

## **MCPS in Family Medicine**

### **What is MCPS?**

MCPS stands for Membership of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP). It is the minor diploma of the college. The major diploma is FCPS (Fellowship of CPSP)

### **Is it recognized?**

MCPS Family Medicine is fully recognized by PMDC, HEC, and Saudi Arabian Council. You can be appointed as Senior Registrar in any institution.

### **When was MCPS started?**

MCPS was started in 1980. Its purpose was to produce competent family physicians and to improve the knowledge of existing family physicians

### **Who can appear in MCPS exam?**

There are two eligibility criteria for MCPS in Family Medicine. Two years of training in a hospital or Five years experience of general practice

### **What do we mean by general practice?**

General practice means any job or private clinic where patients of all ages, both sexes come with any disease. For example; GP clinic, General duty medical officer, Posting in Basic Health Unit (BHU), Corporate sector job like PTCL, Sui Gas etc

### **What is the procedure of MCPS?**

1. Registration with RTMC (Research and Training Monitoring Cell) of CPSP.
2. Registration for CPSP mandatory workshops.
3. Submit MCPS exam fee and application form

### **What's the fee?**

Fee is submitted at CPSP regional centers

RTMC Registration fee      Rs. 7000/-

Workshops' fee              Rs. 31000/- + 6000/1000\*

Exam fee                      Rs. 15000/-

\* Rs. 6000/- if attending computer workshop or Rs.1000/- if taking only computer exam

### **When is registration process opened?**

Registration for MCPS in Family Medicine is done twice a year i.e., January and July

### **When is MCPS exam held?**

Examination for MCPS in Family Medicine is held twice a year i.e., March and October

### **How is MCPS in Family Medicine examination conducted?**

Written

Paper 1: 10 Short Answer Questions (SAQs) in morning

Paper 2: 10 Short Answer Questions (SAQs) in afternoon

TOACS

12 stations in total

Interactive; where observer and patient are present

Static; where lab report/ X-ray/scenario is present

Viva; 3 stations of viva

On each station there are 20 minutes for history + examination + management, and 20 minutes for viva

Total 40 minutes for each station (20 + 20 = 40)

Total duration of examination (40 + 40 + 40 = 120 minutes or 2 hours)

Adult male                  (20 + 20 = 40)

Adult female                (20 + 20 = 40)

Child                         (20 + 20 = 40)

### **What is TOACS?**

TOACS stands for Task Oriented Assessment of Clinical Skills; i.e., a task is given to candidate and he is assessed specifically on that task using a marking sheet. 12 stations in total, Interactive; observer and patient are present  
Static; lab report/ X-ray is present

### **Where are the exam centers?**

Written exam is held at following centers and also now in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Karachi, Hyderabad, Nawabshah, , Larkana, Peshawar, Abbottabad, Quetta, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Lahore, Multan, Bahawalpur

### **What about venue of practical exam?**

Usually depends on number of candidates and logistic arrangement at the center. Mostly in Karachi because of higher number of candidates, but also possible in other centers. Also in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia once a year.

### **How many chances are there in MCPS in Family Medicine?**

Written; No limit for written exam

Practical; Three chances

Immediate attempt after written exam is mandatory otherwise candidate will lose one chance

After three attempts, if a candidate fails, then he has to take written paper once again.

### **Is there any preparatory course for MCPS in Family Medicine?**

Previously there hasn't been any preparatory course for MCPS in Family Medicine. Now, Fatima Memorial Hospital has designed a preparatory course with the help of MCPS examiners. The course will start in January 2013.

### **How can attend the course?**

The course will be conducted in Lahore but it will also be online. You can participate from anywhere in the world through online course. Real past papers will be solved in the course by MCPS examiners

### **How can register for the course?**

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