Medical Physics Policy on Mock Oral Exams

The ABR recognizes that participation in mock oral examinations is a useful part of training for candidates for the exam. However, examining a candidate in a mock examination may cause the examiner to form an impression of a candidate that might influence that candidate’s score should the examiner have the same candidate on the actual oral exam. Because of this possibility, examiners are encouraged not to conduct mock examinations except at their own institution. (It is understood that examiners will recuse themselves from examining candidates from their own institution.)

In light of these considerations, the ABR has adopted the following policies with regard to Medical Physics:

1. Cases and questions that are used in the actual oral examination should not be used in mock examinations.

2. If a potential examiner conducts a mock examination outside of their own institution, they should turn down any invitation from the ABR to serve as an examiner for the next (following) oral exam.

3. Examiners should keep a record of the names of any candidates they have examined in any mock examination and recuse themselves from examining those candidates for three years.

Please note: This policy is subject to amendment from time to time. Candidates and diplomates are advised to check the ABR website periodically for the most current version.
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