

MEDICAL STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE

PURPOSE

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations) requires doctors with a broad range of skills and knowledge, which enables them to provide services ranging from general medical care on clinics, to critical care transport.

In assessing applicants from a wide variety of backgrounds, it is not always clear from resumes exactly what procedural skills and knowledge are possessed and where strengths and weaknesses lie.

The following questions will assist us to better determine your suitability for one of our appointments and the clinical areas in which updating of clinical skills may be helpful.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	
Given Names	

ANAESTHETICS

How many months or years have you spent in hospital anaesthetic positions?	
Have you given formal gaseous anaesthetics in the past two years?	
Alternatively, have you intubated patients and given intravenous sedation and muscle relaxants?	
Are you familiar with the use of induction agents such as Thiopentone and Propofol?	
Are you familiar with the use of muscle relaxants such as Suxamethonium, Pancuronium, Vecuronium and Atracurium?	
Can you electively intubate an adult patient?	
Can you electively intubate a child?	
Can you perform regional anaesthetic blocks such as a Femoral Nerve block?	

PAEDIATRICS	
Can you insert a peripheral intravenous line in a child/infant?	
Can you perform a suprapubic bladder tap?	
Can you do a lumbar puncture?	
Are you familiar with neonatal resuscitation?	
Can you intubate a neonate in a resuscitation setting?	
Can you insert an umbilical line?	
Are you familiar with the average weights and emergency drug doses for children of different ages?	
Are you comfortable with managing common childhood conditions found in general practice?	
Are you familiar with basic childhood developmental milestones?	
Are you familiar with standard childhood immunization schedules?	

OBSTETRICS	
Do you hold a postgraduate Diploma in Obstetrics or have had six months experience in an Obstetric unit?	
Can you readily assess a woman in labour including vaginal examination?	
Can you safely conduct a normal vaginal delivery, including episiotomy?	
Can you repair an episiotomy?	
Can you use vacuum extraction or forceps?	
Can you undertake a manual removal of placenta?	
Are you familiar with the drug management of pre-eclampsia and threatened pre-term labour?	
Have you used antenatal ultrasound to assess gestational age?	
Are you familiar with the requirements and routine investigations of normal antenatal care?	

EMERGENCY MEDICINE	
Can you perform and interpret a 12-lead ECG?	
Have you thrombolysed patients with acute myocardial infarction?	
Can you use a defibrillator (either monophasic or biphasic)?	
Are you familiar with current Advanced Cardiac Life Support algorithms and drugs?	
Have you treated patients with acute Diabetic Ketoacidosis?	
Can you insert a chest drain?	
Are you familiar with the technique of cricothyroidotomy?	
Can you perform a venous cutdown, or use other advanced techniques for vascular access such as central lines or peripheral lines using a Seldinger wire technique?	
Are you familiar with the technique of intraosseous infusion?	
Can you reduce a dislocated shoulder?	
Can you apply a traction splint to a fractured femur?	
Can you reduce a Colles fracture under Biers (intravenous) Block?	
Are you aware of the current management of Australian snake bite?	
Are you familiar with the management of Paracetamol poisoning?	
Are you familiar with the management of acute renal failure and septic shock?	

CRITICAL CARE	
Can you take blood gases?	
Can you interpret blood gas results?	
Can you manage a patient on a ventilator?	
Which ventilators are you familiar with?	
Are you familiar with end tidal CO2 monitoring?	
Are you familiar with the use of inotropes such as Adrenaline, Dopamine and Noradrenaline?	
Can you insert or manage central venous lines?	
Can you insert or manage radial arterial lines?	

GENERAL MEDICAL CARE	
Are you familiar with contemporary treatment of hypertension and lipid disorders?	
Are you familiar with the investigation and management of chronic renal failure?	
Are you familiar with contemporary management of diabetes (insulin and non-insulin dependent)?	
Are you familiar with contemporary methods of oral and other forms of contraception?	
Are you familiar with contemporary investigation and management of sexually transmitted diseases?	
Have you completed an Implanon training course?	
Can you take an adequate cervical smear?	
Are you comfortable with the management of common gynaecological problems (dysmenorrhoea, menopause, fertility issues)?	
Are you familiar with the recognition and management of common sun-related skin lesions?	
Have you used computerized medical records and prescribing software?	

