



THE SOCIETY FOR
VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Dear Nia Steeves,

Re: Practical Examination for the Accreditation of Vascular Scientists

This is to confirm that Daniel Dixon (d.dixon6@nhs.net) will be your internal assessor and Mari Murumets (mari.muruments@nhs.net) will be your external examiner for the SVT practical exam. Please liaise with your examiners to arrange a mutually convenient date for your assessment, which should be held in your usual place of work.

The whole examination takes about 4-5 hours so book plenty of machine time. You might spend slightly more time on the scans on exam day than you would on a normal scanning day, therefore it is not recommended to scan your patients in an environment with time constraints i.e. a one-stop clinic. The practical exam consists of 3 patient examinations (please see appendices 3-6 of the accreditation document for the scope of the scan) and a *viva voce*.

- A bilateral carotid and vertebral duplex examination (from Core Modality 1 – Carotid duplex)
- A single full-leg (aorta-ankle, even if this is not in your local protocol) arterial duplex (from Core Modality 2 - Peripheral arterial duplex)
- A single full-leg (groin-ankle, even if this is not in your local protocol) varicose vein and deep vein scan (from Core Modality 3 - Peripheral venous duplex)
- Viva Voce – covering clinical protocols, understanding of machine and service development.

It is normally the remit of your internal examiner or supervisor to select appropriate patients on your behalf.

Prior to the exam your external examiner will review a copy of your protocols and reports from each modality. On the exam day you will have to provide evidence of work experience in the form of files / logbooks / diaries etc (as specified in the practical application information) for review by the external examiner.

You will be examined on your professionalism and competency in the following areas:

- Your approach to the patient
- Technical performance in performing the scan
- Anatomy and pathology
- Report writing

In accordance with the 'Guidelines For Practical Exam Assessors' (attached to e-mail).

Each candidate must have a comprehensive set of local standards and protocols, which must be included with your application. These unit specific protocols should be adhered to, however as mentioned above a full arterial (aorta to ankle) and a full lower limb venous (groin to ankle) will be performed. This should be confirmed with the referring clinician and your internal assessor. Your report will be written in accordance with your local protocol, however be prepared to be examined on differing criteria and their strengths and weaknesses. You should be fully aware of local Health and Safety and Infection Control procedures. Assessors are encouraged to ask questions of the candidates to corroborate their demonstrated knowledge and abilities.

A verdict will not be reached on the day of your assessment as assessors must first report to the SVT Education Committee. Candidates, therefore, are to be informed of the result within two weeks.

Please ensure that you:

- ◆ **Contact your assessors, in good time, to arrange a date.**
- ◆ **Write to me finalising the date and time**
- ◆ **Ensure that the indemnity form is signed by a relevant departmental manager and returned to me**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Hannah

Ms Hannah Williamson
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