

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)
- ✓ Ensure you've completed all sections of the examination

DON'T

- ✗ Feel compelled to test if you are ill, under unusual stress, or unprepared for the examination; to reschedule, contact the [organization](#) that registered you for your examination
- ✗ Bring family and friends to the test 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 18-22 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 the organization that registered you for your examination *immediately*.

Acceptable forms of unexpired identification include:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Driver's license with photograph
- ✓ National Identity Card
- ✓ Other form of government-issued identification*

*See pages 19–20 for detailed identification requirements.

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 your pockets and turn them 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*
- ✓ have your fingerprint captured 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)
- ✓ be asked to repeat much of this process each time you return to the testing room after a break.