The European Examination in General Cardiology (EEGC)
What it is

✓ The European Examination in General Cardiology is a knowledge based assessment for use as part of a formal training programme.

✓ It has been developed as a collaboration between the European Society of Cardiology, UEMS_Cardiac Section and the national societies.
What it is designed to do

The aim of the examination is to assess a trainee’s understanding of the necessary knowledge components of the cardiology curriculum to a level appropriate for a newly appointed specialist.

- The EEGC is no more than an assessment of the core cardiology knowledge expected of a newly qualified specialist in cardiology.

- The EEGC is only one component of the assessment strategy for trainee specialists in cardiology.

- The EEGC is not an exit exam and not an assessment of overall competence.

- The EEGC is intended to be taken around the end of the third year of training.

- The pass-rate is usually between 85-95% of candidates. Those who fail can re-sit the following year.
What it looks like

**MCQ**
- 120 multiple choice questions
- Possibly including reference to an image or video loop
- Choose best of five options

**Time**
- 3 hours
- A 15 minute explanation of the software before the exam
- The screen has a timer to how much time has elapsed
Range of questions

- Valvular and myocardial Disease: 20%
- Ischemic Heart Disease: 20%
- Rhythm Disorders: 14%
- Adult congenital Heart Disease: 6%
- Non-invasive Investigation: 20%
- Other: 20%
How to prepare

- There is no limited or exclusive list of appropriate sources of information

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- **DO NOT FORGET to check the preparation available in April in CAMPUS SEC**