



SPECIALTY BOARD

**INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP
ON RESEARCH SEGMENT**

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EXIT ASSESSMENT :

1. Research OR Clinical Audit
2. Practice Assessment
3. Consultation Skills Assessment

Build research capacity

Research Segment –

Assesses the candidate's ability to conduct a research project which include :

Performing a literature search and defining a research question,

Selecting the most appropriate methodology to answer the research question,

Performing appropriate analysis and interpreting the results with a discussion and conclusion

Passing Rate

	2015 Full	2015 Suppl.	2016 Full	2016 Suppl.	2017 Full	2017 Suppl.
No. of Candidates attempted Research	11	3	9	2	9	1
No. of Candidates PASSED overall	8	2	7	1	6	1
Passing Rate	72.7%	66.7%	77.8%	50%	66.7%	100%

Research Funding (*updated*)

HKCFP Research Seed Fund /
HKCFP Trainees Research Fund 2018

Details are available in FP Links April 2018 issue

1st Year

Feb 1	Commence higher training
April	Preparatory workshop for Exit Exam
Mar- June	Literature review, identify and refine research question and draft research protocol (4 months)
June (23-24 June)	HKPCC– Clinical Audit and Research Forum
June 30	Deadline for submitting HKCFP grant application
July 31	Deadline for submitting IRB (allow 2-3 months)
August 31	Notification of successful grant applications
Sept - Feb	Commence data collection (6 months)

2nd Year

March- May	Data Analysis (3 months)
June	Oral presentation at the HKPCC
June - August	Writing full report (draft)
June (TBC in 2019)	HKPCC– Clinical Audit and Research Forum
August	Pre-Exit Exam Workshop
September	Submit to supervisor for comments
Oct- Nov	Study report revisions (final)
Early January	Submit for Exit Examination

Guideline

- Each candidate is required to submit:
 - **FOUR COPIES** of the research report; AND
 - Certification by Clinical Supervisors/ Mentors; AND
 - **Supporting document of Ethics Approval** issued by a recognized ethics committee,
 - Deadline: early January (for first attempt candidate)
- The research report **must be the original work** of the candidate. The candidate **must be the principal investigator** of the research project and the **same project cannot be submitted by any other candidate**. The names of the practice, the candidate and his/her supervisor should NOT be stated in the Research Report.
- The ethics approval for the Research Study must have been sought from a recognized ethic committee. **The date of ethics approval must be within 3 years before the application deadline of Exit Examination.**
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Format of the Research Report

A standard format with an **Introduction** giving background and objectives; **Method** giving details of Subjects, Study Design and Measurements, Interventions, Outcomes, and Statistical Methods; **Results; Discussion; Conclusions; References;** and **Acknowledgements.**

The text should be **between 2,000 and 3,000 words** in length, excluding the Abstract, References and Acknowledgements.

Graphs and tables should be limited to 6 and references to 40.

An Abstract of up to 250 words should be set out under the headings of **Objective, Design, Subjects, Main Outcome Measures, Results, and Conclusions.** Up to five keywords should be listed below the Abstract.

Abbreviations should be spelt in full when first used.

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References should preferably conform to the Vancouver style as used in the Hong Kong Practitioner, the official journal of the HKCFP, and must be clearly numbered in the correct order in the text. Journal titles should be abbreviated to Index Medicus Style. Up to three authors and/or editors up to three should be listed. If there are more than three, the first three and et al should be listed.

All study instrument and questionnaire should be send in as part of the appendices.

The candidates are recommended to include sufficient information in their research reports. References can be made to the website of the British Medical Journal on the various guidelines according to the different study designs. (<http://www.bmj.com/about-bmj/resources-authors/article-submission/article-requirements>). These guidelines are for reference only, and candidates do not need to complete or submit the guidelines.

Guidelines on Exit Exam 2018

Please download from our college website:

www.hkcfp.org.hk

Education & Examinations → Exit Examination


Guidelines for 2019 Full Exit Exam will be available in Aug 2018.

Ethics Approval for Research Study

- MUST seek Ethics Approval from a recognized Ethics Committee before starting your study.
 - HA, DH or universities.
- Candidates are required to submit the supporting document(s) when the Research Report is submitted.
 - Be disqualified if failed to do so

Assessment Criteria

- *The research report will be marked independently by **three** examiners appointed by the Specialty Board according to the following areas as shown in the research report rating form.*
- The research topic and question, their relevance and importance to the candidate's practice and family medicine, critical review of background literature and objectives of the research,
- Appropriate research methodology: sampling method, outcome measures, data collection, analysis of results and use of appropriate statistical tests,
- Interpretation and discussion on the results, and impact of the research,
- Overall presentation and adequacy of reference list.
- *A score of 65% or above is the standard for a pass.*

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- **Sample Size Calculation**
show your understanding
 - **Publishability**
 - **Originality**
new knowledge / uniqueness
 - **Plagiarism**
zero tolerance

If you have any queries....

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Thank You!