



A lot has been achieved under the guidance of Dr. Adnan AbdulKarim Julfar, Director of Primary Health Care & Prof. Muscat-Baron, Chairman of the MRCGP International Examination Board and their continuous encouragement of development efforts of the Exam Board and its committees and core groups.

The approval of the regulations for the up-coming examination that will be held in Dubai as a qualifying examination for MRCGP International will remove many of the obstacles that prevent many of the family physicians and primary care doctors in Dubai, UAE and the region from attempting MRCGP.

Candidates will now be able to sit for the exam in Dubai thus saving a lot of trouble and expenses that are associated with traveling to UK. They no longer need to study the British National Health Service system and the complex structure of the British Department of Health and its different committees, which compose an important part of the MRCGP-UK since it is an examination designed for doctors wishing to practice in the UK.

The MRCGP International examination that will be held in Dubai is composed of 4 modules (like the British examination). Candidates have to pass all 4 modules within three years to get membership of the Royal College.

The exam-comprises 4 modules; a written paper, a multiple choice paper, an OSCE module and video-consultation module, in order to evaluate communication and consultation skills as well as decision-making, problem-solving and application of ethical principles, which will be tested through a number of oral and simulated surgery stations within the OSCE module. Candidates can apply for all modules or for any number of modules they wish to take. Modules can be taken in any sequence.

The Dubai examination will be of the same international standard as the British examination in order to ensure the same high standard of graduates needed to further raise the quality of services provided in the region.

To be eligible for this exam candidates must either have completed, or expect to have completed within 3 months of the written examination, not less than 3 years duration full-time or the equivalent part-time, in a vocational training course for family medicine that is officially approved in his/her country of origin; or have practised for a minimum of 3 years full-time, or the equivalent part-time, as an independent (i.e. unsupervised) primary care (family) practitioner.

The examination board will start receiving applications immediately for the first examination, which will be held in mid- March 2006. The fees for each of the four modules are Dh.2500.

Candidates can get the exam-regulations as well as application forms for the first examination and all relevant information from the following address:

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