



European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS)
Section of Neurology

European Board of Neurology (EBN)

The European Board Examination in Neurology

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Format of the EBN Examination I

- Written examination (Part I)
 - 120 multiple choice questions, including short clinical case descriptions (with images when appropriate) (1 one of 5 answers correct)
 - Electronic evaluation



Format of the EBN Examination

II

- Oral examination (part II)
 - Case discussions on the examples of the 4 patients
 - Evaluation of 3 aspects
 - Diagnosis and differential diagnosis
 - Additional diagnostics
 - Therapy
 - The candidate could also present an own case history or own scientific results or other neurological achievements



Format of the EBN Examination

III

- Oral examination (part II)
 - Maximum credit per case: 12
 - Each item 0-4 credits
 - Extra 3 points for own case history/scientific presentation



The first EBN Examination

- After 3 years of planning, on June 19, 2009 the UEMS/EBN with the support of the EFNS and the ENS in conjunction with the ENS congress in Milan



The first EBN Examination

- 12 candidates from 8 different countries applied for the examination of which 7 fulfilled the eligibility criteria and were admitted to sit in the examination
- On the examination day 6 candidates showed up and demonstrated their knowledge to succeed in the examination



The first EBN Examination

- Early start at 8:30 a.m. with the reception of the candidates in a presumably relaxing atmosphere
- Before Part I, the written multiple choice test, the candidates were instructed on the course of the examination and its structure



The first EBN Examination

- At 9:00 a.m. start with Part I during two hours to complete the 120 MCQs
- The outcome of the examination was electronically evaluated
- Half an hour later the examination committee could announce the result to the candidates
- All 6 succeeded Part I and were thus allowed to go on with Part II, the oral examination, in the afternoon



The first EBN Examination

- At 12:30 the first candidate was handed the 4 case vignettes that they had to discuss with the examiners
- After 30 minutes of preparation the candidate proceeded to the first team of two examiners to discuss diagnosis, diagnostic procedures and therapy of the first two cases and the other two cases with the other team



The first EBN Examination

- While one candidate was examined the next already started with his preparation and this way it was a continual coming and going of candidates for the examiners
- Part II was finished at 3:15 p.m.



The first EBN Examination

- 5 candidates used the opportunity to voluntarily present an own case history or scientific result or other neurological achievements to the complete examination committee within 5 minutes
- These presentations were held as a final part of the examination
- Ultimately the examination committee consulted about the results of the examination and as all candidates succeeded then called them up together for the announcement of the results and the awarding of the certificates

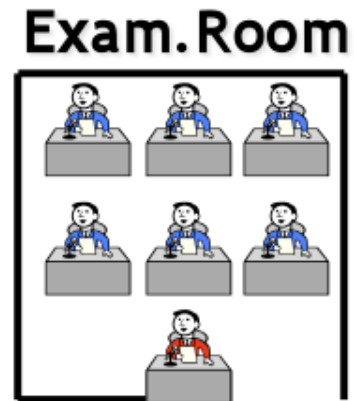


Exam day

- 08.30 Reception, explanations...
- 09.00 Part I: Written exam (2h)
- 11.00 Evaluation of exam sheets
- 11.10 Exam committee meeting...
- 11.30 Announcement of results
explanations for the afternoon

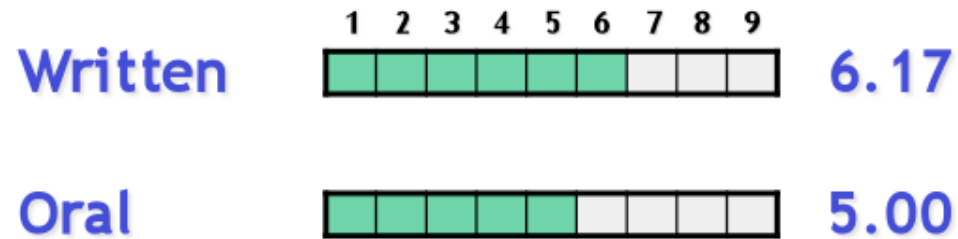
Break

- 12.30 Part II: Oral exam (2 ½ h)




Feedbacks


The examination was difficult.



“Some questions were ‘too easy’...”

The exam is appropriate for Neurology specialty assessment.

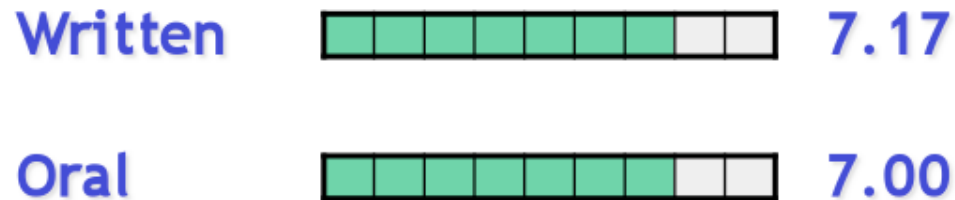
Written  **7.67**

Oral  **7.50**

“ I liked the oral examination, and found the cases both relevant for clinical practice and not too difficult.”

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The exam is consistent with my Neurology residency education.



“...Please continue and distribute information about this exam widely...”



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• Candidates and Results

Candidates

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| Dr. Joao Cerqueira | (PT) |  |
| Dr. Daniel Kondziella, PhD | (SE) |  |
| Dr. Ulf Sören Raasch | (UK) |  |
| Dr. Sitthided Reymond | (CH) |  |
| Dr. Irene Villegas Martínez | (ES) |  |
| Dr. Sandra Weiss | (DE) |  |



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DATUM 06/2009

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