



Exam Expertise

MRCPCH AKP

Opinion, advice and insight from the September 2018 Exam

The MRCPCH AKP examination (2018/3) took place on 13 September 2018 with the results released on 18 October 2018.

Nearly 73% of Pastest subscribers reported that they had passed the exam, which is **16% higher than the Royal College pass rate** from the 2018/2 exam.

They also agreed that the hardest topics faced were **Statistics, Endocrinology and Metabolic** (which one customer said “**appeared disproportionately compared to real life**”).

Average Qs answered by successful candidates

1,459

Practise interpreting images

Examiners have reportedly said that image-based questions are often answered poorly in the exam, so make the most of your revision time by studying skin conditions, X-Rays, ECGs and brain imaging.

Our subscribers also told us that the quality of the images in the exam were poor, so the more prepared you are the better!

Most frequently searched for terms in MyPastest

- Tuberculosis 
- Meningitis 
- Aspirin 

Beware the “Red Herring”!

A handful of “Best of Fives” in the exam presented a wealth of needless information in the vignette as the question itself often asked for something that could have been answered in isolation OR just by reading a table.

Get to grips with guidelines

One of our re-takers was keen to pass on some advice for future candidates on how to crack the exam first time around: “**Having failed once, I altered how I revised for the September 2018 exam by poring over important guidelines on UTI, diabetes and epilepsy - and it paid off!**”

There will be blood (tests)

Plenty of tables appeared in the exam, with more than 50% including investigations and around half of those being blood results (though rarely a full panel of bloods).

Average mark of Pastest users who answered 1,000+ Qs



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