The LAC orientation video refers to pan-optic ophthamoscopes, what if I don’t know how to use a pan-optic?

- All rooms have standard ophthamoscopes.

What is the plan for timing and overhead pages during the exam?

- There is an overhead page authorizing you to look at the doorway information and enter the room when ready.
- There is an overhead page announcing when you have 5 minutes remaining with the patient.
- There is an overhead page announcing when you must exit the room and complete your post-encounter task.
- Once you exit the room, you MAY NOT re-enter it.
- There is an overhead page announcing that time is up and you must move on to the next station.

What are the rules regarding the doorway information?

- There is an overhead page authorizing you to look at the doorway information and enter the room when ready.
- You may take notes from the doorway information.
- You may not remove the doorway information.
- You MAY refer back to the doorway information after exiting the room.

May I leave the room early?

- Each station is 25 minutes in total length.
- You are allotted 15 minutes in the room and 10 minutes to complete post-encounter tasks.
- You may leave the room prior to the page announcing that you must leave the room (e.g., if you leave the room after 10 minutes, you may use the remaining 15 minutes to complete the post-encounter tasks).
- You are encouraged to use all the time allotted to you for your patient encounter. The majority of points are earned by demonstrating your communication skills, history taking skills and physical exams skills. These skills are demonstrated during the patient encounter.

May I use the restroom during the exam?

- You may use the restroom during the exam. Always notify the hallway monitor if you need to leave your station to use restroom facilities.

What do I do if there is a technical problem?

- This exam is designed to run smoothly. If a problem arises, such as a computer malfunction, don’t panic. Immediately inform the hall monitor of the situation. Any technical problem will be factored into your score and will not adversely affect your final grade.

Should I re-take vitals that are given to me in the doorway information?

- Use your professional judgment. If you believe the situation calls for re-taking vitals, then you should do so.

Certain patient exams are prohibited. What should I do if I think the situation calls for one of the banned exams?

- Tell the patient you would like to perform the banned exam. For example, say: “I would like to perform a breast exam”. The patient will give you a card with exam results. DO NOT SAY “I would like the breast exam card”.

May I bring any study materials or other resources to the testing center?

- No. All resource materials are prohibited in the testing center including notes and study guides, photographic equipment, communication or recording devices, pagers, cellular phones, and handheld devices.

May I schedule another commitment on the day of the exam?

- No. The timing of test administration is subject to variation due to unforeseen technical issues or other circumstances. Therefore, do not schedule other commitments on the day of the exam.

I have a medical condition. May I bring my medication with me to the testing center?

- We will work with you to accommodate your medical needs. Any special needs must be communicated to your community administrator or to John Radford (radford@msu.edu) at OMERAD in advance.