



# The Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN)


## Picture Archive and Communication Simulator (PACSim) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

 1. How many questions are on the OB/GYN examination?

**Answer:** The OB/GYN examination contains 140 questions comprised of multiple-choice, PACSim and hotspot questions

 2. What is the length of time of the OB/GYN examination?


**Answer:** The examination is 4 hours long (240 minutes).

 3. What percentage of the examination are PACSim questions?

**Answer:** Approximately 3% of the examination consists of PACSim questions. The rest of the examination is made up of traditional multiple-choice, and hotspot questions.

 4. How are the PACSim questions scored?

**Answer:** The examination utilizes a partial-credit scoring model. The test-taker will receive full credit if all questions have been answered correctly.

 5. Are Advanced Item Types (AITs) new to the OB/GYN examination?


**Answer:** No. Hotspot items were added to the exam in 2013. Please visit [www.ARDMS.org/AIT](http://www.ARDMS.org/AIT) to learn more.

 6. Why include PACSim questions instead of continuing with the traditional multiple-choice questions?

**Answer:** Traditional multiple choice will continue to be the core of all ARDMS exams. PACSim questions move the Registry examinations closer to clinical practice, improving the level of certainty that the test-taker has demonstrated the basic levels of skill, knowledge and abilities when the ARDMS awards a credential. The ARDMS anticipates that test-takers who find traditional multiple-choice questions challenging will prefer the new innovative and more intuitive question formats.

 7. Is there an OB/GYN practice test available?

**Answer:** Yes.

 8. Whom may I contact if I have additional questions?

**Answer:** Please send an email to: [OB/GYN@ardms.org](mailto:OB/GYN@ardms.org)