

## Important notice for MRCPsych CASC Candidates

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### Timing Device For Physical Examination

From September 2018, CASC candidates will be expected to provide their own timing device (such as a simple analogue wristwatch or fob watch, as illustrated) should there be a physical or other examination which requires the use of one. Digital watches/timing devices will not be permitted.



While mobile phones and other electronic devices are frequently used for timing, these are not permitted in the CASC, and will lead to disqualification if used.

It is the candidate's responsibility to bring their own timing device to the CASC. As with other components of the MRCPsych examination (e.g. use of calculators in Paper B), spare timing devices will not be provided by the College, and no responsibility will be accepted if a candidate's device is defective.

There will be no grounds for an appeal on the basis that:

- a candidate does not bring their own timing device or theirs is defective.
- a candidate does not bring a timing device and is unable to perform a task requiring timing to the satisfaction of the examiner.

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### Generic Clinical Tray

To provide a more realistic clinical setting, candidates will be provided with a generic clinical tray in all stations where equipment is used to examine the patient. The tray will include all items required to perform the task. Candidates will need to select appropriate items from the tray relevant to the task.

Below is an example of the generic clinical tray for illustrative purposes. The exact contents of the generic clinical tray may vary between diets of the CASC and charts such as a Snellen chart and/or Ishihara colour charts are special equipment and not generic. Such variation will not affect the equipment required to perform the task at a specific station. If a candidate believes an item necessary for the task is missing\* or defective, they must alert the examiner in the station immediately.



There will be no grounds for an appeal on the basis that:

- the generic clinical tray provided differs in content or appearance from that illustrated but contains all necessary apparatus.
- a candidate is unable to perform a task due to being unable to select the correct equipment from that provided in the generic clinical tray.

\*Candidates removing equipment from CASC stations risk disqualification.

## **Changes to the Exam Regulations and Code of Conduct**

Candidates should note that there have been changes to the MRCPsych Eligibility Criteria and Regulations and also the publication of the Code of Conduct for candidates found [here](#).

Your attention is especially drawn to the following updated sections of the Examination Regulations:

- Section 2 – Paragraph 5 a and c
- Section 2 – Paragraph 7
- Section 2 – Paragraph 12
- Section 2 – Paragraph 16
- Appendix B

All candidates must read these documents before their examining session.

Candidates are expected to keep abreast of requirements pertaining to training and examinations. Failure to be aware of the applicable rules and regulations does not constitute a ground of appeal.

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**Examinations Sub-Committee**