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MAP Candidate Newsletter

This is the first MAP newsletter, designed to keep our candidates up to date with the latest information about the programme and provide details on upcoming study events for candidates, whether locally or nationally coordinated.

MAP Candidate Study Day - Bristol:

The candidate study day in Bristol is now fully booked. A further day is currently being organised. As soon as this is confirmed we will contact all candidates to confirm the date and location.

MAP Advisors:

There are MAP advisors in many faculty areas who are able to assist candidates with individual queries, whether this is by phone, email or in person. Local faculties will be able to provide candidates of a local advisor for MAP.

Faculties are also provided with a list of all current candidates on a regular basis. You may wish to contact your local faculty and ask about setting up a peer support network of fellow candidates.

Changes to Essential Knowledge Update/Challenge (EKU/C)

Please note that as from January 2017, the format of the EKU/C will be changing as laid out below.

Each Essential Knowledge Update will provide users with five major topics and 15 minor briefings, a total of 15 major topics and 45 briefings for the year, which equates to a similar number of modules as the current format (16 major topics and 40 briefings). Each Essential Knowledge Challenge will provide 40 questions (20 questions with instant answers and 20 with delayed answers), a total of 120 questions for the year (20 more questions than at present).

The Updates will be released in January, May and September and the Challenges in April, July and December. The Updates will be renamed so that they are based on the year in which they are released and their edition number e.g. EKU2017.1, EKU2017.2 and EKU2017.3. The Challenges will also adopt this new name pattern in order for users to clearly determine the connection between the associated Updates and Challenges.
As is presently the case, candidates will be required to provide a certificate for one EKC. The only change is the frequency of release of the Updates and Challenges.

If your deadline to submit your completed portfolio is before this date, you will not be affected.

Handy Hints

In each newsletter we hope to provide a quick tip to help you with an aspect of your portfolio.

We will get the ball rolling with the following:

In criterion 1, the names of drugs often come up as spelling mistakes (underlined red). Removing this will make the portfolio look better and also make it easier to read. To clear this, right click on the word, and if the name of the drug is not one of the options, you will need to add the word to your dictionary. This will then remove the red underlining. Remember to check the spellings of drug names.

If you have a suggestion for a quick tip or something that will help your fellow MAP candidates or are experiencing a problem, please email map@rcgp.org.uk and we will share these in future newsletters.

Regards

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