

MPACS Mock Oral Boards Examinee FAQ

1. I want to participate in the Mock Oral Boards. Can I register myself? No, all examinee registrations must come from your program director or program coordinator. Connect with them and let them know you are interested.
2. I am a PGY-3, can I participate? No, the Mock Oral Board examination is for current PGY-4, PGY-5, Graduates, and Fellows. The Mock Oral Boards are held every year so make sure you participate next year.
3. Can I select which session I attend? The planning committee attempts to accommodate specific requests but cannot guarantee you will be placed in the first or second session. It is best to plan to be available for the entire event until the schedule is finalized.
4. Can I swap with another examinee at my institution if I would like a different time? No, the planning committee spends hours setting up the schedule to ensure all examinees receive a fair and equitable examination. You are required to attend the session you are assigned.
5. I have been selected and scheduled, now what? You will receive specific instructions on how to connect to the virtual Mock Oral Boards platform. Plan to connect at least 15 minutes prior to your designated examination time to ensure your connection is stable, and audio and visual work.
6. This is virtual, so I do not need to dress up, right? No, even though the exam is being held in a virtual form, it is designed to mimic the actual oral board process. **Professional attire and conduct are expected.** Do not participate in scrubs, casual attire, or workout clothing. Do not wear noisy jewelry that can distract you or the examiners.
7. What is the best place to participate in the examination? Select a quiet place where you will have no interruptions or noise. Make sure you have a stable internet connection, and you are using either a laptop or desktop computer. Do not connect using your mobile phone. Make sure lighting is appropriate (not too bright or dark). Turn off or silence your mobile phones during the examination. Do not check messages, texts, or IMs during the examination.

8. What if I get disconnected during the exam? Reconnect to the platform and the moderators will place you back into the appropriate exam room to complete your exam.
9. How long is the examination? Each examinee will be assigned to three (3) breakout sessions with two (2) examiners per breakout room. In each room, you will have 30-minutes and each examiner will ask two (2) exam questions for a total of four (4) questions per session (total of 12 questions for the full exam). At the end of the 30-minute session, moderators will move you to the next session room until you have completed the exam. The exam will take approximately 90 minutes total.
10. How are questions scored? Each examiner is provided a score sheet and will grade you based on the accuracy of the answer, knowledge of the procedure, and other details pertaining to the case management of the scenario provided. Each examinee will receive six (6) scores for the examination period. The Examiner scores will be added together to determine the final score.
11. Will Examiners provide guidance or tips during the exam? The Examiners will provide comments regarding your overall performance on the score sheets submitted after your examination. Comments, suggested additional study areas, or other helpful tips will be included on your post examination report.
12. Will I be examined by faculty from my training institute? No, to provide the best scenario for taking oral boards, you will be assigned to Examiners that are not connected with your training program or your institution.
13. How will I know my results? At the end of the examination day, all examiner score sheets are collected and tallied. Your Program Director and Program Coordinator will receive examination reports for all examinees from that institution. Program Directors will review the reports and should schedule a time to discuss the results with you. You will receive a pass or fail status on the examination report and any comments provided by the examiners.