



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 approximately 170 questions comprised of multiple-choice, hotspot, and PACSim questions.

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


Answer: The examination is 3 hours long (180 minutes).

 3. How many of the questions on the examination are PACSim?


Answer: There are approximately 2 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 within a PACSim have been answered correctly.

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


Answer: No. Hotspot questions were added to the exam in 2013. The OB/GYN examination does not include Semi-Interactive (SIC) questions. Please visit 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 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.

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

Answer: Yes. Please visit our [Practice Test FAQs](#).

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

Answer: Please send an email to: other@ardms.org