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FLS Remote Testing Requirements & Responsibilities

For your reference

Institution

- Each institution must designate one liaison. The FLS liaison should be a staff member who will be responsible for making sure all of the requirements and tasks listed below are met and completed.

The FLS Remote Testing liaison will:

- Communicate with FLS staff regarding any questions and/or issues.
- Submit completed FLS Remote Testing Checklist three (3) weeks prior to scheduled test date (checklist link is provided once test dates have been confirmed).
- Reserve a private/quiet room for FLS testing for skills testing, (you will need another adjacent room for the written test if you are administering it on exam day).
- Designate a facilitator who will act as the hands-on assistant for the remote proctor. The skills facilitator must be someone who works in the skills lab and has had some experience with the FLS trainer box and laparoscopic instruments. The facilitator must be present for the entirety of the testing day.

Skills Testing Area, Equipment, and Responsibilities

Skills Test Facilitator will:

- Work with the remote proctor to prepare for testing day, including scheduling and participating in a live run-through via zoom 7-10 days prior to testing date.
- Set up testing room with all required equipment/supplies.
- Under direction of the remote proctor, work directly with test takers on testing day, processing test taker arrivals, collecting vouchers, setting up each FLS skills task in the trainer box, and collecting all results at the end of each task.
- Prepare results and vouchers for shipping to the SAGES office.
- Assist with other activities as needed and directed by remote proctor.

Equipment and Testing Area:

- Institution must have an FLS exam approved trainer box that has not been altered in any way, along with the FLS exam approved accessories (peg board and six rubber objects, jumbo clip, suture block). Trainer box and accessories must be in good condition.
- Institution will supply a laptop/computer with a functioning webcam and microphone/speakers. This laptop will be connected to the remote device and used to stream the test taker as they perform the skills tasks.
- Institution must ensure they have a strong internet/Wifi connection that supports streaming available in the designated testing area.
- FLS standardized trainer box and monitor should be appropriately set up and the remote testing system connected and working prior to first scheduled test.
- The FLS laparoscopic instruments should be set up appropriately in the testing area. Please refer to the FLS Remote Testing Materials document for more information regarding the instruments required for use on the FLS manual skills test.

- “Quiet: Testing in Progress” signs should be placed in hallways and on all doors to minimize disruptions.
- Room should be kept quiet during testing as a courtesy to the test takers.

Written Test Area, Equipment, and Responsibilities

IF YOU CHOOSE TO ADMINISTER THE WRITTEN TEST AT THE TIME OF THE SKILLS TEST:

- Each institution must designate a second facilitator who will act as the written test assistant for the remote proctor. The facilitator must be present for the entirety of the testing day. (The liaison may also act as the written test facilitators).

Facilitator Two will:

- Ensure all test takers have created an account in Webassessor at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled test date.
- Be present on the testing day to log test takers into the computer testing system and monitor test takers throughout the test.
- Be able to contact IT if any technical issues arise during testing.

Equipment and Testing Area:

- At least 3 computers must be available for the written test.
- Must be connected to a secure and reliable high-speed internet connection (wired or wireless).
- Computers must run Internet Explorer 9+
- Computers must be PC's running Windows 7 or higher.
- Each computer must have a mouse connected.
- Please refer to “Computer Requirements” document for more detailed information.
- “Quiet: Testing in Progress” signs should be placed in hallways and on all doors to minimize disruptions.
- Room should be kept quiet during testing as a courtesy to the test takers.
- Each computer must be set up as a testing station (i.e. table and chair) with the appropriate amount of space between each station so that test takers cannot see each other's screens.

FLS Test day

- Facilitator should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled test taker.
- System should be turned on and connected to the remote proctor at least 15 minutes prior to the first scheduled test taker.
- Test takers should arrive with vouchers already filled out with test taker's information, but not signed. Test takers will sign the voucher in front of the remote proctor. Test takers should arrive at his/her scheduled test time.
- The facilitator will ensure that test-takers turn off or silence cell phones/pagers and turn them in prior to entering the testing room.
- Up to 10 test takers can take the FLS exam on the scheduled date. Each exam candidate must have a valid voucher (i.e. not expired or previously used).
- Test Results will be emailed to the address provided on the individual test voucher approximately 3-4 weeks after the test date.