
2019 TSDA CONGENITAL IN-TRAINING EXAM

General Information

The 2019 TSDA Congenital In-Training Exam (ITE) for congenital cardiac fellows will be given on Saturday, March 23. On exam day, the ITE must be launched between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in each time zone (Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific). Once the exam has been launched, test takers will have four hours to complete the exam; however, it is the proctor's responsibility to enforce a time limit if one has been established by the Program Director.

Registration

The registration deadline is Friday, February 15, 2019. Registration materials are also available for download on the 2019 Congenital In-Training Exam page of TSDA.org. There is no registration fee for ACGME-accredited or non ACGME-accredited congenital cardiac surgery fellows at ACGME-accredited programs, and no registration fee for cardiothoracic surgery residents who accepted a congenital cardiac surgery fellowship position at an ACGME-accredited congenital cardiac surgery program. There is a \$350 registration fee for congenital cardiac surgery fellows at non ACGME-accredited programs.

Proctor Responsibilities

The exam proctor is responsible for administering, proctoring, and maintaining a secure environment for the duration of the examination. The ITE must be administered and taken at the program training site, and must be actively proctored; access from a remote site will disqualify the examinee. If the Program Director is unable to proctor the exam, he/she must assign a member of the CT surgery residency program department (faculty or staff member) to administer and proctor the exam in lieu of the Program Director. **Exam proctors must be present for the duration of the exam on exam day.**

TSDA relies on the Program Director and Program Coordinator for consistent, accurate information, and timely processing of order forms. Please ensure the contact person from the residency program office is aware of the information contained herein and has a copy for his/her files.

Test-Taker Records

TSDA will utilize Survey Monkey to administer the exam. Program Directors, Program Coordinators and exam proctors will be provided with a link to the exam, and each test taker will be responsible for entering their contact information and answering each question. Additional information and instructions about these important steps will be sent to Program Directors, Program Coordinators, and exam proctors via e-mail prior to the exam date.

Exam Format

The TSDA Congenital ITE will consist of approximately 130 questions. The ITE is offered only as a computer-based exam at the program site, and is to be completed within a four hour period once the test is launched (at the Program Director's discretion).

Minimum System Requirements for Online Testing

Program Directors/Program Coordinators and/or proctors are responsible for ensuring their institution's operating system will function properly on exam day. Program's must have access to a secure, high-speed Internet connection and be able to access the Survey Monkey link provided by TSDA. Please click the SYSTEM TEST LINK below and take a short survey to confirm your institution's operating system can access Survey Monkey.

SYSTEM TEST LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VNVBXHN>

Prior to exam day, test takers will receive instructions on how to access the exam. Technical support will not be available on exam day.

Performance Reports

Test results will be sent to Program Directors two to four weeks following the exam. Contact Beth Winer, TSDA Executive Director, at bwiner@tsda.org or 312-202-5855 with any questions.