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## OnExamination launches preparation aid for the Gastroenterology KBA

*New online exam preparation resource will help specialist trainees in gastroenterology prepare for the knowledge based assessment (KBA) taking place for the first time this year on 24 June, 2008.*

OnExamination's **Gastroenterology KBA preparation resource** seeks to prepare specialist trainees for the key elements of the gastroenterology KBA which they must pass in order to become consultants.

This unique resource provides questions covering the curriculum areas published by the Royal College of Physicians. It gives trainees the opportunity to practice for the 'best of five' question format and identify any areas of weakness, providing questions with a range of complexity from basic science to clinical decision making.

The gastroenterology exam is the first of several speciality KBAs being introduced by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians in the UK to verify that certified specialists have sufficient knowledge of their speciality to practice safely and competently as consultants, as well as providing a rigorous national assessment helping create public confidence.

The purpose of these KBAs is to complement work based assessments, and is one of the most recent changes in an ongoing programme to improve training and is a compulsory component before being awarded the Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT).

UK candidates wishing to take the KBA must have already obtained the MRCP (UK) or be a trainee in a higher specialist training post, but not prior to entering year 3 (ST3). However, overseas candidates must have successfully completed all parts of the MRCP (UK).

OnExamination's [Gastroenterology KBA preparation resource](#) provides:

- Over 200 practice questions and growing
- Multiple choice question 'one from five' (best of five) format
- Questions covering the published curriculum
- Detailed performance analysis and feedback
- Links to Gut tutorials, BSG and NICE guidelines

Dr Dean Jenkins, Director, Onexamination.com, comments on this new offering:

*"This is the first time the exam has been set by the Royal College of Physicians and it follows a pilot in gastroenterology and several other specialties in 2006. There has been debate for a number of years but it is now recognised that knowledge testing and assessment is something that all doctors should undertake throughout their training and in practice. It has been an exciting challenge to compile the material for this specialist KBA. Although we cannot be certain of the exact style in this first exam, we know we have developed a resource that will offer useful additional preparation for those trainees taking it."*