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To: ALL HKCA SOTS and trainees

**Re: Final Exam - Critical Appraisal of Literature**

The College recognized that critical appraisal of the literature is an essential part of knowledge that all trainees should acquire during their years of training. Given the increasing difficulty in arranging appropriate venue for testing critical appraisal as one of the OSCE stations, the Board of Examination has approved to move the Critical Appraisal of Literature from the OSCE to the written section of the Final Fellowship Examination. The details are listed as below:

**Paper I: Scenario type question (unchanged)**

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

(90 min for 3 scenarios – total 9 questions)

**Critical Appraisal of Literature**

11:00 AM – 11:40 AM

(~30 min: reading time; 10 min to answer all questions)

**Paper II: 8 short answer questions**

1:30 PM – 2:50 PM

(80 min for 8 questions)

**This arrangement will be effective from the second sitting of the Final Fellowship Examination to be held in August-October in 2016.** Weighting for each section (written, oral and OSCE) of the Final Fellowship Examination will remain unchanged. In particular, the number of stations in the OSCE will remain unchanged (i.e. a total of ten stations).

Board of Exam

The Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists