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TO MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2010 –

The National Board of Medical Examiners has recently posted the Step-2 CS reporting schedule for 2010 to the USMLE website at http://www.usmle.org/Examinations/step2/step2cs_reporting.html#r2010. Listed below are abridged 2009 and 2010 reporting schedules for this exam, taken from this website.

Please note that students who sit for the exam in January 2010 would not have their scores released until March 31 at the earliest. Even though the School deadline for sitting for the Step 2 CS exam is not until January 31, 2010; **it is strongly recommended that students take this exam much earlier than that because of the delays in score reporting for the CS exam.** Many residency programs may want to see a passing score on the CS exam when ranking their applicants in January and February. And, since passage of the Step 2 CS is a graduation requirement; a failing score that is not reported until March 31 can cause problems in completion of graduation requirements in time for the start of residency in late June/early July.

Step 2 CS 2009 Reporting Schedule Released May 1, 2008		
Testing Period	Reporting Period	
<i>For examinees who test</i>	<i>Reporting start date</i>	<i>Reporting close date</i>
Jan 1 through Feb 28	Apr 1	Apr 29
Mar 1 through Mar 28	Apr 29	May 27
Mar 29 through May 23	Jun 24	Jul 22
May 24 through Jul 18	Aug 19	Sep 16
Jul 19 through Sep 12	Oct 14	Nov 11
Sep 13 through Nov 7	Dec 9	Jan 6, 2010
Nov 8 through Dec 31	Feb 3, 2010	Feb 24, 2010

2010 Schedule for Reporting Step 2 CS Results

Step 2 CS 2010 Reporting Schedule Released June 12, 2009	
Testing Period	Reporting Period

<i>For examinees who test</i>	<i>Reporting start date</i>	<i>Reporting close date</i>
Jan 1 through Feb 27	Mar 31	Apr 28
Mar 1 through Mar 27	Apr 21	May 19
Mar 28 through May 15	Jun 16	Jul 14
May 16 through July 17*	Aug 18	Sep 15
Jul 18 through Sep 11	Oct 13	Nov 10
Sep 12 through Nov 6	Dec 8	Jan 5, 2011
Nov 7 through Dec 31	Feb 2, 2011	Feb 23, 2011

*There will be no Step 2 CS examinations delivered May 16 through 22.

The first results for a given testing period will be issued on the first day of the corresponding reporting period, and it is expected that results for the vast majority of examinees who take the exam during the testing period will be reported on this date. **Over the past 3 years, results for 98%-99% of examinees who take the exam during the testing period were reported by the third reporting date.** For a small percentage of examinees (1%-2%), it is important to note that scoring and quality assurance may be not completed in time for these examinees to be reported by the first three reporting dates; these will typically be examinees who took the exam in the latter part of the testing period. Results for these examinees will be reported each week throughout the reporting period, and should be reported no later than the last day of the score reporting period.

This schedule allows USMLE staff to enhance the quality assurance and data collection/scoring procedures performed prior to score reporting. Additionally, it provides examinees, as well as others who rely on Step 2 CS results, with guidelines regarding when a result will be reported for a given exam date. These guidelines allow examinees to plan their exam registration and scheduling in order to have their results in time to meet specific deadlines, such as those related to graduation or participation in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), or "the Match."