



AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

ORAL EXAMINER ATTRIBUTES

ABEM appreciates the significant time commitment required for oral examiners to assist the Board in administering the oral certification examination. The examination process of which oral examiners are an integral part requires that examiners use considerable individual judgment and discretion while adhering to ABEM rules and guidelines. To be successful as an ABEM oral examiner, individuals must possess the following attributes:

1. **Strong Interpersonal Skills and Professional Demeanor**

- Interact consistently with candidates in a professional manner
- Ability to communicate clearly with nervous candidates and put them at ease

2. **Timeliness and the Ability to Follow Direction**

- Willingness to adhere to a rigorous, closely-timed schedule over several days
- Ability to adhere strictly to Board rules and guidelines
- Willingness to respond quickly to Board administrative inquiries both before and after a scheduled examination

3. **Strong Team Skills**

- Willingness to put personal opinion aside, when necessary, for the good of the examination
- Willingness to be flexible as the needs of the examination dictate

4. **Acceptance of Constructive Criticism**

- Willingness to receive feedback from Team Leaders and Chief Examiners and integrate that information into their behavior at the examination
- Successful remediation of any identified concerns or problems

5. **Ability to Attend Oral Examination and Related Meetings**

- Annual attendance at one oral exam administration
- Timely attendance at all team meetings during each exam administration

6. **Substantial Breadth and Depth of Medical Knowledge**

- Ability to draw upon a significant store of medical knowledge and clinical practice when administering oral cases on a wide variety of Emergency Medicine topics

7. **Willingness to Adhere to the ABEM *Policy on Conflict of Interest***