

CESMA 2018

Role of UEMS & CESMA European Board Exam in Endocrinology

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UEMS : Specialty Exams : ENDOCRINOLOGY

- Directed from UEMS Board
- Exam group nominated to set this up
 - Maeve Durkan, Richard Quinton , Graham Roberts
- Approached CESMA in 2015 with view to access to process
- 1st exam sat June 6, 2018

UEMS CESMA & Examinations Portfolio

- Council for European Medical Specialty Assessments
- Advisory board created by UEMS in 2007
- Role is to provide recommendations on European Specialty Exams*
- Advises all specialty sections
- Encourages all Boards to look at 'Assessment' *

Setting up a High Quality Exam

- Question writing
 - Structured format
 - Consistency
 - Agreed terminology
- Standard setting
 - Approved methods (Angoff, Cohen)
- Security

Setting Up a High Quality Exam

- Cost implications
- Question contribution
 - Especially refining a high quality question
 - Work with EACCME for CME
- Full integration of European partners
- Ensuring Pan European
 - More than lip-service

The Complexity of Language

English only in 'Pan European' Assessment
'Lost in Translation'
Security

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology

- Started in 2015 . Delivery June 6 , 2018
 - UEMS Exam Board : Maeve Durkan, Richard Quinton, Graham Roberts
 - 2 year pilot program
 - Huge amount of negotiation
 - Q writing Group (Q writing course) , Standard Setting Group
- Exams are an expensive process

UEMS : Specialty Exams : ENDOCRINOLOGY

- Pan European Exam *
- Pan European Collaboration
 - UEMS , ESE, RCP Federation,
- Exam is in ENGLISH
- MCQ exam , delivered electronically by PEARSON VUE

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Challenges of Collaboration with UK Partners

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- Perception English vs European project
- Perception Anglophile domination
- NICE Guidelines
- English language only
- Brexit

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Advantages of Collaboration with UK Partners

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- Well established
- World leaders in methodology
- Impenetrable security
- GDPR Compliant

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology

- MCQ paper
- 200 Questions
- Single best answer . Best of 5 format
- Computer based test
- Cost £750* Subsidy applications through ESE

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology Blue print 200 Questions

- DM 28 , DM emergencies 12, DM complications 28
- Hypothalamus & Pituitary 20
- Thyroid 36
- Adrenal 20
- Gonads 20
- Parathyroid / Calcium 16
- Other (appetite, weight, genetic, misc.)20

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology Sample Q

- 55 year old woman with 4 cm papillary thyroid cancer, treated with surgery & RAI. Has undetectable TG but high levels anti TG antibody.
- What's the most appropriate investigation in follow up
- A. Anti TPO antibodies
- B. CT neck
- C. PET scan neck
- D. Ultrasound of neck
- E. Whole body uptake scan

Answer is followed by explanation

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology

- 77 candidates applied for the exam
- All European (including UK) and Associate countries applicants
- Pearson Vue delivered in European Countries
- One exam sitting / year

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European Board Exam in Endocrinology

- Optional Exam
- Not obligatory
- Anyone eligible* Currently not linked to training
- Role of Harmonisation in European Context for accreditation
- Currently a test of knowledge only
- May help to self select the competing candidate however

UEMS & Exam Collaborations

- 3 UEMS Exams with collaborative Societies * & RCP Federation
- Condition of engagement : CESMA appraisal
- This will entail collaboration : Q writing, Standard setting groups etc
- Condition of UEMS exams is that CESMA appraises the exam process

CESMA : Setting up an Exam

- Different Exams have different needs
- Different exams are in different stages of evolution
- Different exams have different costs
- Potential Conflict of Interest*

- **Endocrinology : MCQ best of 5**

- Neuro Radiology : MCQ (written) & Oral
- OBGYN : Part 1, Part 2 (OSCE)

CESMA : Defining EXAM vs Accredited Exam

Current Role & Expected Future Role

Providing 'ground rules' on eligibility to sit exams
& eligibility for FEB

Comparable Templates : US Exams

Predominantly MCQ Computer Bases

- USMLE United States Medical Licencing Exams
- American Board Exams : Internal Medicine
- Specialty Board Exams : Endocrinology

CESMA Guidance on FEB

- Specialty Boards to decide
 - Exam document
 - Who is eligible to sit
 - Minimum training requirement
 - FEB ?