

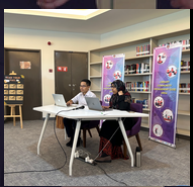


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# UiTM ANAESTHESIA BOOT CAMP 2024: PRIMARY VIVA EXAMINATION – ROAD TO SUCCESS

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The Department of Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care, Faculty of Medicine UiTM has successfully organized its inaugural UiTM Anaesthesia Boot Camp 2024, Primary Viva Examination on the 9th to 10th of March 2024. The event was held at The Faculty of Medicine, UiTM Sungai Buloh, and was an extension to the written examination mock held 2 weeks earlier. The course has attracted 38 exam candidates from all over West Malaysia. Most of these candidates are preparing for their Conjoint Primary Examination (MMed Anaesthesiology) in April 2024 thus this programme was a good platform for them to test their knowledge and experience the examination format.



The viva sessions were conducted over two 2-day, encompassing Physiology & Pharmacology topics. Candidates underwent a face-to-face viva session per topic with 2 examiners. The organizing committee worked hard to simulate the actual viva examination by setting up quarantine sessions pre and post-viva, providing candidates with randomized candidate numbers, and setting up multiple examination rooms. Questions were vetted beforehand to ensure the viva standards were met.



A total of 14 UITM lecturers and clinical specialists were involved as examiners. 3 external examiners were also invited to join the panel of examiners. They were Prof Dr. Jaafar Md Zain from HUKM, Dr. Aziam Ibrahim from Serdang Hospital, and Dr. Wan Aizat Wan Zakaria from UMMC. The participation of these external examiners was invaluable as they had previous experience involving primary conjoint examinations. Each candidate also received an individualized feedback session from the examiners at the end of the viva session. As viva assessment involved face-to-face interaction with assessors, this workshop emphasized on giving constructive feedback to candidates to allow them to learn and improve their presentation and communication skills in preparation for the actual exams.



We were able to conclude the workshop by afternoon with lunch for candidates and examiners. An additional open feedback session was given by the examiners to conclude on candidates' performance and to give tips for successful viva. Candidates were very satisfied with the course as they have given positive feedback. Most candidates described feeling nervous during the sessions as if they were having actual examinations. They were glad to be able to gauge their performance during the viva sessions in preparation for the actual examination soon. Candidates hoped that the mock viva sessions could be held regularly in the future.