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About the Clinician Scientist Residency Programmes and Interviews

Programmes with clinician scientist (CS) tracks have an additional year of research training on top of the usual training years. The Clinician Scientist Residency (CSR) requires commitment to both clinical training and clinical research. All applicants for CS positions go through two interviews, first the national residency interview for all applicants followed by the specific interview for CS applicants.

Please note the following tentative CS interview dates; you will be informed of your specific interview date and time slot separately via email and/or phone call from the Officer-in-Charge at the Ministry of Health.

CS Interview Date for Graduating Seniors

Date: 23rd November 2011, Wednesday
Venue: Hyderabad Room at College of Medicine Building Level 2
Address: Ministry of Health
16 College Road
College of Medicine Building
Singapore 169854

CS Interview Date for House Officers/Medical Officers

Date: 30th Nov 2011, Wed
Venue: College of Medicine Building Level 2
Address: Ministry of Health
16 College Road
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Date: 7th Dec 2011, Wed
Venue: College of Medicine Building Level 2
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FAQs on Clinician Scientist (CS) Interview

Q: Why is there a need for a separate CS Interview in addition to the National Interviews (MMI)?

A: The MMI assesses an applicant's suitability to commence residency training and the focus of these interviews is on identifying qualities deemed essential for any doctor embarking on clinical residency training. The CS interviews, on the other hand, are designed to evaluate an applicant more specifically for Clinician Scientist Residency Training. These interviews will be research focused and assesses candidates for a research career.

Q: Who will be in the CS interview panel?

A: Each applicant will be interviewed by a panel of 3 to 4 doctors or more. These doctors are either from the Specialists Accreditation Board (SAB) Research Committee or clinician scientists.

Q: What will I be asked during the CS interview?

A: The interviewers may inquire about your research experiences and skills. Each CS applicant will be allotted 15 minutes of interview time with the Panel. The interview can cover aptitude for research, analytical skills, and scientific curiosity beside other qualities.

Q: What am I supposed to bring (or not bring) with me during the interview?

A: Candidates are required to bring their identification documents (NRIC, driving licence or passport) for the initial identification. Your submitted portfolio, including academic scores, will be provided to the interview panel. You are also allowed to present additional information relevant to your CS application that you have not submitted online.

Q: How will I be assessed?

A: Each panel interviewer will independently score the interview on a standard rating scale. The combined scores from all the interviewers will be taken into consideration. Please note a specific match with the Sponsoring Institution is also required for the clinician scientist training.

Q: Are CS programmes available in all Sponsoring Institutions?

A: CS programmes are not offered in all specialties or by all SIs. The applicant must check whether a CS programme is available in the SI of his choice. For information on the CS programmes offered by the different SIs, you can check their websites.



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Q: I failed to obtain a CS residency position, would I be able to get into the clinical programme of the same discipline?

A: You will be able to if you are successfully matched into the programme by the SI.

Q: What if I am sick, or not able to attend the Interview?

A: Candidates who are unable to turn up on the day of interview must contact MOH at diana_sucipto@moh.gov.sg early. Candidates who fail to show up for their interviews without good reason will be excluded from the matching.

Q: Where will the CS interview be held?

A: The venue is at:

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16 College Road
College of Medicine Building (COMB)
Singapore 169854

Please register at the security counter and exchange for a Visitor's Pass; Signage will be put up to direct you accordingly.

Please note that car parking is not available at COMB. If you are driving, please park your vehicle at the following nearby car parks:





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College of Medicine Building

Public Car Parks	Location
Car Park G	Next to Housemen's Canteen near exit to CTE
Multi-storey Car Park H	MacAlister Road, Behind Ministry of Health (MOH)

Links to Other CS related information on MOHH's Website

<http://www.physician.mohh.com.sg/residency/faq.html#1e>