Purpose: The Final Objective Structured Clinical Examination is designed to assess medical students’ physical examination skills in a standard setting. This assessment is also meant to provide students and faculty with constructive feedback regarding students’ skills at the completion of the first year of medical education.

Format: Each student will be required to complete four stations— a neurological exam in addition to THREE of the following seven stations (assigned randomly):

1 – Head, Neck, and Eyes  4 – Heart and Blood Vessels  6 – Blood Pressure
2 – Ears, Nose, and Throat  5 – Abdomen  7 – Musculoskeletal (Lower/Upper)
3 – Chest and Lung

Fifteen minutes will be allotted for the completion of each station. Students will receive a performance summary in their mailboxes at a later date. NOTES AND/OR REFERENCES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED IN ANY STATION.

Evaluation: Students’ performance will be assessed with standard station checklists by 4th-year medical students. This examination is criterion referenced and scores will be derived by averaging the percentage of correct maneuvers performed at each station.

Location: All sessions will take place at the back of the Family Medicine Clinic in the Primary Care Center.

Preparation: The eight station checklists included in your PoM1 Handbook will be helpful in preparing for this examination.

Please dress professionally (wear white coats) and bring the following instruments: ophthalmoscope and otoscope (charged), stethoscope, blood pressure cuff (if owned), tuning forks and reflex hammer.

Questions: Contact the CSTAP Coordinator, Anne Chapin, at 243-9477 or achapin@virginia.edu with any concerns or questions. If schedule changes are necessary, contact Jenny Smith, 924-5809 or jenny.smith@virginia.edu.