

# **Pre-exam collegiate checking of OSCE scenarios**

The aim of the checks is for surgical leads to identify anything that will materially affect the running of the exam. This includes:

1. Repetition of topics in circuit
2. Missing information from props
3. Typos (in examiner scripts, candidate information or props)
4. Incorrect answers
5. That each scenario adds up to 20 marks (knowledge scenarios)

This stage of checking the scenarios is not for development. The following are **not** what checkers are expected to identify/suggest:

1. Wanting to take the scenario in a different direction
2. "This prop is expensive; can we use something else?" – minor queries relating to the prop.
3. "I think the prop image is not of a high enough quality" – unless they can provide a replacement immediately.

## **Timeframe:**

1. ICBSE will provide the Colleges with the exam schedule highlighting when they will receive the scenarios.
2. Colleges to arrange for OSCE Lead/nominated deputy to come to the College to check their circuit
3. The circuits, scenarios and props are sent out to it 7-8 weeks before the exam starts, along with direction from the Question Editor as to which circuit, scenarios and props to check.
4. Colleges have 1 week to reply to the Question Editor with any problems they have identified.
5. BCA leads/OSCE Chair then have 1 week to respond with decision on the issue.

*Note:*

*From February 2017, the method of selecting circuits and the number of circuits selected will change to the following:*

**February exam:** 5 circuits, of which circuits 1, 2 & 3 will be as distinct from each other as possible, while circuits 4 & 5 will be selected using scenarios from circuits 1, 2 & 3 as much as possible.

**May & October exam:** 6 circuits, of which circuits 1, 2 & 3 will be as distinct from each other as possible, while circuits 4, 5 & 6 will be selected using scenarios from circuits 1, 2 & 3 as much as possible.

*This will have a knock-on effect on the checking of scenarios so there will be times when a College will be checking more than one circuit, and it will not be an even split across a year as there will be 17 different circuits used over the course of a year. The proposed split of labour will be as follows:*

**February 2017:**

College 1: Circuit 1

College 2: Circuit 2

College 3: Circuit 3

College 4: Circuits 4 & 5

**May 2017:**

College 1: Circuits 1 & 2

College 2: Circuit 3

College 3: Circuit 4 & 5

College 4: Circuit 6

**October 2017:**

College 1: Circuit 1

College 2: Circuit 2 & 3

College 3: Circuit 4

College 4: Circuit 5 & 6

*Due to the numbers, one College will always have one more circuit to check over the course of a year than the others. This will be evened out over a four-year cycle, or until the next time we change this process.*

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