



USMLE Suspending Step 2 Clinical Skills Examination

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Over the course of the last three months, the USMLE program has considered several options for resuming Step 2 CS testing. This exploration was informed by years of ongoing work charting the future of clinical skills assessment for licensure, including considerations of telehealth (as announced May 8th). Since the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus pandemic we have accelerated these efforts. Due to the complexity of technical and psychometric work required, we have determined we will not be able to meet timelines for the immediate release of a revised exam. In making this determination to suspend, we also considered the examinees and stakeholder concerns about the challenges created by rapid deployment of a new test platform. After careful consideration of all factors, we have decided to suspend Step 2CS test administrations for the next 12-18 months.

We will take this time to assess and develop options for assessment of clinical skills that offer value and validity without compromising the health and safety of examinees and test center staff. While many details surrounding this decision are still being finalized, we felt it was important to share this information with you as soon as we determined our change in direction. We are committed to providing refunds for all of those who were unable to take Step 2CS due to the suspension of testing and will work to expedite these refunds. Over the next few weeks we will be announcing more detailed information on what this decision will mean for examinees, e.g., refunds, progression through education/training and medical licensure.

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