

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

### **Amendment to the Regulations for the Intercollegiate Membership Examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland (June 2006 Revised June 2008)**

The following change has been made to Regulation 9 regarding the provision of feedback to candidates for the Part 3 Clinical and Communication Skills components.

#### **Former Regulation 9:**

“Feedback

Candidates will receive a breakdown of their marks for all parts of the examination. Further feedback on performance in Part 3 (Clinical and Communication Skills) of the examination only can be obtained by application to the examinations department/ section of the appropriate College. Requests must be made within four weeks of the publication of results. With effect from the May 2008 diet, the feedback for the Part 3 (Oral) will comprise the mark awarded in each part of the examination together with the overall mark. The mark descriptors will appear on the MRCS website for reference ([http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/oral\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/oral_guidance.pdf)) but will not be sent to candidates with their results.”

#### **New Regulation 9 (June 2006 Revised April 2009)**

“Feedback

Candidates will receive a breakdown of their marks for all parts of the examination. With effect from the June 2009 diet, the feedback for Part 3 (Oral, Clinical and Communication Skills) will comprise the mark awarded in each part of the examination together with the overall mark. The mark descriptors will appear on the MRCS website for reference at ([http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/clin\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/clin_guidance.pdf) for the Clinical and [http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/comms\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk/old/pdf/comms_guidance.pdf) for the Communication Skills component) but will not be sent to candidates with their results. No further breakdown of performance will be available.”

Please note that the above regulation will come into force with effect from the June 2009 diet.

A copy of the amended Regulations is to be found at:

Regulations June 2006 Revised April 2009:

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