**INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES FOR PRE-INTERNSHIP EVALUATION 2020**

The next evaluation for medical graduates will take place on **the 14th of October 2020.** The format of the evaluation will be written multiple-choice questions. The evaluation will consist of five (5) basic domains of medicine organized into one paper and to be written over a period of four (4) hours. The domains to be evaluated are: **General surgery**, **Obstetrics & Gynaecology**, **Paedatrics, Internal Medicine and Psychiatry**. Each domain consists of thirty (30) questions long (Total of 150 questions). Candidates must reach 50 % pass mark in each domain. If one or two domains are failed, those domains may be supplemented at the next evaluation. If three or more domains are failed, the candidate has failed the entire evaluation and his or her case will be managed in accordance the evaluation policy of the Council. Those taking supplementary evaluation are expected to write only the specific domain (s) they have failed at the last sitting. The evaluation is voluntary and those who feel not ready to be evaluated in October may opt to sit for the subsequent evaluations during January/ February or September/November 2021.

The reading materials for this evaluation are:

**Psychiatry** **domain**

1. Kapalan and Sadocks Synopsis of Psychiatry

2. Oxford Handbooks of psychiatry

3. Introductory Textbook of Psychiatry Sixth Edition by Donald W. Black

4. Textbook of Psychiatry Edited by Jonathan Burns and Louw Roos

5. DSM V

6. Toronto Notes

**Kindly follow this link ……………..for more reading topics on the domain.**

**Internal Medicine domain**

These are the recommended reading materials for the HPCNA entry exam.

1. Davidson’s principles and practice of Medicine

2. Clinical methods by Hutchison

3. Kumar and Clark

**Surgery**

1. Browse’s  Introduction to The Symptoms & Signs of Surgical Disease. 5th Ed. By Burnand, Kevin G et al
2. Principles & Practice of Surgery. 6th Edition. By O. James Gardenet al
3. Bailey & Love’s Short Practice of Surgery, 27th Edition by Norman S. Williams et al

**Obstetrics/Gynaecology**

1. Current Diagnosis and Treatment in Obstetrics and Gynecology by Alan Decherney 11th edition
2. Cronje HS, Cilliers JBF, Pretorius MS (Eds). (2010) Clinical Obstetrics – A South African Perspective. 3rd Edition. Van Schaik, Pretoria; ISBN: 978-0627027888
3. Kruger TF, Botha MH, (2011) Clinical Gynaecology. 4th Edition. Juta and Company Ltd, Cape Town; ISBN: 978-0702 186 68 4

**Paediatrics**

 1. Lissauer and Clayden: Illustrated textbook of Paediatrics Mosby

 2. Coovadia HM and Wittenberg DF. Paediatrics and Child Health. Cape

 3. Forfar and Arneil’s Textbook of Pediatrics, 7th or 8th edition

 4. Nelson: Textbook of Paediatrics

 5.Newborn Care: Managing normal and high-risk infants in the newborn nursery:

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