A Guide for the Intern Written Exam

This document is a guide for candidates to use in preparing for the Australian Intern Written Examination (IWE). It outlines the subject areas that will be assessed.

Passing the IWE confirms that you have the prerequisite skills, experience, knowledge and understanding required for safe and effective professional practice.

The examination provides an opportunity for you to display your ability to practice in a safe and effective manner through the analysis and evaluation of practice-based material and problems.

Candidates should assess their own knowledge level. This should then be evaluated as much as is practical against the material on which the examination will be formulated.

APC examinations are set on the latest information available through relevant journals, publications and textbooks. It is up to the candidate to obtain the latest information. APC does not endorse any reference sources.

There are no restrictions on the printed/handwritten reference materials permitted for use by candidates on the exam. This means that candidates are allowed to bring in any preferred printed or handwritten materials to the examination venue.

Content Areas for the Australian Intern Written Exam

The IWE covers five content areas based on the National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia 2016.

You will be expected to show a suitable level of skills, experience, knowledge and understanding of the following:

1. Law and Ethics
   - Comply with statute law, guidelines, codes and standards
   - Respond to common law requirements
   - Respect and protect the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality

2. Calculations
   - Calculate the appropriate dose/flow rate to use
   - Determine the appropriate amount to use in a formulation

3. Appropriate approaches to medication management and health promotion
   - Obtain relevant health and medicines information
   - Assess medication management practices and needs
   - Collaborate to develop a medication management strategy or plan
   - Assist development of health literacy
Support health promotion activities and health services intended to maintain and improve health

4. Implementation of medication management strategies and plans
   Administer medicines
   Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines
   Dispense medicines (including compounded medicines) in consultation with the patient and/or prescriber
   Prescribe medicines
   Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management

5. Monitoring and evaluation of medication management strategies and plans
   Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes
   Document clinical review findings and changes in medication management

Law and Ethics Content Area

Pharmacists must comply with a range of legislative instruments, codes, guidelines and standards. In many instances you will be called upon to exercise professional judgement in the workplace as a pharmacist. Professional judgment is underpinned by codes of practice, guidelines and relevant regulation such as the privacy act. You will wish to familiarise yourself with the following references for areas covered in the Law and Ethics section of the IWE.

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