

Examination Report March 2010

The NZATS registration examinations for March 2010 were held at Manukau Surgery Centre, we had 21 candidates which is a huge number of students to get through on one day. Each student having to complete 15 OSCE stations and at each station, the student needs to be examined by the same examining team, it was a logistical nightmare.

Thankfully the venue was fantastic, we had full use of the operating rooms and we had amazing assistance from the resident Anaesthetic Techs. Without their planning and assistance on the day it would not have been such a huge success.

The candidates also seemed to enjoy the venue, of course waiting was, as always, an issue with that number of students, but there seemed to be no major meltdowns!

The calibre of the students reflected in the results with 19 of the day's candidates passing.

The station that caused the problem was, the Level 3 machine check, this should be second nature to Anaesthetic Techs as it's what we do everyday, before every patient arrives in theatre! As the pass rate was very high, the only other advice I can give is, be sure to look around the operating room and understand what is being done and why, as this will influence how you prepare the patient and your environment.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the examiners and other helpers who gave up their time to participate in this day, without your professionalism and expertise the day would not have run as well.

The next Exam is scheduled to be in Christchurch in October (date to be confirmed).

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