1 Nov 1979 and 3 candidates scripts Q Nov 1979; MEQ paper 1 Nov 1979; notes for marking TEQ; log diary - notes for candidates
<i>Item: Feb & Sep 1980 courses</i> | 1980
- 1980 |
| A CE F 21 - 8 | New Examiners Course on Methods of Assessment in General Practice
Correspondence including delegates and appointments, programme, section 63; assessors, TEQ May 1981 sample answers; MEQ May 1981 sample answers "The MRCGP Examination and Its Methods (draft)- Examinations in General, Educational Objectives, Techniques, The MRCGP Examination, The Level of the Examination, Standards, Techniques, The MCQ, The TEQ, The MEQ, The oral Examination, Assessing the Clinical Process, The Diagnostic Vocabulary, Consulting Time, Distortion of Clinical Decision Making by Emotional, Clinical, cultural, geographic influences and doctors attitudes, practice management, oral examinations - advantages and disadvantages, scoring and pass mark
<i>Item: Includes photos</i> | 1981
- 1981 |
| A CE F 21 - 9 | New Examiners Course on Methods of Assessment in General Practice, photos;
Programme, section 63; assessors, notes on the day by Mickey Dale; TEQ May 1981 sample answers; MEQ May 1981 sample answers "The MRCGP Examination and Its Methods"[difference from 1981 version; "Notes on Membership, Associateship and the Membership Examination" [April 1982]; "A Modified Essay Question With an Example of a "Good Answer"; "Examples of Traditional Essay Questions and Their "Good" Answers"; "Multiple Choice Questions with Answer Crib"; TEQ 11 May 1982 with specimen answers; training video [see ACE F21-2] | 1982
- 1982 |

Item: photos

- A CE F 21 - 10 New Examiners Course on Methods of Assessment in General Practice, photos;** **1983**
Delegates; assessment forms **- 1983**
Item: photos

A CE F 22 Examiners Workshops, 1972 - 1992

Annual workshop to study techniques often held at Ullswater

N.B. See Examiners' file ACE F 20 & Examiners Training ACE F 21

See also ACE F 4 Examination Board papers and minutes - for agendas and reports of later workshops for which there is no separate paper work. Also relevant are reports and papers Examination Development Meetings (found in Examination Board papers from 1991)

- A CE F 22 - 1 Examiners' Conferences** **1968**
Conference on Examination Methods 14-15 Nov 1968 RCP - **- 1971**
photocopy of agenda with annotations by Jimmy Knox dated Aug 1983 "This was the occasion at which Pat Byrne and I introduced the MCQ - we had all the delegates sit (including Lord Platt and the then Sir Isaac Rosenheim) the test! .. I also remember the blood sweat and tears of my first go at organising the College's 2nd exam in 1965 (for only half a dozen or so candidates)"
Photocopy of report from JRCGP 1969, 17, 112-117

Examiners Conference 24-25th March 1971 Manchester Programme [See B BYR Byrne papers for material on this]

File 2

Examiners Conference October 1973 - programme, attendees, equipment needed for clinical examination, extract from Future General Practitioner; draft log diary; memo on workload of marking MEQ; the future of the TEQ and two examples of TEQ's; correspondence on whether examiners should complete a MCQ paper at the conference (Prof Ian Richardson, University of Aberdeen); report of exercise in quality., setting and robustness of MCQ bank (Ian Richardson)

26 January 1973 Minutes

26th October 1973 Agenda

Lists of members of the Panel of Examiners 1972-3

Item: See Byrne papers for B BYR C2-4 Board of Censors 1965-1974 for 1968 conference material

- A CE F 22 - 2 Examiners' Conferences 1974** **1974**
March 1974 Minutes **- 1974**

July 1974 Minutes and Papers includes reports from panels, notes for examiners on the log; orals; notes for candidates; draft log; inclusion of a clinical component in the MRCP (Marinker and Acheson); memo on failed candidates - College responsibility towards them; international working party on examinations

Sep 1974 Minutes and papers includes panel reports; clinical components; results by faculty; competence; standards; selection of examiners "Can the Candidate cope with Common infections in a local fashion"; Chronic diseases - oral - areas of knowledge; communication with patients - analysis of skills; subsidiary statements to "Can the candidate interpret common abnormal physical signs" (H J Wright); skills (R Harvard Davis); "can the

Candidate interpret human behaviour"; "Testing the ability of the candidate to respond appropriately to medical emergencies"; panel report on Multiple Choice question paper (I M Richardson; G C Brill; J F Burdon; J H Owen; W G Irwin; M Marinker)

Dec 1974 Examiners Meeting - Agenda and minutes

**A CE F 22 - 3 Examiners' Conference 1975 1975
- 1975**

22 February 1975 Minutes and papers includes geographical spread; "Testing Competence"; mock oral exam questions to be used over conference

Draft mock exam questions from Paul Freeling section 63 material

Item: "the purpose of the conference was to explore problems of the oral examination. Because of the number of examiners from varying backgrounds and their freedom to choose topics, it has been very difficult to establish uniformity. Attempts have been made to overcome some of the problems by introducing a marking sheet defining competencies. However anxiety was expressed that if the format was too structured examiners might feel they had been deprived of the opportunity to assess the candidate overall.

**A CE F 22 - 4 Examiners' Workshop 1977 1977
- 1977**

23-24 September 1977 Programme (including session on MCQ, TEQ and Oral Exam) and Minutes

Papers include "Possible TEQ's"; memo on the construction of True/False MCQ's; "Simplified Oral Marking" (J F Burdon July 1977); TEQ's with suggested answers and marking section 63 material

Item: Held at the College

**A CE F 22 - 5 Examiners' Workshop 1978 1978
- 1978**

16-17th March 1978 held at Ullswater Hotel, Glenridding - Minutes, programme - discussed current examination and future developments, accreditation and Reaccreditation; how to improve the exam for established GP's as well as for recent trainees; attendance included Paul Backer from Copenhagen; examining for Fellowship
Personal thoughts on the meeting its aims and achievements by Ian Capstick, Paul Freeling; Hamish Barber; J D Gilleghan; Michael Dale

Possible TEQ's and answers/markings structures

27, 28, 29 September 1978 (Ullswater Hotel Glenridding)
Programme, Minutes/Notes included discussion of Board of Censors Working Party including standard raising and the formation of an examination executive
Papers "MRCGP Examination analysis (John Walker)
TEQ questions and answers marking structure

- A CE F 22 - 6 Examiners' Workshop 1979** **1979**
- 1979
 22-23rd March 1979 held at Manor House Hotel, Royal Lemington Spa - Minutes, programme - includes reports of working group - The General Practitioner in Europe [Leeuwenhorst]; Paediatrics; Geriatrics; Psychiatry; MRCGP Courses; Continuous Assessment Section 63; sample TEQ questions (from Nov 1978 papers) , answers and marking schedules; log for oral questions; observers report form
- A CE F 22 - 7 Examiners' Workshop 1980** **1980**
- 1980
 26-28th March 1980 held at White Hart Hotel, Harrogate "The Principles of Assessment in General Practice"
 Programmes; Minutes; Feedback forms from participants and reviews from Course leaders; extract from Board of Censors minutes on the role and relationship between the Examination Board and the Examination Executive and the Panel of Examiners; letter to regional advisers on examination rates; survey of best methods of examining different skills; goals of general practice training; delegates, includes David Pendleton's assessment of the oral examination and Leeuwenhorst document; copy of March 1979 working group report on The General Practitioner in Europe; note as to whether it is feasible to have 700 candidates take the examination; analysis of observers reports of Dec 1979 orals; The role of the College in Continuing Assessment BOC/79/23 summarised; analysis of examination results 1976-1979; "The Role of the College in Assessment" - The Development of the MRCGP Examination and the Possibility of Fellowship though Reassessment [Fellowship by Assessment]; sample TEQ paper
- Leeds 25th October 1980; London 11 October 1980. The London and Leeds courses were identical and on Assessment of clinical Skills
 Programme; feedback by course leaders; report upon feasibility of IACS (Initial Assessment of Clinical Skills) as developed by Leeds University; sample papers from IACS and marking schema; talking points on the validity; reliability and feasibility of the IACS
 Section 63
Item:
IACS (Initial Assessment of Clinical Skills) as developed by Leeds University comprised three papers
1. Examined skills of hypothesis formation. 2. examined skills of delineating psychosocial factors and 3. examined skills of observation using clinical slides and audio recordings
- A CE F 22 - 8 Examiners' Workshops 1981** **1981**
- 1981
 26-27 March 1981& 2nd-3rd April - programme, attendees "The Assessment of Training in General Practice" to redefine the purpose of the oral examination; video tape analysis of orals; report by David Pendleton on the oral examination (Dec 1980); reports from small discussion groups on unmarkable questions; clinical decision making; factual questions; attitudinal questions; purpose of the oral exam; oral exam development group forms Strategies for the Eighties includes section on "The MRCGP Examination"; TEQ workshop - handouts includes subjects best covered by TEQ's; MCQ instructions for candidates; photographs

10-11 Sep 1981 The Assessment of Vocational Training - Written Methods - The Patient Management Problem (by Peter Thomson - new convenor] - MEQ workshop statement of philosophy of MEQ; programme; delegates; draft questions

24 Sep 1981 The Assessment of Vocational Training includes TEQ workshops "Methods - The Written Paper, Organisation, Epidemiology and prevention; delegates, programmes; proposed MEQ timetable

Item: 3 folders

see attached photos

A CE F 22 - 9 Examiners' Workshops 1982 1982 - 1982

3-5 March 1982 Ullswater, Glenridding, Cumbria, "Assessment in General Practice" (to explore methods of Assessment suggested in "What Sort of Doctor")

Programme; Section 63; delegates, MEQ & TEQ's and; reduction of number of question in MCQ. Assessment of established doctors; rating scales for consultation; reports of working groups

Item: See video tapes

Copy of What Sort of Doctor report September 1981

A CE F 22 - 10 Examiners' Workshops 1983 1983 - 1983

23-25 February 1983 Ullswater, Glenridding, Cumbria, "Vocational Training And Assessment" (to review current techniques and review progress of part 1 Review and Performance Review working parties and on predictive validity")

Programme; Section 63; delegates, MEQ & TEQ's; correspondence and reports from observers, includes invite to Professor Anthony Clare; Keith Hodgkin's notes on his oral sessions;

Item: Offprints

"Difficulties in Clinical Skills Evaluation" A C Harper; Wendy Roy; G R Norman, Carol Rand and J W Feightner (Medical Education, 1983, 17, 24-27)

"The Assessment of Cognitive Abilities in Clinical Medicine" H J Wright, I M Stanley, J Webster (Medical Education, 1983, 17, 31-38)

"Becoming a Member of the Royal College of Physicians: Trial by MCQ" Richard Smith (BMJ Vol 285 6 November 1982 1341-42)

"The Selection and Training of Examiners for Clinical Examinations" D I Newbie, Jennifer Hoare, P F Sheldrake (Medical Education, 1980, 14, 345-349)

Papers

"The MRCGP Examination and It's Methods J H Walker, I M Stanley, T L Venables, E C Gambrill, G K H Hodgkin 28/09/1982.

"Modified Essay Questions with Answers" c. 1982

"Multiple Choice Questions and Answers" Andrew Belton c. 1982

A CE F 22 - 11 Examiners' Workshop 1984 1984 - 1984

29 Feb- 2 March 1984 Ullswater, Glenridding, Cumbria Programme, "State of Philosophy of MEQ by your new convenor"; (Philip Tombleson)

Item: J H Walker's final workshop see ACE F20-12 ["The Testing

Years presentation book]

A CE F 22 - 12 Examiners' Workshop 1985 **1984**
6th-8th March 1984 Ullswater, Glenridding, Cumbria **- 1985**
Programme, delegates; discussion paper for the Examination
Executive on what the examination is aiming to assess etc;
Analysis of marking Summer 1984; draft Television Modified
Essay Question; attributes being looked for in the oral
examination; trainee mid point assessment [MAP]

A CE F 22 - 23 Examiners' Workshop 1996 **1996**
28th Feb-1st March 1996 Saunton Sands, Granton Devon **- 1996**
Programme, administrative arrangements (inc coach hire);
delegates
Item: organised by John Foulkes

A CE F 22 - 24 Examiners' Workshop 1997 **1997**
5th-7th March 1997 Saunton Sands, Braunton Devon **- 1997**
Annotated Programme, administrative arrangements (inc coach
hire); delegates, MEQ mark schemes, PGEA;
Item: organised by John Foulkes

A CE F 23 Examiners Newsletters, 1987 - 2005

Started by Philip Tomblason, Convenor of Panel of Examiners in June 1987 as a
communication tool at a time when the Panel was coming to terms with the effects of the
dismissal of Andrew Belton (Sep 1986) and awaiting the results of the President's Working
Party which led to the formation of the Examination Board in Sep 1987.

N.B. See Examiners' file ACE F 20 & Examiners Training ACE F21

A CE F 23 - 1 No 2 (Nov 1987) **1987**
No 3 (Aug 1988) **- 2005**
No 4 (Nov 1988)
No 6 (Nov 1989)
Convenors Newsletter December 1997; May 2000
Spring 2004
Spring 2005
Date details: 1987-1989; 1997; 2000; 2004-2005.

A CE F 24 MCQ Multiple Choice Paper Development, 1990 - 1995

Reports and Correspondence of MCQ group

*N.B. See Examiners Workshops; Board of Censors Correspondence, Examination Board Papers (particularly
Examination Development Group reports)*

A CE F 24 - 1 MCQ Paper Correspondence **1990**
Correspondence of MCQ Nuclear Group **- 1995**
includes International MCQ; notes for new members of the group;
MCQ 190 Generalizability study; comments from trainers;
negative marking; PGEA; procedures for preparing papers; pass
rates; scanning of answer sheets; PEP; summative assessment;
extended matching questions; increase in number of trialed items
to 138; stats; Scottish questions; redefining of areas covered by
MCQ (June 1994); `one best answer` format for clinical
management questions; "Developing Multiple Choice and
Extended Matching Questions to Assess Basic Application of
Knowledge in the Basic and Clinical Sciences" Susan Case
USMLE; "Tackling the New Look MCQ" (Julian Turner The
Practitioner); stolen MCQ's

*Item: 1991 Convenor Peter Elliot (Therapeutics, Care of the Elderly, Ethical/Legal)
Paul Lewis (Psychiatry; Dermatology);
Julian Turner (Physical Medicine/Trauma; Obs & Gyn; ENT)
Jo Butt (Medicine; Ophthalmology)
Margaret Price (Paediatrics; Practice Organisation)
David Sales (Surgical Diagnosis; Infectious Diseases;
Epidemiology)*

*"Review of Issues of concern in the MCQ paper" [John Foulkes] Examination Board Paper Sep 1991 led to new MCQ rules agreed
Abolition of negative marking; pre-testing of new questions; item and question order to be randomised; Rasch scaling to identify items for banking; new styles of questions; even balance of true and false; variable number of items for each question; items to be deleted or modified if either >95% or < candidates answer correctly.*

From Oct 1992, format of MCQ paper changed to 360 True/False format from 60 questions or stems with five items. Penalty scoring was abolished and marks were no longer deducted for incorrect responses.

*Oct 1993 Five extended matching questions within all 27 items
See also ACE P19-1 International MCQ*

1995 MCQ divided into Part one Faculty Knowledge and Part II Problem Solving

A CE F 24 - 2 MCQ Paper Regional Initiatives 1992 - 1994
Correspondence re pilot use of MCQ for local summative assessment; notes of MCQ Group meeting 6 May 1993

*Item: 1992 Convenor Julian Turner
Pilot held Oct 1993*

Date details: 25 June 1992- 22 Sep 1994.

A CE F 25 ODG Oral Development Group, 1984 - 1992

Reports and Correspondence of ODG

N.B. See Examiners Workshops; Board of Censors Correspondence, Examination Board Papers (particularly Examination Development Group reports)

A CE F 25 - 1 David Pendleton Consultancy 1980 - 1984
Project for David Pendleton to help develop the oral exam including set up and develop Oral Development Group study and analyze July 1980 Exam
Contracts, correspondence, invoices for video equipment; reports on criteria and marking habits; roles - General Practitioners; roles in the consultation; consultation tasks; rules for discussing video consultations; consultation rating sheet
Item: From 1984 Richard Wakeford worked on this project when David Pendleton was busy

A CE F 25 - 2 ODG Agenda Papers, Correspondence and Reports 1984 - 1992
Includes Meeting papers 4 May 1988; ; 3rd August 1988; 6 Dec 1988; January 1989 [minutes only]; 11 April 1989; 5th July 1989; 26 Sep 1989; December 1989 [Minutes only]; January 1990

[Minutes only]; April 1990; 12 June 1990; 9 October 1990; January 1991; 24 April 1991; 24 Sep 1999 [Agenda only]
 Correspondence and reports:
 job description for Examiner marshals; "The MRCGP Viva - An Outsiders View" observation of an oral exam December 1985 by Paul Sackin]; Topics discussed in the June/July 1987 oral examinations; report on the proceedings of the oral group 4 at Ullswater [N Beenstock 1988]; draft log diary 1986; log diary development; notes on analytical grid [areas of competence) of MRCGP [Helen Mulholland 1 August 1988]; videoing equipment; observer group comments (summer 1988); "Skills of oral examining" [c.1988]; Draft revised examiners and observers marking sheets; aide memoir for orals; "The tasks of the oral examiner"; "MRCGP Attribute study" [John Toby Dec 1988]; Observers programme Dec 1988; Tasks of Oral examiners; "Classification of content of the oral exam [Mulholland August 1988]; results of group discussion on developments Ullswater 1989; draft notes on oral forms completion [1989];oral exam categorisation scale [Sep 1989]; assessment day for potential new examiners report [Sep 1989]; "MRCGP Examination Attribute Study 1989 to widen areas covered by oral examination"; "The MRCGP Oral Exam The Present State and Future Development - drafts 1989" [for Occasional Paper 46]; "Proposed revised categorisation"[August 1989]; comments on proposed modifications to oral score sheet [Jan 1990]; lack of examiner crisis [January 1990]; draft practice log March 1990; draft oral marking sheets 1990; "Child Health Surveillance - A Suitable Case for Treatment [June 1990]; "Examiner formative assessment"; Review of new MRCGP examiner marking sheet [June 1990]; oral convenor - notes for guidance [July 1990]; schema for observer [July 1990]; notes on tapes [Dundee]? failure study; storage of exam log books etc; "Draft classification of oral examination process and examinee behaviour in orals"; proposed new "practice experience questionnaire";
Item: John Toby - oral convenor 1984-88
Peter H L Tate Oral Convenor 1989-
Philip Tomblison Convenor of Panel of Examiners
JJ Ferguson Chairman of Examination Board

A CE F 25 - 3

Log Diary (Practice Experience Questionnaire PEQ)

**1974
- 1995**

Includes

1) Copies of log diaries 1974-1994, and marking sheets, instructions to oral examiners

2) Redrafting in 1986 includes revised marking grids, questionnaire at Ullswater on proposed revisions

3) Revision in 1990 to take into account 1990 contract (by Richard Moore) Renamed PEQ: Drafts. Satirical instructions to examiners "Not the log Diary" [

4) Revisions 1993-4 to take into account changing practice and terminology, questionnaire to POE on how PEQ is used; report on PEQ January 1995 [Richard Moore]

Item: The oral exam until 1996 consisted of two half hour session - first devoted to questions the candidate on his log diary and the second on diagnosis and management of clinical problems.

A CE F 25 - 4 ODG Agenda Papers, Correspondence and Reports **1996**
Includes **- 1998**
notes from ODG meeting 14 Feb 1997; 15 Oct 1997

notes from Away day 1996 "What are the orals for?"; Examining schedules for ODG 25-26 April 1997; "Summary of Saunton 1997 Exercise - Implications of Modularisation" funding; draft handbook for training oral examiners; Agenda ODG meeting 19-20 Sep 1997; arrangements for Orals May 1998; oral examiners guide 1988 [Richard Wakeford]; "Oral Examination Script - A Training Manual for Judges"; "An Oral Examiners Guide"; list of Examiners; ODG pilot of new examination format January 1998; marking sheet 1998; timetable summer 1988

Item: Val Wass Convenor ODG

Lesley Southgate Convenor of Panel of Examiners -1996

Roger Neighbour convenor Panel of Examiners 1997-8

JJ Ferguson Chairman of Examination Board

A CE F 26 Assessment of Clinical Competence or Consulting Skills by Video, 1990 - 1998

It was felt in the late 1980's that the exam was not adequately testing clinical skills [later defined as consulting skills] and in 1990, the Council asked the Examination Board to devise a clinical component for the MRCGP.

After six years of discussions (including with the GMC on the ethics of the videos), trial and pilots the assessment of videotaped consultations was introduced into the MRCGP in October 1996. The candidates were required to submit 4 hours VHS video tapes originally containing 24 consultations but then reduced to 15 including a minimum of two consultations with children under the age of 10 and 2 of chronic disease in adult patients. The candidates were also asked to complete a workbook to accompany their videotape. The assessment of the videos included 11 performance criteria.

In 1998, the MRCGP exam became modular with the consulting skills elements one of the four new modules for most candidates this was still assessed by video tape but for a few candidates this was assessed by simulated surgery [see ACE F27]. The main performance criteria were expanded to 12 with three extra criteria being added which if demonstrated would earn the candidate a "merit" pass.

Reports and Correspondence of Video Development Group led by Peter Tate

N.B. See Also ACE F27 Simulated Surgery

Examiners Workshops; Board of Censors Correspondence, Examination Board Papers (particularly Examination Development Group reports)

A CE F 26 - 1 Clinical Competence Working Group **1990**
Correspondence & meetings of Consultation/Clinical Skills **- 1991**
Group;
Includes Agenda, minutes, Papers:

Report on OSCE trials [See ACE F27] "Methods of Assessment Competence" [Helen Mulholland]; Copy of article "Assessment of Clinical Skills with Standardized patients: State of the Art" [Vleuten and Swanson - Teaching and Learning in Medicine 1990, Vol 2 No 2 pp 58-76] "Assessment of Competence in General Practice" survey; "The Association between peer consultation and three aspects of clinical competence" [Family Practice Vol 7 No 3 1990]; "No Oscar for OSCA" [K Cox Medical Education 1990,

24, 540-545; "The Core of General Practice [as amended by Council 22 Sep 1989]

Final report Feb 1991 recommended that the observation of video taped recording and self assessment be accepted as the most promising avenue ... and that the development of simulated surgeries should be supported as an educational tool and as a means of further exploration of the issues surrounding the assessment of clinical competence... Examiners should be informed of the continuing commitment to an oral examination despite the developments under consideration"

Item: Chairman of Clinical Assessment Working Party. [Members John Toby, Helen Mulholland, Roger Neighbour, Julian Turner, Peter Tate, Lesley Southgate, Philip Tombleson, Richard Wakeford

The working group was proposed at a meeting of the Examination Board of 25 October 1990 "to review the methods of clinical competence available with comments on their advantages and disadvantages; consider the feasibility of one of these methods for the MRCGP and recommend a best buy for the Examination Board to recommend to Council.

First meeting January 1991;

See also Simulated Surgery ACE F27

A CE F 26 - 2

Video Assessment Working Party Correspondence

**1990
- 1992**

Correspondence & meetings notes including
Correspondence with Robin Fraser about a similar project [assessment of consultation competence] being run by Leicester, Aberdeen and Amsterdam Universities Departments of General Practice; use of the expertise of Institute of Medical Illustrators; assessing empathy;

Notes of meeting 10 Jan 1991
Proposal and suggested flow chart for new exam; draft candidate forms; draft timetable, draft marking sheet; comments on proposals [March-April 1991]

Cutting from Pulse "Surgery Videos could form part of MRCGP Exam" [28 March 1991]

Draft instructions for examiners; instructions for candidates Oct 1991; consent form
Draft Clinical competence Assessment by Video tape workbook; instructions to candidates Dec 1991
Volunteers for Trial April 1991 [see ACE F26-3]

Item: Chaired by Peter Tate. Group set up Nov 1990 out of a meeting of convenors "to consider a method of analysing and grading candidates consulting with patients, using video recordings.

Members Peter Tate, Peter Champion, Roger Neighbour, David Pendleton, Richard Wakeford.

First meeting 10 Jan 1991

See also Simulated Surgery ACE F27

- A CE F 26 - 3 Pilot Study Oct 1992; Oct 1993** **1992**
- 1994
- Oct 1992 Correspondence with candidates and examiners, consent form, instructions [192 Diet 7 doctors who passed 192 exam (47 possible videoed) agreed to take part, four sent back workbooks, with comments and videos
- Oct 1993 - correspondence, consent forms, marking grid, feedback from candidates and examiners [293 Diet 17 candidates 4 partners]; arrangement for MRCGP Video Assessment workshops April and May 1994 [cancelled - see item note]
- Item: The position of the GMC on the ethics of video assessment held up the review and training of examiners - i.e. lessons learnt from Oct 1993 pilot until March 1995. [see ACE F26-6]*
- 2 files*
- A CE F 26 - 4 Assessment of Video Group** **1992**
- 1994
- Correspondence re training and workshop for examiners to mark workbooks; consent forms; proposal for piloting of video based clinical component [submitted to Examination Board 22 April 1992] for 250 candidates of 293 diet; notes on special meeting of Oral Development Group and the Video Clinical Component Group [21 April 1993]; questionnaire to examiners on proposed clinical competencies [Foulkes and Tate and results]; financial costs, "A Clinical Component for the MRCGP" submitted to Examination Board of Council by the Video Development Group January 1994 response to RCGP statement on the Use of Video Recording of General Practice Consultations; draft and proposals to CEC and Council member that clinical component be included in the exam; Arrangements for video assessment training day March 1994; draft of report by Cees Van der Vleuten "A Clinical Component for the MRCGP A Psychometric Reaction" [Feb 1994]; ethical considerations and warning by GMC that they may not agree to a video component; time limits for borderline candidates; petition by Trainees against proposals;
- Item: Convenor Lesley Southgate*
Chairman David Haslam
"Statement on the Use of Video-recording of general practice consultations, for teaching, learning and assessment: the importance of ethical considerations" Lesley Southgate May 1993
Feb 1994 Examination Board Agreed to propose to Council that video-based clinical assessment to be phased into the MRCGP exam at the earliest opportunity. A pilot planned for Oct 1994 was postponed after GMC expressed doubts.
Date details: December 2002- August 1994.
- A CE F 26 - 5 Assessment of consulting Skills: Expert Technical Group** **1994**
- 1995
- Correspondence, reports and agenda papers
- Item: To achieve a professional consensus on the assessment of consulting skills by video, simulated surgery or both for the purposes of the MRCGP exam and to make recommendations to the Exam Board*
- Chairman of Exam Board David Haslam, Richard Wakeford, Lesley Southgate, Peter Tate, Liz Gingham, Roger Neighbour, John Foulkes, Jim Cox, Robin Fraser, Aly Rashid, Cess Van de*

Vleuten, Maureen Baker.
Date details: October 1994- Feb 1995.

- A CE F 26 - 6 GMC - Use of videos in training and assessment** **1994**
Correspondence and reports concerning position of GMC on the **- 1995**
use of videos in Assessment for the MRCGP

Item: See ACE F26-3 - Pilots; ACE F 26-7
Feb 1994 Examination Board Agreed to propose to Council that
video-based clinical assessment to be phased into the MRCGP
exam at the earliest opportunity. A pilot planned for Oct 1994 was
postponed after GMC expressed doubts concerning issues of
confidentiality.
Date details: December 2002- August 1994.

- A CE F 26 - 7 Pilots and training** **1995**
- 1995

Questionnaire on performance criteria for videos ; "Assessment of
consulting skills in the MRCGP" [David Haslam] February 1995;
"reflections on Summative Assessment of Consulting skills using
Video MRCGP 30-31 March 1995" [R P Whitbread 4 April 1995]

Symposium to train examiners in the assessment of consultation
skills
13-14 Feb 1995 [Wrexham Park Hospital], programme,
correspondence, budget, PGEA, evaluation form report and post
meeting report, delegates signing sheet.

Training for new examiners in video May 1995

Pilot Sep 1995 marking or calibration session held 5 October
1995 at De Vere Hotel, Coventry;

Item: Peter Tate Convenor Consulting Skills Assessment

Two pilots 195 : a study based on volunteer MRCGP candidates
and 295: a study based on all trainees in volunteer regions
Date details: Feb 1995-Dec 1995.

- A CE F 26 - 8 Video Development Group - Correspondence and Reports** **1996**
Correspondence includes trainers opinions of preparing trainees **- 1998**
for video element of the exam; ethnic factors [Bashir Qureshi];

Copy of "Clinical Competence Assessment by Videotape -
Assessors Guide" [John Foulkes and Peter Tate Sep 1993];

Meetings of VDG; revision of workbook; application to the Joint
Committee Implementation Group [JIG] that video based
assessment of clinical and assessment skills confer exemption for
summative assessment; draft "The Assessment of general
practitioners' performance by assessing their consulting on
videotape: a new approach for the MRCGP Examination" [Peter
Tate, John Foulkes, Roger Neighbour, Peter Champion and Steve
Field]

Item: Peter Tate - Consulting skills advisor
Members of VDG - Loran Tapper-Jones; Graham Rawlinson;
Steve Field; Roger Neighbour; Hilton Dixon; Maureen Crawford;
Peter Champion; Malcolm Campbell; Ken Burch; Liz Bingham
Date details: November 1996-January 1998.

A CE F 27 Assessment of Clinical Competence or Consulting Skills by Simulated Surgery, 1988 - 1998

Simulated surgery is a technique derived from OSCE (objective structured clinical examination) in which candidates circulate around a number of stations to perform a series of short clinical and paperwork tasks. The aim with simulated surgery is to reproduce as nearly as possible the working conditions of a surgery.

Pilots in using OSCE's were run in 1989 but it was felt that it was more appropriate to use a simulated surgery method. In 1991, a working party was set up to assess how this could be done particularly in relation to scoring methods, reliability and logistics.

The first pilots in simulated surgery were held in 1992-1993 (some as a subcontract to Barts); by March 1993, eight areas of competence had been identified. Reports were written to the Examination Board and the Forum on Assessment. In August 1994, the Forum on Assessment [ACE J31] transferred responsibility for simulated surgery to the Examination Board. In the light of concerns as to the ethics of use of videos by the GMC, the group put forward a proposal in June 1994 for Simulated Surgery to be used as the clinical component of the MRCGP exam. A large scale pilot was held in January 1995. It was proposed to have a Fellow in Simulated Surgery to help prepare to have that element used for summative assessment in 1996.

In February 1997 a formal application was submitted to JCPTGP [Joint Committee for Postgraduate for General Practice] that simulated surgery and assessment by Video [ACE F26] papers count as exemption for the summative assessment. The first simulated surgery as part of the MRCGP took place in June 1997 - 36 candidates applied giving adequate reasons as to why they were unable to provide a videotape of their consultation and 22 did well enough in oral exam to be able to proceed to this stage. By 1998, the MRCGP exam became modular with the consulting skills elements one of the four new modules for most candidates this was still assessed by video tape but for a few candidates this was assessed by simulated surgery.

Reports, Minutes and Correspondence

N.B. See Also ACE F26 Assessment of Clinical Competence by Video

Examiners Workshops; Board of Censors Correspondence, Examination Board Papers (particularly Examination Development Group reports)

A CE F 27 - 1 OSCE [Objective Structured Clinical Examination] Trials 1988 - 1991

Correspondence includes report from Robert Walker on OSCE element to the Irish College's membership exam (1988); arrangements for pilots in April and Sep 1989, "One up on the MRCGP" - David Haslam's article in ACO Journal Spring 1989 on pro and cons of OCSE as used by the Irish College; instructions for the pilot, factor analysis; evaluation forms and reports from all 4 regional pilots, , feedback reports Wessex pilot [Oct 1989]; Surrey [15 Dec 1989]; call for members and departments of general practice with expertise in OCSE

Instructions, marking sheets and topics for 1989 pilots

Item: Pilot organised by Helen Mulholland Feb 1989 in Northern region for final year trainees to allow a comparison with the subsequent MRCGP exam. Also pilots in Wessex, Guildford, and Dundee Autumn 1989. 18 stations

The Objective structured examination for general practice: design, validity and reliability - Gerald Thomson JRCGP 1987, 37, 149-153

Chairman of Exam Board John J Ferguson

*Convenor - Panel of Examiners
Date details: 13 July 1988- July 1991.*

A CE F 27 - 2 Simulated Surgery Pilots 1990

Correspondence and minutes includes standardised surgery trial by Liz Bingham [package for course organisers to use with trainees 1991]; minutes, agenda and papers of working party 1991-1994 , assessment summative assessment [Roger Neighbour]; trial held at Barts April 1992 [by Lesley Southgate]; marking of video component; application by Barts for a grant to look at simulated surgery/video consultation to Leverhulme Trust; notes on working day on marking schedules June 1992; draft of report to Examination Board Sep 1992;

Item:

Working party formed to develop simulated surgery assessment May 1991. Later called Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group

Convenor Peter Burrows (until Jan 1992), Members, Tim Billingham, Liz Bingham (convenor from 1992), Rob Caird, Geoff Roberts (until Dec 1992); David Bartlett (until Dec 1992, Gary Aram, (Dec 1992-), Neil Jackson (Dec 1992-). £5000 was set aside 1991-2 to develop simulated surgery and video components techniques

See ACE J31 Forum on Assessment

Convenor of Exam Philip Tomblason

Chairman of Exam Board John Toby 1990-1993 David Haslam 1993-01

A CE F 27 - 3 Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group - pilots and policy 1994

Correspondence, reports, minutes: includes continuation of subcontract to Barts (Gareth Holdgrove until April 1995); report to Forum on Assessment April 1994; "A Proposal for the Development of Simulated Surgery as a Clinical Component of the Membership Examination of the Royal College of General Practitioners" (June 1994); call for examiners to prepare case studies for use in simulated surgery; call for regional advisers to be involved in development; files of case studies [Aug 1994]; marking sheets, budget and costing after handover from Forum on Assessment; proposed large scale pilot in 1995; simulated surgery workshop in Leicester [Oct 1994]; workshop for examiners interested in simulated surgery [Nov 1994] - programme, papers [see separate folder]; proposed Fellowship in Simulated Surgery; pass-fail considerations [discussed at Convenors Retreat January 1995]; arrangements for nuclear group residential meeting [May 1995 Chilworth, Southampton]; budget; Draft paper " Results of the pilot trials on the assessment of clinical competence of GP Trainees using standardised patients"

Item: Simulated surgery transferred from Forum on Assessment to Examination Board Aug 1994

Simulated Surgery Study day 19 Nov 1994

4 centre Pilots April 1995

*Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group: Convenor Liz Bingham
Members Rob Caird, Peter J Burrows, Neil R Jackson, W Alan Fortune, Gareth Holsgrove, Sue A T Law, Has Joshi [from 1995]*

Simulated surgery seen as an alternative for those who couldn't submit videos for assessing consulting skills

- 1993

- 1995

*See ACE J31 Forum on Assessment ACEF26 Video Assessment
Convenor of Consulting skills assessment Peter Tate
Convenor of Exam Philip Tomblinson
Chairman of Exam Board David Haslam 1993-01*

- A CE F 27 - 4 Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group** **1996
- 1998**
- Correspondence, reports, minutes: includes getting examination coaches for the exam; {Oct 1996}; notes for candidates Nov 1996 [this was cancelled as all but one of the candidates withdrew] ; arrangements and report of first exam June 1997 for Examination Board; submission to JCPTGP February 1997 as a method of assessment of consulting skills of GP registrars for summative assessment; Notes for candidates April 1997; examination pass list June/July 1997; report on simulated surgery pilot at Wrexham park 30 September 1997; arrangements for simulated surgery December 1997; analysis of score sheets [Dec 1997]; notes for candidates June 1998; list of candidates 1998
- Item:*
Simulated Surgery Nuclear Group: Convenor Liz Bingham [until 1997] Peter Burrow [deputy convenor until 1997 then Convenor 1998, Members Tim Ballard, Has Joshi, Alan Fortune, Mike Jackson, Sue Rendal, Anwar Carne
- Simulated surgery seen as an alternative for those who couldn't submit videos for assessing consulting skills*
- See ACE J31 Forum on Assessment ACEF26 Video Assessment
Convenor of Consulting skills assessment Peter Tate
Convenor of Exam Roger Neighbour, Chairman of Exam Board David Haslam 1993-01*

A CE F 28 Written Component Nuclear Group, 1997 - 1998

Reports, Minutes and Correspondence

- A CE F 28 - 1 Paper 1 - Written Component Nuclear Group Summit 6 June 1997** **1997
- 1998**
- Arrangements for summit at Thurestone to consider implications of moving from 3 written paper to two from May 1998. Includes summary notes of event
- Item:*
*Roger Neighbour convenor POE
David Sales MCQ Convenor
Andrew Wilson MEQ Convenor
Declan Dwyer CRQ Convenor*

A CE F 29 Practice Topic Question PTQ Critical Reading Question CRQ, 1976 - 1997

The Traditional Essay Question [TEQ] paper was renamed the Practice Topic Question [PTQ] paper in May 1984 to allow candidates to use "short notes" instead of a full essay format. It was felt that there was still a need for an "unstructured" paper to test a candidate's depth of knowledge, ability to organise thoughts in a limited area and to test current awareness of "hot" topics and events. The areas that the paper covered were those identified in the "Future General Practitioner" in 1972: Clinical Practice - Health and Disease, Human Development, Human Behaviour; Medicine and Society; The Practice.

At the 1984, Examiners Workshop members of the PTQ panel considered the development of

the paper. David Swanson wrote a report in 1987 "Review of Membership Examination Procedures of the Royal College of General Practitioners" which said that the PTQ questions needed to be more focused and structured and should reward "thought, argument, presentation and written communication". George Taylor of the PTQ panel looking at the future of the paper thought that the marking schema rewarded breadth of knowledge at the expense of depth of ideas. A trial of a "conceptual" marking versus "slacker" was tried in 1988

By 1988, a paper reviewing the PTQ paper was discussed by the Examination Committee and this coupled with critical analysis of the paper in the Dundee report (Mulholland and McAleer Dec 1988) led to a paper by Philip Tombleson going to Council in Sep 1989 which proposed the paper being replaced by a CRQ paper in 1990.

John Foulkes wrote "A Preliminary Analysis of CRQ (Critical Reading Question) paper" in 1992.

The CRQ paper was restructured in 1994 to have 10 questions and two sections (reading/current practice; critical appraisal). Each question was devised (and marked) by a separate subgroup of the CRQ group of examiners. The written papers were changed to happen over two days from 1996 which meant that the CRQ paper was expanded to 3 hours and the pass rate was changed;

"Sustaining the MRCGP Examination: Proposals for the short and medium term development of the Exam" [David Haslam and Roger Neighbour 1997] - proposed a fully modular exam, and that MEQ and CRQ be tested in one paper.

Meetings, reports & correspondence of Critical Reading Question (CRQ) Nuclear Group and predecessor bodies.

N.B. George Taylor PTQ convenor 1984-1989

D M Dwyer Convenor PTQ/CRQ 1990-1997

See also

ACE F4 Examination Board Papers

ACE F12 Exam papers

A CE F 29 - 1	Question Bank Questions asked in Traditional Essay Question [TEQ] and Practice Topic Questions [PTQ] . Includes some marking schemes <i>Item: See also ACE F12 for Exam papers</i>	1975 - 1989
A CE F 29 - 2	Review of Practice Topic Paper [PTQ] Correspondence, Reports and discussion papers includes: "The Future of the PTQ" results of group work by the PTQ panel at the 1984 Examiners Workshop on role, markability etc "Possible Developments of the PTQ Examination Paper" G B Taylor (21 Sep 1987) arguing for more flexibility and discretion in marking "Development of the PTQ paper" (18 Dec 1987) Discussion Paper G B Taylor Conceptual marking, review, comparison of PTQ examiners May 1987, trial and report (1988) "The Practice Topic Question in the MRCGP Exam John Cohen (Nov 1988) "The Future of the PTQ Paper" Philip Tombleson (4 April 1989) proposing that the PTQ be dropped in favour of a dissertation or an OCSE plus a short critique paper reviewing an article. Version	1984 - 1990

2 (May 1989) proposed CRQ or Dissertation. Version 3 C/147 approved by Council 23 Sep 1989. Correspondence between Philip Tombleson, convenor and George Taylor, convenor of PTQ over drafts of the paper and consequences of the Mulholland report as discussed at Examiners Workshop (1989), role of a dissertation, "The PTQ paper in the MRCGP Exam" Sep 1989(George Taylor)

Report of PTQ working group 6 Sep 1989

"The MRCGP: Measuring candidates abilities" [Article in Connection Jan 1990"

Letter to regional advisers introducing new paper 26 Feb 1990;
"Notes on Membership, Associateship and the Membership Examination" Feb 1990 (includes CRQ for the first time)
"MRCGP" [Article in Connection" April 1990

Item: See also ACE F12 for Exam papers PTQ: Jim Cox, Derek Blades, George Taylor

A CE F 29 - 3

CRQ Pilot

Scripts and survey forms on questions

Item: The paper was designed by a group of examiners from the Tamar Faculty. Question 1 "presented article" was a response to comments from Dundee group.

See also ACE F12 for Exam papers.

**1989
- 1990**

A CE F 29 - 4

CRQ Nuclear Group

Generalizability study on CRQ 290 data; guide to candidates (n.d. c. 1991); proposed meeting of Nuclear group Oct 1991; "the Objectives of the Critical Reading Question Paper" [Declan Dwyer Dec 1992]

Agenda and Papers for meeting Dec 1992; Instructions for marking CRQ scripts, marker groups 1992 - 1993; "The Critical Reading Question Paper" review of paper by Declan Dwyer proposing changes (July 1993) ; sample of new format effective from May 1994, Correspondence re marking calibration exercise Saunton Sands 1993; correspondence with CRQ marking group leaders; CRQ 1994 questions and leaders 1994; "users Guide to Medical Literature" [JAMA Jan 5 199]Instructions for marking and marker groups (May 1994); grading guide, topics for 194, report on CRQ survey (June 1994); proposals for candidate feedback; marker groups and instructions for marking, grading guide, topics (Oct 1994), publishing samples, Agenda and programme for Feb 1995 meeting, membership of CRQ panel and leaders; "Instructions for writing extended Matching (R-Set) Items" (Susan Case, David Swanson, National Board of Medical Examiners 1994); sampling methods; Marking groups and instructions Oct 1995; changes in the exam, new marking methodology (1995-6); "Proposals for Setting of grade boundaries" (1996); Sample MCQ's for the CRQ (1995); "Preparing for the CRQ part II" [Article in Practitioner March 1996 - Maureen Crawford]; potential new question formats (1997)

**1990
- 1997**

Item: The CRQ paper was restructured in 1994 to have 10

questions and two sections (reading/current practice; critical appraisal) and time increased by 15 minutes to 2 1/2 hours. In 1996 the extended to 3 hours.

*Declan Dwyer CRQ Convenor
Mike Ruscoe Deputy Convenor*

2 folders

A CE F 30 Modified Essay Question MEQ, 1978 - 1994

Keith Hodgkin developed this paper (from an original idea of the New Zealand Council) – a clinical situation was developed and the candidate was required at each stage to write down a number of answers to stated questions.

N.B. Convenors, Keith Hodgkin, Eric Gambrill, Peter Tomson, Philip Tombleson, Roger Neighbour

See also ACE F4 Board Papers

See also ACE F12 Exam papers

See also Examiners Workshops

A CE F 30 - 1 MEQ Marker groups **1978**
Lists **- 1990**

A CE F 31 Examination Application Fees, 1989 - 1994

Correspondence

N.B. See also ACE F4 Board Papers

A CE F 31 - 1 Correspondence and reports **1985**
- 1994

A CE F 35 Membership by Assessment of Performance MAP, 1981 - 2005

Correspondence and minutes of working group on the meaning of membership (1995) became MAP [Membership by Assessment of Performance]. Includes "The MRCGP Revisited: A Personal View" [Marshall Marinker] (1983) and responses to Council paper on Membership 1981-2. Amendments to ordinance 3.

In 1981, the Board of Censors asked the faculties to consider a proposal for alternative routes to membership than the MRCGP examination as part of a paper to clarify the purpose of the MRCGP examination. The results were published in JRCGP Sep 1981 vol 31 no. 230 pp 521-524. It recommended, "consideration of an alternative route to membership should be deferred until the methodology of performance assessment has been developed and discussed within the College."

1991 motion at AGM to look into issue of alternative routes to membership FBA working group discussed it and Council decided that might be difficult methodological problems in bringing a system of membership equivalent to exam.

1994 Vale of Trent asked Council to reconsider option of Membership by Assessment. Informal discussions were held and in 1995, a Meaning of Membership Working group was set up. It became Membership by Assessment of Performance group by 1996; in 1997, Mersey faculty [John Holden and John Wearne] took over development of project to help to define what aspects of performance and how to assess them - Delphi project.

Administration of MAP moved to Princes Gate when project set up in 1999. MAP finished with 2005 when the route to member and Fellowship of the College was reviewed. It was

