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Preface

Surgical training in the United Kingdom has undergone major structural changes in the last few years and is still continuing to evolve. This has been reflected in the transformation of the old fellowship examinations to the new MRCS syllabus. There has been a shift of emphasis from the traditional tests of surgical knowledge and operative skill to an understanding of the principles and systems of surgery. This is outlined for example in the new MRCS syllabus for the Royal College of Surgeons of England. This is split into a total of ten modules, five of which relate to the principles of surgery, and five which relate to the systems of surgery.

The method of examination, which formally included essays and short answers has been simplified to multiple choice questions of which again there are two papers testing principles and systems respectively. In addition, a further change has abolished the use of the negative marking system for incorrect responses.

MCQ's are designed to test a greater breadth of knowledge over an examination, and the depth of the understanding of an area can also be similarly adjusted. However, it takes away the means of expression, and the ability to justify an understanding of a topic which is more than merely factual. The loss of negative marking, which previously acted as a severe deterrent to guessing, now possibly encourages this strategy. The result is likely to mean a more narrow spread of results following the examination, and therefore a higher threshold of pass if standards are to be maintained.

This book and its free CD-ROM attempts to cover both the principles and systems of surgery with regard to the syllabuses of the four colleges of surgeons in the United Kingdom. The exams in all of these colleges are still undergoing adaptation and both the subject material and the breadth and depth of questioning is likely to continue to change over the next few years. It is hoped that the questions in this book and CD-ROM will provide an accurate representation of the MCQ exams and reflect the success a candidate is likely to be able to achieve. We intend to adapt this in the future to parallel the exams as closely as possible.

The key to success in answering MCQ's correctly is firstly to read and understand the meaning and phraseology of the question stem. This should then be repeated for each response to confirm that the statement makes sense. This will reduce the chance of an incorrect response due to ambiguity in the structure of the question. There are a number of terms which are commonly used in MCQ's, a summary of which is provided below. Finally, remember that there is also a time limit on the exam, and try not to spend more than the allocated time on each question as this will compromise your ability to understand clearly the later questions.

Wishing you the best of luck.

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COMMON MCQ TERMINOLOGY

<i>Characteristic, classical, predominantly, reliably</i>	At least 90% of cases
<i>Typically, frequently, commonly, usually</i>	At least 60% of cases
<i>Often, tends to</i>	At least 30% of cases
<i>Has been shown, associated, recognised</i>	Evidence in recognised publication
<i>Immediate</i>	Within 3 hours
<i>Urgent</i>	Within 24 hours

RUNNING THE QBASE PROGRAM ON CD-ROM

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

An IBM compatible PC with a minimum 80386 processor and 4MB of RAM VGA Monitor set up to display at least 256 colours.

CD-ROM drive

Windows 3.1 or higher with Microsoft compatible mouse

The display setting of your computer must be set to display "SMALL FONTS".

See Windows manuals for further instructions on how to do this.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The program will install the appropriate files onto you hard drive. It requires the QBase CD-ROM to be installed in the D:\drive.

In order to run QBase the CD-ROM must be in the drive.

Print Readme.txt and Helpfile.txt on the CD-ROM for fuller instructions and user manual

Windows 95/98

1. Insert the QBase CD-ROM into drive D:
2. From the **Start Menu**, select the **RUN option**
3. Type **D:\setup.exe** and press enter or return
4. **Follow the Full Installation** option and accept the default directory for installation of QBase.

The installation program creates a folder called **QBase** containing the program icon and another called **Exams** into which you can save previous exam attempts.

5. To run QBase double click the **QBase** icon in the QBase folder. From windows Explorer double click the **QBase.exe** file in the QBase folder.

Windows 3.1/Windows for Workgroups 3.11

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5. To run QBase double click on the **QBase** icon in the QBase program. From File Manager double click the **QBase.exe** file in the QBase directory.