

New Information About New Item Formats on the Medicine Clinical Science Subject Examination

As previously [announced](#), beginning in August 2018, NBME will add short-answer questions to the [Medicine clinical science subject examinations](#) administered at both medical schools and Prometric test centers.

Fewer than three short-answer questions will be introduced on the exam. Please note that not all of your students will receive the new items during their test. Instructions for practicing with these new question formats are provided in the exam's tutorial. For your reference and convenience, tutorial instructions, along with additional sample questions, are available [here](#).

The short-answer question format is designed to closely reflect day-to-day physician activity. In practice, physicians use their knowledge and training to make clinical decisions based on the information available. This process allows examinees to provide short, free-text answers to assessment questions.

For your reference and convenience, we have provided [frequently asked questions](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at subjectexams@nbme.org.