

Pediatric Residency Program Monthly Newsletter



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What is a STACER?

A STACER is a Structured Assessment of a Clinical Encounter Report. This involves direct observation of a full history, physical and presentation with a prioritized problem list.

Senior residents must pass an **official** STACER before they are approved to challenge the Royal College Certification examinations. All residents complete at least 2 **practice** STACERs each academic year as a requirement for promotion.

What should I keep in mind when doing a practice STACER?

Your job is to help the resident prepare for success in the official STACER and in their future independent practice. Remember to:

- Choose a patient with at least 2 active problems that would require the care of a general pediatrician.
- Carefully follow the “**structured**” evaluation checklists and form. This makes the practice authentic and avoids surprises in the official STACER
- Directly observe the entire process. Ensure the resident has 5 minutes to organize their thoughts and then presents the case back to you.
- Assess them at the level expected for a general pediatrician. This is the standard for the official STACER. This means that more junior are unlikely to be assessed as “satisfactory” since they are still learning. Your thoughtful feedback will help them progress.

BECOME AN OFFICIAL STACER EXAMINER!

We are always looking for new examiners. Two examiners are required for each official STACER. One examiner is asked to bring an appropriate patient. The process requires about 3 hours of your time and is recognized in the RSM.

To volunteer for this important role, contact Alicia MacDonald or Beth Cummings

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