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Update: Administration of Customized Assessment Services (CAS) Exams

After several weeks of using web-conferencing with remote proctoring to deliver NBME Subject Exams, data gathered provides us with greater confidence that we can further accommodate medical schools during this difficult time of social distancing by reinstating most capabilities for administering Customized Assessment exams.

Beginning Tuesday, May 19th, medical schools will be able to administer faculty-constructed CAS exams with either:

1. In-person proctoring at your institutional testing center (if possible and subject to applicable social distancing guidelines)
2. [Web-conferencing with remote proctoring](#)
 - o NBME-approved applications are Zoom, Webex, Microsoft Teams
 - o The proctor-to-student ratio of 1:10 is recommended for remote administrations for exam security purposes.

Because of the anticipated high volume of requests, we ask that you contact NBME at least five business days prior to the desired test date. As we reinstate this process, we cannot guarantee administrations of exams without a minimum lead time of five business days. For the time being, independent scheduling of CAS exams is restricted.

To schedule an upcoming CAS examination, [please click here to fill out an order form](#) and send it to subjectexams@nbme.org or call 215-590-9258 for one-on-one guidance to structure an administration.

Please note: The 12 organ-based test forms that were made available on April 7th for administration via web-conferencing with remote proctoring will remain available for ordering and faculty review.

The decision to move assessments to web-conferencing with remote proctoring was based on careful internal review, and discussion and engagement with the medical community. It reflects NBME's desire to help address critical needs in the short term using readily available technology while we continue to explore optimized long-term solutions for remote testing. Please be aware that this remote format **relies on the medical institution's faculty and staff to monitor the exam remotely**. We are actively analyzing remote proctoring tools to enhance security for future implementations.

If you have any questions about the process for scheduling a CAS exam or web-conferencing with remote proctoring, please contact us at subjectexams@nbme.org or call a representative at 215-590-9258.

With best regards,

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