

## Exam Report Oct 09

The exams were held at Palmerston North Hospital the pass rate wasn't so great with only 3 candidates out of the 8 passing.

The area the candidates seemed to struggle with was cleaning and aseptic technique which was surprising as that's a lot of what we do..... cleaning up/ decontaminating re assembling and setting up of new equipment. The level three machine check was also done badly; again, we were very surprised with this as that's our job.

Another area that showed up was those candidates that obviously had clinical experience in Obstetrics; these candidates outshone those that who work in area with lesser or no day to day exposure.

So the advice from the examination team is smarten up on these basic skills, look around the operating room take notice of symbols written on equipment ask why we do the things we do, and the most important thing to remember is to wash your hands.

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