



Simulated Patient Examinations Outline

The Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) is an organization of State Boards of Dentistry who have joined forces to develop and conduct examinations to measure the level of applied knowledge and skills for clinical competency in dentistry and dental hygiene. Each State Board has equal authority and responsibility to participate in the development and administration of the examination program. CRDTS' exams have been developed and administered on a national basis within the framework of its regional governing structure.

CRDTS has spent the last few years developing simulated patient examination procedures as an option for the procedures traditionally administered on a patient. These are in addition to the current manikin procedures utilized for the Endodontic and Prosthodontic sections of our Dental Examination.

These Simulated Patient Examinations are now an option and can be administered for licensure, if needed in your state. CRDTS has administered excellent, psychometrically sound examinations for the profession of dentistry for over 45 years. We have the most comprehensive and long-standing post exam analysis processes in the country.

1. The content, criteria and scoring rubric for these procedures are identical to those administered in the current CRDTS Examinations. The exam procedures have been administered and psychometrically documented since 2006. Please see CRDTS Technical Reports at www.crdts.org > Home Page > Announcements
 - a. Please note the Periodontal procedures ranked very high in importance and frequency in the 2018 Practice Analysis
2. Unlike the limitations of computer simulation, the exam procedures will be administered in a clinical environment using simulated patients and requiring appropriate infection control procedures, proper PPE and certain aspects of dental patient management. Candidates will be required to demonstrate their clinical judgment and hand skills utilizing appropriate dental instruments and handpieces.
3. It is up to State Boards to determine what is acceptable for licensure, these exams are an additional resource for their consideration.
4. Scores for the Manikin Examinations: Scores will be reported within 1-2 days after the candidate's respective examination is completed. Manikin exams evaluated off-site will be reported 1-2 days after grading.

SIMULATED PATIENT DENTAL EXAMINATION CONTENT

Examination Overview: The examination consists of individual, skill-specific parts. Each examination Part is listed below:

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| Manikin-Based Examination Part II: Endodontics Access opening & Obturation Part III: Prosthodontics Ceramic, Cast Gold, PFM Part IV: Periodontics Calculus detection/removal, probing depths, supragingival deposit removal, tissue & treatment management Part V: Restorative Class II and III Preparation/Restoration 3 preparations on teeth with simulated caries 3 restorations on pre-prepped teeth |

SIMULATED PATIENT DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINATION CONTENT

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| Calculus detection |
| Oral Assessment |
| Probing Depth Measurements |
| Subgingival Calculus Removal |
| Tissue and Treatment Management (penalty) |