How final assessment tutorials can help the pre-reg

Revision Tutorials by Hirji Associates, and endorsed by the Association of Optometrists, are designed specifically to prepare pre-registration students for the College of Optometrist's Final Assessment. They are intended for the candidate who wants to revise through interaction and involvement with an experienced educator and fellow students.

Professor Nizar Hirji is a senior examiner and assessor for the College of Optometrists, and has been developing and delivering effective education for pre-registration students in a variety of settings over the past 30 years.

He currently organises revision tutorials for pre-registration students from community practices. Revision Tutorials are scheduled to be held later this year on June 4-6 and August 11-13, at the Education Resource Centre, Birmingham Women's Hospital, Metchley Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TG. These tutorials are not didactic (ie lecture format). They involve intensive revision using a "grand rounds" interactive approach with Professor Hirji, and cover the curriculum for the following four final assessment subjects:
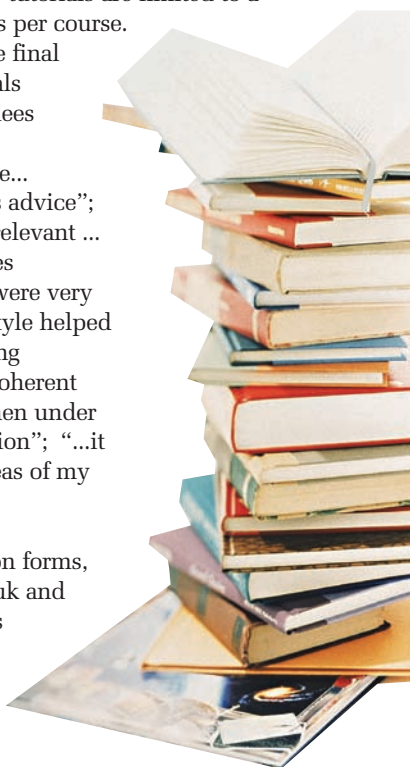
● Ocular Disease and Abnormalities
● Routine Exam
● Contact Lens Fitting & Contact Lens Aftercare
● Clinical Decision Making (Case scenarios, CDMs)

The Grand Rounds approach throughout the three days means that the students are well-prepared to apply the SOAP-F structured technique to analyse and make correct decisions when it comes to the CDMs which has proved to be a challenging exam. Video and animated case illustrations ensure that complex issues are well understood. To ensure that students get the most out of these sessions, these tutorials are limited to a maximum of 12 candidates per course.

Some feedback about the final assessment revision tutorials from some previous attendees includes:

"...It's an excellent course... very relevant and priceless advice"; ".... the case studies were relevant ... they were fun and the notes associated with the cases were very helpful"; "...the teaching style helped in organising and presenting thoughts in a logical and coherent manner - very valuable when under pressure in an exam situation"; "...it helped demistify many areas of my optometric knowledge"

For details of fees, more information and application forms, please go to www.hirji.co.uk and click on Revision Tutorials and then final assessment revision 2008.