



ESSM Exam Preparation Courses

This year, ESSM will offer a number of examination preparation courses for medical practitioners intending to take the first FEBSM examination in December 2012.

The courses are intended for physicians with experience of specialist practice in Sexual Medicine who wish to increase their chance of passing the exam.

Preparation courses of 4 days are being planned; these will provide an overview of all subjects in the MJCSM curriculum of Sexual Medicine that may be included in the examination, as well as advice about exam-taking skills and practice in completing a Sexual Medicine MCQ. Specific preparation courses may be offered for physicians who usually work exclusively with one gender or patient group, so that they might have access to extra content to refresh their knowledge of Sexual Medicine with respect to other groups, and couples.

The course teaching faculties will include experts in the field of Sexual Medicine.

The location and specific dates will be published shortly on the ESSM website.

Application will be made for CME recognition for these courses, so that participants may gain CME credits."

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Exam date: 5 December 2012
Location: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Registration deadline: 5 September 2012

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**The First Qualification Examination
and Preparation Courses 2012**

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Sexual Medicine is a discipline concerned with the impact of physiology and pathophysiology, psychology and psychopathology, relationships, socio-cultural influences, developmental effects, sexual identity, sexual behaviours, gender identity and inter-gender differences on the sexuality of men and women of all ages, both as individuals and within the context of their relationships. Its aim is the restoration of sexual health, a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being with respect to sexuality, as well as the management of sexual problems.

The Multidisciplinary Joint Committee on Sexual Medicine (MJCSM) was established by the UEMS specialist sections of Urology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Psychiatry and functions within the framework of their respective statutes and by-laws. The main objective is to guarantee the highest standards of health care in the field of Sexual Medicine in the countries of the European Union and associated European countries, by ensuring that the training in Sexual Medicine is raised to the optimal level. The MJCSM shall recommend the content of training programmes, the access for training, and professional knowledge and skills for Sexual Medicine.

The MJCSM issue a certificate of recognition of quality of the training programme. Prior to entry into training in Sexual Medicine, candidates should be accredited in a medical specialty relevant to the practice of Sexual Medicine. Such specialties include Urology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine and General Practice, although this is not a comprehensive list.

The MJCSM determine the standards for training and assessment in Sexual medicine. Successful candidates will be awarded on behalf of the MJCSM the title of "Fellow of the European Board of Sexual Medicine" (FEBSM).

This year the first qualification examination of the MJCSM will take place.

Eligibility

The exam is set under the auspices of the UEMS but all nationalities, including countries outside the EU, are able to apply for the exam. The application will be reviewed by the examination committee of the MJCSM.

Who can apply?

▶ FEBSM is a particular qualification in Sexual Medicine awarded under auspices of the UEMS, the EU organisation with responsibility for specialist medical practice. Consequently, only registered medical practitioners, who are accredited as medical specialists in their country of practice, or who are General Practitioners with more than 5 years' clinical experience of unsupervised independent practice, are eligible to apply.

The applicant should deliver

- ▶ CV with description of his/her educational and clinical experience in the field of Sexual Medicine.
- ▶ A list of publications in the field of Sexual Medicine (not obligatory).
- ▶ All applicants should deliver authenticated proofs of their qualifications.
- ▶ Letter of recommendation by an ISSM / ESSM member is appreciated.

Examination form

The exam duration will be 3 hours and include 150 MCQ in 5 domains of Sexual Medicine:

1. Basic science (including psychology) of the sexual response including sexual development
2. General sexual issues
 - a. Impact of gender
 - b. Impact of aging
 - c. Sexual orientation
 - d. Ethical and legal aspects
 - e. Historical aspects
3. Diagnosis and management of male sexual dysfunctions
4. Diagnosis and management of female sexual dysfunctions
5. Other sexual disorders
 - a. Gender identity disorders
 - b. Problematic and variant sexual behaviours
 - c. Impact of other conditions including STI, cancer and cancer treatments

The contents will be according to the curriculum of Sexual Medicine defined by the MJCSM. The contents will be described in the syllabus of Sexual Medicine, which will be published in July 2012 by the ESSM educational committee.