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European Specialty Exam in Nephrology: ESENeph

After three successful diets of the European Certificate in Nephrology (ECN) exam, the UEMS Renal Section is delighted to announce an exciting new development.

Following regulatory approval from the General Medical Council in the UK, a new unified exam in conjunction with the RCPUK Specialty Certificate Exam has been established. The new **European Specialty Exam in Nephrology (ESENeph)** exam, which **will replace the ECN** will have similar curriculum, content and format to the ECN.

The **application period** for the new exam, which will be held on 26th February 2020, is between the **6th November 2019 and 4th December 2019**. We would encourage all trainees in Nephrology to test their knowledge of the specialty by taking the exam, which is largely based around practical clinical issues.

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European Certificate in Nephrology

The European Certificate in Nephrology (ECN), a European examination implemented by the collaboration of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) and the Federation of the Royal Colleges and the Renal Association (UK), with the support of the ERA-EDTA, aims for the harmonization of the European nephrology training. To be certificated as a "European nephrologist", a successful candidate has to demonstrate sufficient knowledge in a demanding multiple-choice



exam. The exam is held annually in a different European country. In 2017, the exam was held in Portugal. The exam is held in a different European country. In 2017, the exam was held in Portugal. The exam is held in a different European country. In 2017, the exam was held in Portugal.

Having said that, we can understand that last year residents or even newly-specialists are motivated to undertake the ECN exam in order to evaluate their

Former European Certificate in Nephrology (ECN): Testimonial from Portugal

The European Certificate in Nephrology (ECN) matures into the European Specialty Exam in Nephrology (ESENeph) with similar curriculum, content and format. Please see below an excerpt of a testimonial from Portugal regarding the former European Certificate in Nephrology:

The ECN examination is popular in Portugal.

- In 2017, 20 of the 77 participants were Portuguese (26%), and 19 of the 44 successful participants were from Portugal (43%);
- In 2018, 8 of the 45 candidates were Portuguese (18%), and their pass rate was 50% (representing 14% successful participants);
- In 2019, 10 Portuguese took the exam and 7 were successful.

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