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## Terms of Reference

The **European Board of Internal Medicine** is a collaboration between the Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes ([UEMS](#)), section of Internal Medicine and the European Federation of Internal Medicine ([EFIM](#))

### **What we do**

EBIM is committed to advancing postgraduate education in internal medicine in Europe through guidance on the standardisation of training and practice of internal medicine within Europe for the benefit of patient care.

**European boards  
are officially  
recognized  
bodies of the  
UEMS**

# Implementation of the Curriculum

## Survey:

- current status

- identification of barriers/gaps

European Certification in Internal Medicine

In-training self-assessment in Internal Medicine

Accreditation of Training Centers

Educational On-line Platform of IM

European Exam

Faculty training programs on demand

## **EBIM survey** **interim results**

- 209 responses
- 72% completion rate
- Average 29 minutes to complete
- 50.5% male 49.5% female
- 65% completed Internal Medicine training (34% in training)

# European Certification in Internal Medicine

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## On-line self-assessment

### Document equivalence of training

- Formal recognition at European level, if corroborated by training program director and National Authority
- Diploma

### →EBIM:

Identify gaps in training compared to ETR

Identify common themes and provide educational material



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**Self-evaluation form for the Accreditation of Training Centres in Internal Medicine in Europe**

<b>1.1 Name of Training Centre:</b>		
University affiliation:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Name of University:		
City:		
Country:		

<b>1.2 Total number of beds for the entire hospital:</b>	
Total number for all inpatient medical specialties:	

<b>2.1 Related Hospitals or Institutions involved in the training program</b>			
Name of Hospital/Institute:	City:	Number of inpatient beds:	Level:
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Level*: University (U), Teaching non-university (T) or District (D) hospital			

## Accreditation of Training Centers

- Recognition by the National Authority
- On-line self-evaluation
- Co-signed by Program Director and formal representative(s) of Trainees



Reflections in Internal Medicine

European Board guidance for training centres in Internal Medicine

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# European examination in internal medicine

- A European Diploma examination in internal medicine was launched in 2006 and was discontinued in 2008 due to poor attendance
- The examination was neither compulsory nor recognized by their national authorities
- A survey carried out by the Young Internists Subcommittee of EFIM revealed that trainees did not feel the need to sit for the examination
- Nearly all of those who responded said that they would apply to take the exam if it was endorsed by their national society

→ Relaunching the European Diploma examination in internal medicine is currently considered.

- Fruitful consultation of RCP:
  - Exam blueprint
  - costs

# European Internal Medicine Exam



Early Next Year?



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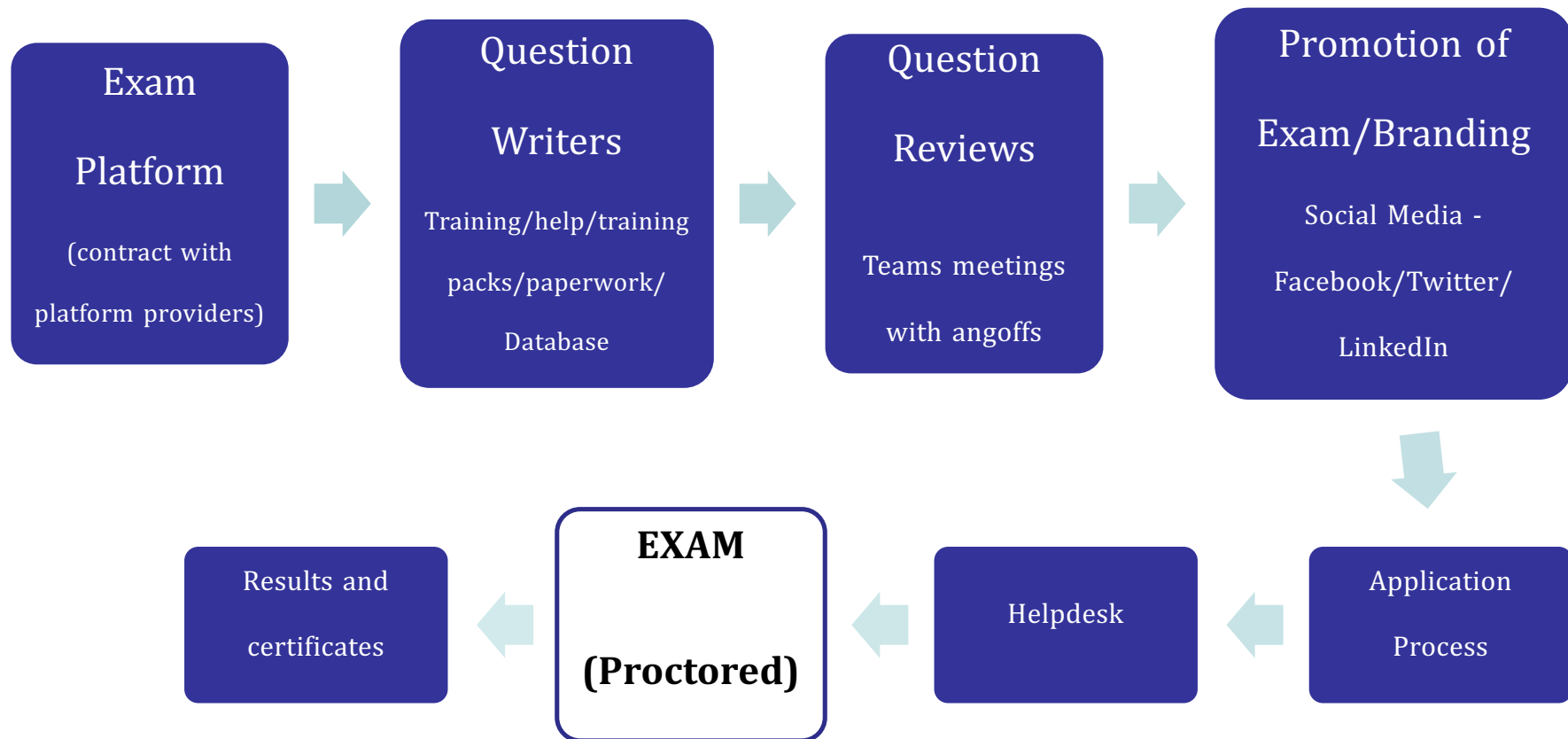


- LOW helped the European Board of Paediatrics (EBP) to launch the European Board of Paediatrics Examination, the first ever pan-European exam in paediatrics. LOW's role:
  - Creating awareness of the exam through a new brand identity and leading social media communications.
  - Setting up and supervising the whole exam process, from the platform to the production of certificates.
- First event took place on 16th October 2020
  - Planned for 40 candidates and received 120 successful applications.
  - Both CESMA and UEMS endorsed the exam
  - 'We believe it will provide a valuable tool for assessing paediatric knowledge for trainees' CESMA
- Second exam to be held on 4th May 2021.

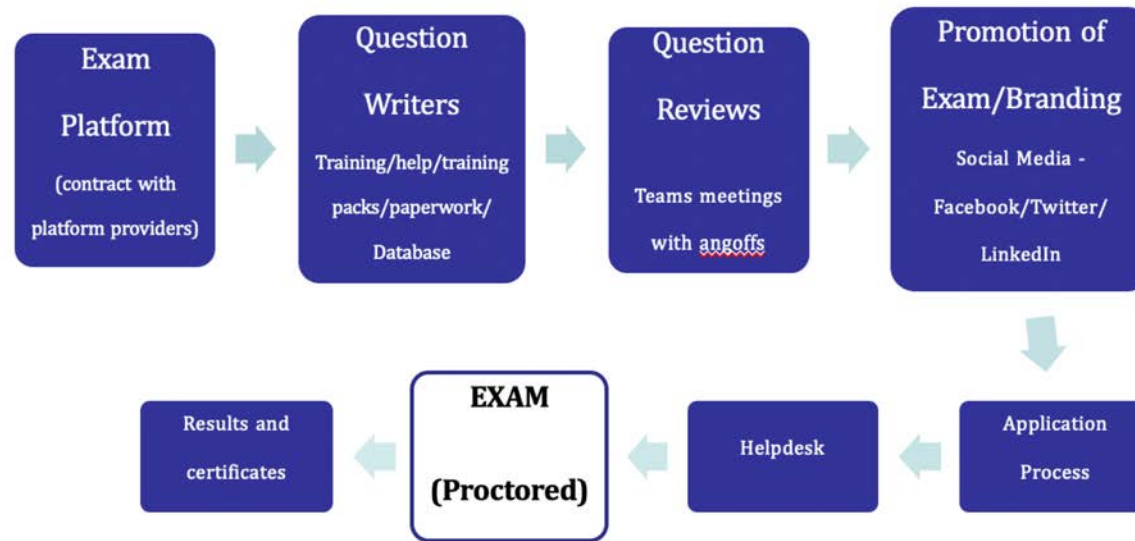
## European Board of Paediatrics Examination



# Exam Procedure



## Exam Procedure



→ Recruitment of Question Writers

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## EBIM Educational and Learning Center

**E-platform** of Professional Competence development for Internal Medicine

**Point of care information** that easily integrates in clinical practice

- comprehensive summaries based on systematic assembly of evidence (links)
- 'filtered' high quality evidence i.e. evidence-based synopsis based on systematic reviews and clinical practice guidelines
- decision support tools
- translate data into set of actions that follow the natural thought flow of physicians from diagnosis to treatment

**Education 'on demand'**; use of just-in-time, (solving doubt about clinical management of a patient that a physician can apply in real time)

- clinical vignettes to understand the clinical applicability of evidence
  - FOAM Free Open Access Meducation (EMCrit), comprising of blog and series of podcasts
  - kidney podcast
  - WikiEM

## Educational Strategy

act as a guide

Self-directed learning;  
>80% physicians go to internet to locate medical info

Questions arising from interacting with patients  
contextualise learning  
and triggers self-directed learning

Competency refers to the ability to effectively find and translate high-quality knowledge into practice

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### On-line Community of Practice

- diagnostic challenges/reasoning
- gamification

- webinars/podcasts
- links to open sources educational material

## Public Academy

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