

► 2004 COP Exams - Palmerston North

The examination took place in Palmerston North. This is the second examination to be held there. Once again, Palmerston North proved to be an excellent venue for the examination.

The examination team comprised:

Dr Peter Tobin	Hutt
Dr Annette Turley	Palmerston Nth
Dr Andrew Warmington	Auckland
Charge tech Nicola Smith	Auckland
Educator Brenda Knowles	Auckland
Technician Erin Groom	Palmerston North

There were 2 observers, Dr Mark Chapman, Christchurch Hospital and the Anaesthetic Technician Educator from Wellington Hospital.

Dr Chapman is an examiner and was taking the role of 'examiner-in-training.'

There were a total of **15** candidates

8 candidates were sitting the examination for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Results are broken down as follows:

Outstanding pass	1 candidate 6.7% (of overall total)
Distinction	7 candidates 46%
Pass	3 candidates 20%
<b>Total Pass</b>	<b>11 candidates 73%</b>
<b>Total Fail</b>	<b>4 candidates 27%</b>

The Machine Check

10 candidates; pass rate 80%.

The examiners were impressed with the standard of the machine checks. There was noticeable improvement in time management and few candidates wasted time repeating the tests of the anti-hypoxic device on both pipeline and cylinder. This shows an improvement in teaching and understanding of the machine. Candidates must remember that a full machine check does require checking the presence and function of the self-inflating resuscitation bag.

The Clinical Scenario



13 candidates; pass rate 100%

There was a very good standard for the clinical scenario. The examiners realise that many candidates find this situation very difficult and quite different from what they have experienced before

For many, a major difficulty is treating the mannequin as a real individual. Candidates need to ensure that they practice scenarios before the examination. Supervisors of training should ensure that all their trainees get to practice on a “dummy”. Supervisors /educators unfamiliar with scenario formats should ask to be observers at future examinations. However, positions for observers are limited.

A high standard of clinical scenario allowed an overall pass in the examination where viva results were borderline for some candidates. The viva will continue to develop

with time. Examiners are looking for standards of practice that meet those outlined in ANZCA guidelines. This information was posted on the web-site in February and is appended at the end of this document.

**General Viva**

13 candidates; pass rate 77%.

The examiners were impressed with the improvement in candidates' knowledge. The viva can only be passed by a wide range of reading and asking questions of resources at work. Failure in this part of the examination reflects a lack of fundamental knowledge.

**Equipment viva**

13 candidate; pass rate 77 %.

Again the examiners were impressed by the overall improvement in standard.

**Overall**

Examiners were pleased with the results. Congratulations to successful candidates and their tutors.

Examiners would like to remind Supervisors of Training that they have a duty to their candidates to ensure that they get to the examination venue with adequate time to prepare for the examination. Ideally this should be, at the latest, early Friday morning for those sitting the Machine check and Friday afternoon for those not required for the machine check. Candidates themselves also have a responsibility to advise their roster makers of their examination requirements.

Some problems relating to the examination have been brought to the attention of the Examination Committee and to ensure dissemination of the information will be included in this report.

The Examination Committee apologies for some misunderstanding some candidates had relating to which day the examination was to start.

**FOR FUTURE EXAMINATIONS**

THE EXAMINATION WILL BEGIN ON NO EARLIER THAN 2PM FRIDAY

THE EXAMINATION WILL FINISH ON SUNDAY



TIME TO FINISH IS DEPENDANT ON CANDIDATE NUMBERS.

The Examination Committee has looked at the sequence in which the examination is sat and, has decided that the present format, the format is the best given our present resources

**TOP CANDIDATE**

To be eligible for the prize of Top Candidate in future examinations, the Examination Committee has decided that the candidate must be presenting for the examination for the first time and parts 1 and 2 must be sat the same examination. The value of the prize is to be increased to **\$500**.

▶ Palmerston North Results - May 2004

These examinations were held at Palmerston North Hospital commencing on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. The examinations ran over 3 days and finished at midday on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Fifteen candidates presented for this examination.

**15 CANDIDATES**

**TOTAL EXAM PASS RATE**

Number of Candidates	%	
11	73%	<b>PASS</b>
4	27%	<b>FAIL</b>

Top candidate was - **Kirsten Hansen, Auckland District Health**

The Chairman's report will provide more detail on this examination.