

## **ANNOUNCEMENT TO CANDIDATES: April 2009**

### **Amendment to the Regulations for the Intercollegiate Membership Examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain (From September 2008 – dated July 2008)**

#### **Part B (OSCE): Recommendations and Advice for Candidates**

Future candidates for the MRCS Part B (OSCE) are asked to note the following text, shown in bold, which has been inserted as an amendment to the above Regulations:

#### **5. Recommendations and Advice**

- 5.1 For those who are in recognised training posts, it is recommended that Part A should be taken in Specialty/Core Training Year 1 (ST/CT1) and that Part B (OSCE) should be taken in Specialty/Core Training Year 2 (ST/CT2). Candidates may, however, take the examination earlier subject to the requirements of paragraph 3.2. **Note: Candidates in Foundation training are highly unlikely to have had the experience necessary to pass Part B in particular and, given that there is only a maximum of four attempts permitted at Part B, Foundation trainees may disadvantage themselves by making premature attempts at the examination.**

A copy of the amended Regulations (Regulations **September 2008 – dated July 2008, revised April 2009**) is to be found at:

[http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/new/regulations\\_html](http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/new/regulations_html).