

Dear colleague,

On behalf of the president of the Sociedade Portuguesa de Anestesiologia - National Congress of 2020, I would like to invite you to register to the EDAIC part II “mock exam” session, that will take place on **Saturday 21st march 2019, 08:30 am**, at the congress facilities. This session is divided in two parts:

- a) an **introductory session, open to all registered participants at the congress (held in Portuguese language, slides in English)** and
- b) the **mock exam** itself – reserved to candidates registered and selected (specialists and last year residents will have priority) by the organizing committee – exam held in Portuguese or English, according to the candidate’s choice. **Registered candidates for part b) of the session are requested to be present at part a).**

General objectives are:

- a. **Introductory session:** To give you a good overall idea of the
 - i. EDAIC regulations
 - ii. Syllabus and more relevant topics
 - iii. EDAIC Part II Marking system
 - iv. Examiners – how to deal with them
 - v. Logistic details,
 - vi. Expected performance including video demonstrations
- b. **Mock exam session:** To give you, the candidate,
 - i. experience related to the oral exam methodology
 - ii. useful practice and feedback concerning behavior, time management, language skills (opening phrases, tips on how to ask to rephrase the question, etc)
 - iii. practical feedback immediately after the mock exam experience related to the oral exam methodology

Details about the mock exam session:

- The “true” EDAIC part II consist of four different oral exams, 2 on basic sciences, 2 on clinical sciences. You will be tested on one exam only, containing a mixture of basic and/or clinical sciences questions. We designed a mock exam in a way that we expect will avoid or minimize your fear or anxiety of not being fully prepared so far in advance before the actual examination.
- Questions are similar, with adaptations, to those used in real exams.
- As in the real exam, the mock exam will have 5 questions and last 25 minutes in total.
- As in the real exam you will be given the stem of the first question on a blank sheet of paper (the so called “study period”), in order that you write your ideas about the answer to that question, and only that one. You will have 10 minutes to do it.
- Then you will be given the full exam **having also the answers to the 5 questions**, and you will be given 15 minutes to read the questions and answers, not being allowed to jot down any notes.
- At the end of this period, exam papers will be collected, and you will move to your examination table and start the exam, that takes 25 minutes, being questioned by two examiners during that time.
 - you will eventually be paired with another colleague and be questioned for 12,5 minutes only. If so, you will be observing for the other 12,5 minutes, not being able to intervene in any way.
- At the end, bi-directional feedback will be given to you and to the examiners, for about 10 to 15 minutes.