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Re: National In-Training Exam (NITE)

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the beginning of this year’s iteration of the NITE. Due to changes in the Royal Collage exam and Halifax Review Course, this year’s NITE will take place earlier than usual, that being on Friday December 14th 2012. The exam will be in the same format as last year, that being fully electronic on your own laptop and monitored by an invigilator over a 3.5h time limit. The exam will be designed with all questions at a Royal College level. The NITE exam board is hard at work preparing the questions to make them tough, but fair, and reflective of what you will encounter during your final exam. So, although a challenge, hopefully the exam will give you a good sense of preparation for your summative evaluation. The more seriously you take it, the more useful it will be to you.

As we are all mature and professional adults, I don’t need to point out the obvious issue of potential cheating on the exam while using your computer. Please remember that this exam is designed for you as a gauge for where your learning is at, and for your program director to get a sense of where the residents in your program are at. If you choose to cheat, you therefore are only cheating yourself and your program. That won’t work on the real final Royal College exam. Cheating is unprofessional behavior. Enough said.

Your program director will receive your final exam score, and I anticipate they will distribute this to you on a confidential basis. If you do not receive that information and wish to know how you did, you can certainly email me.

More information will be forthcoming closer to, but for now, happy studying!

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