

THE CHINESE ONCOLOGY SOCIETY:

Implementation Provisions for the Medical Oncologist Examination Rules

- (1.) Formulated at the sixth meeting of the eighth term of the Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee on March 2, 1996.
 - (2.) Approved at the fourth joint meeting of the eighth term of the Board of Directors on March 22, 1996.
 - (3.) Amended at the first meeting of the ninth term of Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee on June 26, 1996.
 - (4.) Amended at the third meeting of the eleventh term of Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee on October 6, 2001.
 - (5.) Approved at the third joint meeting of the eleventh term of the Board of Directors on November 29, 2001.
 - (6.) Amended at the seventh meeting of the fourteenth term of Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee on October 4, 2008.
 - (7.) Approved at the seventh joint meeting of the fourteenth term of the Board of Directors on October 23, 2008.
 - (8.) Amended at the fourth meeting of the fifteenth term of Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee on November 14, 2009.
 - (9.) Approved at the third joint meeting of the fifteenth term of the Board of Directors on December 7, 2009.
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1. For medical institutions applying for approval of the medical oncologist training program by the Chinese Oncology Society (hereinafter referred to as "the Society"), the effective date of the program shall be the day of approval.
 2. As of this document's effective date, the Society shall actively request the director of each training program to report the following information to the Society by the end of every December: [List of physicians in training for the current year and description and content of the training program(s)] Candidates who received medical oncologist training abroad shall notify the Society 6 months prior to the expected examination date.
 3. As of this document's effective date, all training program proposals submitted by a program director at each hospital must be first reviewed and approved by the Committee Chairperson before going into effect. Where there is any doubt, and where necessary, the Medical Oncologist Examination Review Committee shall convene another meeting to assess and review the matter. Within one month of receiving the official submission from each training hospital, the Society shall notify the hospital of the review results.
 4. The medical oncologist training program must include at least one year of medical oncology clinical training.

5. As of this document's effective date, each trainee in a medical oncology training program in Taiwan must participate in a program approved by the Society and complete 60 or more education credits during the training period; otherwise he/she shall be ineligible for the [examination].
6. The examination for medical oncologist shall include a written exam and oral test. The standard enrollment score for the written test is 72 (out of 120 total possible points); the minimum score is 65. When the minimum score of 65 is adopted, the passing rate for the written exam shall not exceed 80% of the total examinees for the written test in the current year.
7. Only examinees who have passed the written test are eligible to take the oral test. Examinees taking the oral examination must be approved by more than half of the oral examination committee to become qualified as a Medical Oncologist by the Society.
8. As of 2011, all examinees must submit one (1) original paper or case report to the Society's journal prior to taking the examination. The submission does not necessarily need to be accepted, but examinees with accepted manuscripts shall receive extra points. Examinees who plan to retake the oral examination are exempt from this new requirement (i.e., no journal submission is required); however, examinees who wish to retake the written examination must satisfy this new requirement. Authors who come in first place shall receive extra points in addition to their original written examination scores, defined as follows: 5 points per original paper, and 2 points per case report; a maximum of 5 extra points may be added in total.