

Children's Hospital - Winnipeg Department of Pediatrics Postgraduate Office

Memo:

To: All Pediatric Residents
From: Dr. Jayson Stoffman and Dr. Megan Cooney
Directors, Pediatric Postgraduate Medical Education
CC: All STACER Examiners
Date: July 31, 2019
Re: CLINICAL SKILLS ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINEES

Please find attached the STACER assignments for this academic year and a copy of the "Pediatric In-Training History and Physical Examination Assessment" from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

WHAT IS A STACER? *A Standardized Assessment of a Clinical Encounter Report (STACER) is the report of an in-training assessment process created to obtain information on residents' abilities that cannot easily be determined in an examination setting.*

One-person STACERs are formative for the residents up to PGY3, at which point you can move to a 2-person STACER. **Successful completion of the 2-person STACER is a requirement for entrance into the Royal College Exams.** The formative feedback that you receive in the 1-person STACERs is critical in your development as a Consultant Pediatrician. Residents who are beginning subspecialty training in their R4 year will be expected to successfully complete their two-examiner STACER prior to leaving the University of Manitoba. **We also want to remind you that the goal of every STACER is to provide constructive feedback for your ongoing development. The ultimate standard is that of a RCPSC-certified Consultant General Pediatrician. A resident in the first two years of training is very unlikely to have met this standard, and will benefit from guidance on how to improve to reach this standard. Verbal reassurance is acceptable, when a resident is performing at their level.**

The period during which the STACER must be completed will be assigned according to the needs of the resident as per the PGME office. You are responsible to arrange the time and date of the STACER with your assigned examiner(s). **This STACER date must be communicated to the Pediatric PGME office a minimum of one week in advance.** This may continue to be a Saturday morning or a weekday, according to the needs of the resident/preceptor(s) schedule. Please be advised that patient selection will be done by the Nurse Coordinator during regular weekday hours, so these are preferred times. Evening and weekend STACERs can be arranged in advance, but late changes to patient availability will be the responsibility of the examiner.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RESIDENTS:

You will have 60 minutes to perform an appropriately focused, yet comprehensive, history and physical examination, after which s/he will be given a 5 minute period to prepare a case presentation. The case summary and a prioritized problem list will be presented in a 10-minute period. Please note that for complex patients with multiple chronic problems, it is acceptable to focus on the primary issues and state that you would review the other issues at a later date.

At the end of the session, examiners should review the assessment and discuss relative areas of strength and those in need of improvement. Please bring the appropriate STACER evaluation form(s) and give it to the examiner(s) at the beginning of the oral. The forms for the 1-person STACERs ask for the resident to be rated according to their training level, while the 2-person forms ask for the Royal College standard of the consultant Pediatrician. After the STACER is complete, the examiners should fill it out and review it with you. Should the examiner(s) need more time to complete the document, they may arrange a time with you to meet and review/sign the STACER form. **Please ensure the forms are signed and returned directly to the Pediatric PGME office once completed.**

We hope that the STACER will be a useful learning experience for you.

Thank you,



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