

QUICK FACTS: *Examination Day and Testing*

DO

- ✓ Review the USMLE *Rules of Conduct* prior to taking your examination
- ✓ Follow all test center staff instructions on the day of your examination
- ✓ Remember to bring a copy of your scheduling permit (electronic or paper) and required identification (see below); **you will not be permitted to test without them**
- ✓ Arrive 30 minutes prior to your testing appointment (computer-based examinations); for Step 2 CS, arrive at the time listed on your confirmation notice
- ✓ Confirm that your headphones are working, either before the examination begins or during the tutorial (computer-based examinations)
- ✓ Use personal items only when on an authorized break; you are not permitted to access your locker during unauthorized breaks (computer-based examinations)
- ✓ Be sure to complete all sections of the examination

DON'T

- ✗ Feel compelled to test if you are ill, under unusual stress or unprepared for the examination
- ✗ Bring family and friends to the center instead, arrange to meet them after the examination ends
- ✗ Bring unauthorized items to the testing room: for computer-based examinations, only soft-foam earplugs are allowed; for Step 2 CS, only your white lab coat and stethoscope are allowed
- ✗ Write on laminated note boards prior to entering your Candidate Identification Number (CIN) and starting your test session (computer-based examinations) or write on anything other than the laminated note boards
- ✗ Work past the announcements instructing you to stop
- ✗ Access your locker or use your cell phone on an unauthorized break

Please see pages 16-20 for more information regarding examination day rules and regulations.

Identification Required on Exam Day

You must present valid (unexpired) identification with:

- ✓ Your photo
- ✓ Your name as it appears on your permit
- ✓ Your signature

Your name, as it appears on your scheduling permit, must match the name on your identification exactly. If the name listed is not correct, contact your registration entity *immediately*.

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Driver's license with photograph
- ✓ National Identity Card
- ✓ Other dated, government-issued identification

Security Procedures on Exam Day

During check-in, you will:

- ✓ be scanned with a handheld or walk-through metal detector (computer-based examinations)
- ✓ be asked to empty and turn your pockets inside out
- ✓ place your personal belongings in bins that are inaccessible for the duration of the examination (Step 2 CS)
- ✓ have your photo identification checked
- ✓ be fingerprinted using biometric technology (computer-based examinations; not available at all locations)
- ✓ write your unique CIN as shown on your scheduling permit on one of the laminated note boards provided (computer-based examinations)

You will be asked to repeat much of this process each time you return to the testing room after a break.