Overview of USMLE
Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS

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- What are the Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS exams?
- How do U of MN students perform on these exams?
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What are the Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS exams?

Second of three steps to MD licensure!

✓ Step 1

Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS = Yr 4

Step 3 = after first yr of residency
**Step 2 Clinical Knowledge [CK]**

- 9 hour test day
- Pass= 203
- 8 one hour test blocks
- ~355 multiple-choice test items
- Some item sets with an associated drug ad or abstract

**CK CONTENT AREAS**

- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics/ Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery

Preventive Medicine/ Public Health
**CK “Physician Tasks”**

- Promoting Preventive Medicine and Health Maintenance
- Understanding Mechanisms of Disease
- Establishing a Diagnosis
- Applying Principles of Management

**How do U of MN students perform on Step 2 CK?**
USMLE Step 2CK Exam Performance
First Time Exam Takers - Pass Rates

USMLE Step 2CK Exam Performance
First Time Exam Takers - Mean Scores
Step 2 Clinical Skills [CS]

- ~ 8 hour test day
  - On site orientation
  - Patient Encounters
  - Breaks

- 12 Patient Cases
  - 15 minutes for each patient encounter
  - 10 minutes to record each patient noted

2 breaks
  - First break = 30 minutes [light meal]
  - Second break = 15 minutes

CS TEST CENTERS

- Atlanta
- Chicago
- Houston
- Los Angeles
- Philadelphia

Discounted hotel rates at https://www.aamc.org/meetings/153904/clinicalskills_mtgs_homepage_teaser.html
**CS CONTENT AREAS**

Common diseases and problems from:
- Cardiovascular
- GI
- Musculoskeletal
- Psychiatric
- Women’s Health
- Constitutional
- Genitourinary
- Neurological
- Respiratory
- Others

**CS EXAM SCORING**

- **PASS – FAIL**
- Score Subcomponents:
  - Integrated Clinical Encounter
    - Data gathering
    - Documentation
  - Communication and Interpersonal Skills
    - Fostering the relationship
    - Gathering information
    - Providing information
    - Making decisions: basic
    - Supporting emotions: basic
  - Spoken English Proficiency
    - Clarity of spoken English
How do U of MN students perform on Step 2 CS?

**USMLE Step 2CS Exam Performance**
**First Time Exam Takers - Pass Rates**

Percent Passing

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What are the Medical School policies on Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS?

**Examination Policies**

- Passing Scores on Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS are Required for Graduation

**Deadlines for taking exams:**
- Step 2 CS: December 31st
- Step 2 CK: February 1st
When should I take Step 2 CK and Step 2 CS?

Setting Your **CK Exam Date**

- Complete most major required rotations.
- Determine if Step 2 score is required for interviews in desired programs.
- Set performance goal.
  - [Charting Outcomes of the Match](#)
- Identify current performance level.
- Have dedicated time for final exam prep.
- Consider important factors that may impact on board review and test performance.
Setting Your CS Exam Date

- Outpatient clerkships
  [Schedule after most required rotations - esp. FM, EM, PCS]
- Yr 4 Comprehensive Clinical Assessment

How do I register?
Registration Process

- **http://www.nbme.org**

- **Step 2 CK**
  - $580.00
  - 3 month eligibility period

- **Step 2 CS**
  - $1,230.00
  - 12 month eligibility period

How can I learn more about the exams?
Orientation and Practice Materials


- Step 2 CK
  - Tutorial
  - Practice Test Items
- Step 2 CS
  - Content Description and General Information Booklet
  - Onsite Orientation (Video)
  - Patient Note Interactive (simulation of program for writing patient notes)
  - Sample Patient Notes

Questions???

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