

STACER FAQs

We are actively looking for departmental members to participate as STACER examiners for the 2017-18 academic year! If you have suggestions, concerns or questions that have not been addressed in this document, please contact us.

To sign up as a STACER examiner, please using the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/128bWeLmTPVrJJ6yW-njtLs3T894R1QNaZGDxdTqzCPC/edit?usp=sharing>

We are looking forward to working with you,

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What is a STACER?

The STACER (Structured Assessment of Clinical Report) is a faculty-observed history and physical exam performed by the R3s. The R3s must pass the STACER (they have up to 3 attempts) to be eligible for Royal College certification. These are different from the H&Ps which allow R1s and R2s to practice for the STACERs.

When are the STACERs for this academic year?

January 25-26, 2018

What is the role of the STACER examiner?

Two faculty are paired up as examiners for each STACER to evaluate the resident's competency at performing a history and physical exam using a standardized checklist and evaluation form. The examiner is NOT responsible for the medical management of the patient.

Does the STACER examiner require proficiency in General Pediatrics?

No. Subspecialists can be STACER examiners. The staff who is in charge of PCC/RCC that day will join the case presentation by the resident and will be responsible for determining the differential diagnosis and management of the patient.

What is the time commitment?

Exam time

The total time commitment for the exam is approximately 2 hours which includes:

- 60 minutes - patient encounter during which the resident performs a complete history and physical exam
- 5 minutes – resident organizes thoughts
- 10 minutes – resident presents the case
- ~30 minutes – examiners provide feedback to resident and complete the final evaluation form. (June or Jade can be present if the examiners suspect that the feedback session will be difficult.)

Examiners' meeting

An examiner meeting will be held on Friday, January 26th at 17:00 to discuss the STACER performance of the residents who had a borderline or failed evaluations. At least one examiner from every pair of examiners must be present to help determine the final evaluation of these residents.

Is there any preparation for the examiner to do ahead of time?

No. A document outlining the process, expectations, and tips will be provided to the examiners at the time of the exam.

How do the examiners observe the resident?

Examiners will observe the resident from another room either via a one-way mirror or a camera installed in the exam room.