



BLUE PRINT FOR THE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS OF THE SUB-SPECIALTY CERTIFICATE

IN

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY Cert Medical Oncology(SA) Physicians

1. Two (2) written three (3) hour closed book examination papers each potentially covering the entire syllabus of Medical Oncology with about $\frac{1}{4}$ basic sciences including pharmacology and $\frac{3}{4}$ clinical oncology with an emphasis on patient management.
2. Each paper will have one (1) basic science question and three (3) clinical questions each worth 25 marks.
3. Four (4) of the eight (8) overall questions (in each paper) will consist of clinical scenarios with a series of questions about the progressive approach to the patient concerned. For example the first question will be about the initial workup of the patient both clinically and molecularly. The second question will be based on the answers given in the first question and will concern patient management. The third question would consider an approach to this patient following relapse including clinical and molecular work up followed by a fourth question on patient management based on these factors. These questions are designed to assess the candidates' thought processes into patient management rather than only being an regurgitation of facts.
4. The other four (4) questions will each have three (3) sub-questions each worth 8 $\frac{1}{3}$ marks. These questions will assess the candidates' knowledge of oncology and will include basic science questions covering pharmacology, molecular and cell biology as well as principles of statistics and evidence based medicine.