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## **CHANGES TO THE FRCPATH PART 1 CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY EXAMINATION**

The Royal College of Pathologists will introduce a new format for the FRCPATH Part 1 Clinical Biochemistry examination from Autumn 2018.

The examination will be blueprinted to the current (i.e. 2010) Chemical Pathology curriculum. Approximately 25% of questions in any one examination will be knowledge based and 75% will concern the application of knowledge.

The new examination will comprise a single paper of 125 multiple choice questions (MCQs) in single best answer format.

The pass mark for the paper will be set by an objective procedure by an independently-chaired standard setting group where individual questions are reviewed to create a minimum standard using a modified Angoff process.

Sample MCQs will appear on this website shortly. The current format of the FRCPATH Part 1 Clinical Biochemistry examination (comprising essays and short answer questions) will be held for the last time in Spring 2018.