



ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS AND
SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Membership of the Faculty of Travel Medicine (MFTM)

SYLLABUS

January 2017

The following topics and competencies will be examined in the MFTM examination. Each syllabus topic will be examined against the appropriate competency from this list.

| | SYLLABUS TOPIC HEADING |
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| 1 | Infections and Epidemiology of Infections |
| 2 | Malaria |
| 3 | Immunisation |
| 4 | Travel Health Issues for Women and Children |
| 5 | Travellers With Underlying Health Problems and / or Disabilities |
| 6 | Psychological Issues for Travellers |
| 7 | Health Risks From Excessive Sun Exposure and Solar Damage |
| 8 | Health effects of Altitude |
| 9 | The Effects of Travel in a Cold Climate |
| 10 | Health Risks From Expeditions |
| 11 | The Returned Traveller |
| 12 | Providing a Travel Medicine Service |
| 13 | Health Issues for Asylum Seekers and Refugees |
| 14 | The Impact of Tourism on Host Countries |
| 15 | Geographical Variations in Travel Health Issues |
| 16 | Health Issues Associated With Flying |
| 17 | Accidents and Injuries Experienced by Travellers |
| 18 | Health Issues Associated With Swimming, Snorkelling, SCUBA Diving |
| 19 | Health Issues Associated With Cruise Travel |
| 20 | Research Methods/ Critical analysis |
| 21 | Health Promotion |
| 22 | Elective Medical Treatment Abroad |
| 23 | Special Groups of Travellers |

| COMPETENCIES | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| | Generic | Specific |
| 1 | Good Clinical Care | History taking, examination, note keeping Time & risk management Anaphylaxis management |
| 2 | Communication skills | With travellers With colleagues With reports (and their interpretation) |
| 3 | Maintaining good clinical practice | Learning – continuous updating Evidence, audit & guidelines |
| 4 | Maintaining trust | Professional behaviour & accountability Ethics & legal issues |
| 5 | Working with colleagues | Team members Hospital & GP Hospital & other agencies |
| 6 | Teaching & Training | Teaching Presentations |
| 7 | Key areas of practice | Risk assessment Information and decision making Personal protective measures Scheduling optimum vaccinations Prophylaxis Standby treatments |
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Part A - Written Examination

Normally, the topics listed will be examined in roughly the proportions indicated

| Topics by Group | Topic | Group |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| Travel advice | % | Aggregate |
| Travel Health Issues for Women and Children | <5 | |
| Travellers With Underlying Health Problems and / or Disabilities | <5 | |
| Psychological Issues for Travellers | <5 | |
| The Returned Traveller | <5 | |
| Health Issues for Asylum Seekers and Refugees | <5 | |
| The Impact of Tourism on Host Countries | <5 | 30 |
| Health Issues Associated With Cruise Travel | <5 | |
| Health Promotion | <5 | |
| Elective Medical Treatment Abroad | <2 | |
| Special Groups of Travellers | <3 | |
| Diseases | | |
| Infections and Epidemiology of Infections | <10 | 20 |
| Malaria | <10 | |
| Physical hazards | | |
| Health Risks From Excessive Sun Exposure and Solar Damage | <5 | |
| Health effects of Altitude | <5 | |
| The Effects of Travel in a Cold Climate | <5 | |
| Health Risks From Expeditions | <5 | 30 |
| Geographical Variations in Travel Health Issues | <5 | |
| Health Issues Associated With Flying | <5 | |
| Accidents and Injuries Experienced by Travellers | <5 | |
| Health Issues Associated With Swimming, Snorkelling, SCUBA Diving | <5 | |
| Travel clinics/services | | |
| Providing a Travel Medicine Service | <10 | 10 |
| Research Methods/ Critical analysis | <5 | |
| Vaccines & vaccination | | |
| Immunisation | 10 | 10 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

Part B - Objective Structured Clinical Examination

Normally, the topics listed will be examined in roughly the proportions indicated

| Topics by Group | Topic | Group |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| Travel advice | % | Aggregate |
| Travel Health Issues for Women and Children | <5 | |
| Travellers With Underlying Health Problems and / or Disabilities | <5 | |
| Psychological Issues for Travellers | <2 | |
| The Returned Traveller | <5 | |
| Health Issues for Asylum Seekers and Refugees | <2 | 41 |
| Health Issues Associated With Cruise Travel | <5 | |
| Health Promotion | <5 | |
| Elective Medical Treatment Abroad | <2 | |
| Special Groups of Travellers | <10 | |
| Diseases | | |
| Infections and Epidemiology of Infections | <10 | 20 |
| Malaria | <10 | |
| Physical hazards | | |
| Health Risks From Excessive Sun Exposure and Solar Damage | <5 | |
| Health effects of Altitude | <5 | |
| The Effects of Travel in a Cold Climate | <2 | |
| Health Risks From Expeditions | <5 | 30 |
| Geographical Variations in Travel Health Issues | <5 | |
| Health Issues Associated With Flying | <10 | |
| Accidents and Injuries Experienced by Travellers | <2 | |
| Health Issues Associated With Swimming, Snorkelling, SCUBA Diving | <5 | |
| Vaccines & vaccination | | |
| Immunisation | 10 | 9 |
| Total | 100% | 100% |

| Competencies | Group Aggregate |
|---|----------------------------|
| | |
| Good Clinical Care | 26% |
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| Communication Skills | 20% |
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| Maintaining Good Clinical Practice | 3% |
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| Maintaining Trust | 12% |
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| Working With Colleagues | 10% |
| | |
| Teaching and Training | 1% |
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| Key Areas of Practice | 28% |
| | |
| | 100% |