Clinical Assessment of Skills and Competencies (CASC) of MRCPsych examination – Core knowledge and skills
A course for overseas candidates.

Friday 26th – Saturday 27th August 2016
Novotel Singapore Clarke Quay, Singapore

Day 1

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome and Introductions; Outline of aims of Course

09.15 – 09.45 CASC Examination – outline and its place in social and cultural context of the UK National Health Service

09.45 – 10.20 Principles of care in the NHS

10.20 – 10.45 Break

10.45 – 11.20 Principles of Mental Health and Mental Capacity Legislation

11.20 – 12.45 Basic communication/interviewing skills for the CASC Open questions, closed questions, empathic listening, motivational questioning, change talk. Non-verbal communication, eliciting information and structured questioning

Method: Didactic, demonstration and Role play – angry patient

12.45 (13.00) – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 14.45 Communication Role Play – uncommunicative patient

14.45 – 15.30 Analysing a CASC Station

15.30 – 15.50 Break

15.50 – 17.00 Analysing a CASC Station

Instructions to candidate, construct, instructions to actor, examiners briefing notes and marking guidance, mark sheets

Method: Didactic and participants spend time working on their own construct, and briefing notes for examiner and on marking guidance
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Day 2

CASC Station

09.00 – 10.30  Video of station, marking, discussion. Advice to candidates

10.30 – 10.50  Break

10.50 – 12.45  Station 1 & Station 2

Participants will rotate between two stations taking it in turns to perform a scenario with an actor followed by a period of reflective feedback with the observer/examiner before moving on to the next station. Feedback will be on communication skills and specific skills for the station.

12.45– 14.00  Lunch

14.00 – 16.00  Station 1 and Station 2 continued

16.00-17.00  Overall feedback and discussion of stations

17.00  Close of meeting

*Please note that this programme may be subject to change