INTRODUCTION:

1. RANZCP requires a minimum 60 months of full time training
2. It is divided into two parts: 36 months of basic training and 24 months of advanced training
3. Various experiences must be completed and there are many forms to attend
4. Three (3) examination components mark training:
   - Two cases: an acute case and one other case
   - The written examination
   - The clinical examination

A) The Cases
   - Marked in four groups annually
   - Two cases histories of people managed under supervision
     - a person whom you have personally managed, presenting for the first time to the mental health service
     - a person(s) in whom the predominant mode of intervention has been psychological
     - 8000 – 10,000 words
   - Submission date can be found at www.ranzcp.org

B) The Written Examination
   - Two (2) three (3) hour papers held twice annually in all major locations across Australia and New Zealand
   - Usually on a Wednesday and Friday
   - Each minute worth one mark (360 marks)
   - A range of skills required
   - Knowledge of the theoretical and scientific underpinnings of psychiatry
   - Critical appraisal
   - Six (6) parts:
     - Extended Matching Questions (EMQs)
     - Key Feature Cases (KFCs)
     - Short Answer Questions (SAQs)
     - Critical Essay Question (CEQ)
     - Critical Analysis Problems (CAPs)
     - Modified Essay Questions (MEQs)
   - May be attempted at any point in basic training
   - Suggested from 18 months onwards (use a strategy so that your training will not be delayed)
   - Pass rate in February and July 2005 (just below 60%)
   - Examination dates can be found at www.ranzcp.org

C) The Clinical Examination
   - Held twice annually at one site in Australia or New Zealand
• The examination assesses your clinical skills across a range of psychiatric disorders
• Includes components where integration of general medical skills and knowledge are central to the case
• There are two (2) parts:
  - Observed Clinical Interview (OCI)
  - Observed Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
• Clinical Examination – Eligibility
  - Completed a minimum of 30 months FTE of accredited basic training
  - Completed all the mandatory basic training experiences
  - Passed the required case histories
  - Passed the written examination

The Clinical Examination
• Marks the transition from Basic to Advanced Training
• However if you pass the Written Examination and have completed all requirements of Basic Training (including the cases) you can begin Generalist Advanced Training.

Two years of new examinations
• Overall trend is a falling pass rate – this may not be statistically significant!
• Greater transparency and global assessment of skills
• Discrepancy between local trainees and international medical graduates

You can start gently preparing yourself for the examination
• Supervised interviews (approximate the OCI)
• Trial OSCEs (bulldog, act, get involved in what happen locally)
• Watch trial OCIs
• Do a few Critical Essay Questions with the registrars preparing for the written

In addition there are two (2) great resources

• www. anzapt. org (past exams, exam tips, links etc)
• www. ranzcp. org

REMEDICATION (for multiple failures of assessment)

Regulation 6.2 states:
• Before applying to sit the written or clinical examination or to submit a case history for the third and every second subsequent attempt thereafter, you must complete a remediation program of duration as outlined in the remediation policy, to the satisfaction of the Fellowships Board
• In the case of the clinical examinations, this will result in you being ineligible to apply for the next scheduled examination

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES
• Low pass rates when combined with trainees
• Many of these consultants are experienced clinicians
• Unlike local trainees they can work from a heuristic and thus not perform all the right moves but arrive at the right answer
• Separate examination on 30th June and 1st July 2006 (Brisbane) and 24th and 25th
November 2006 (Sydney) has produced a more promising pass rate (the Exemption
Candidate Examination)