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MRCS Online Information Session and Brand-New Global Developments

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Agenda



- 1.Introduction
- 2.Overview of RCSI and our support structures
- 3.Overview of MRCS
- 4.Frequently asked question
- 5.Benefits of sitting the MRCS with RCSI



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Levels of Knowledge

Level 1: Knows of

Level 2: Knows basic concepts

Level 3: Knows generally

Level 4: Knows specifically and generally



MRCS Part A – Paper 1

Levels 1 and 2

- Basic knowledge & understanding not much beyond bookwork & general reading
- Elementary linkage of cause & effects between basic sciences and clinical

Levels 3

- Deeper knowledge & understanding, links and cause & effect demonstrated
- Basic ability to define conditions and outline principles of management and the process of diseases.





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MRCS Part B – OSCE

Levels 4

- In depth knowledge & understanding that can be applied to clinical situations
- Ability to synthesize information, to draw appropriate conclusions, to explain complex conditions & processes, to make diagnoses & to discuss conclusions and management in detail.
- Grasp of subject matter sufficient to enable justification of conclusions & suggest alternative approaches or explanations.





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MRCS Part A

Sit the MRCS Part A anywhere
In the world via Pearson VUE



Ran 3 times a year (Jan, April, Sep)

Candidates from around the world in Saudi Arabia,
Australia, Singapore, Bahrain, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh,
New Zealand, Thailand, UAE, Qatar, Ireland and More

MRCS Part A Structure

Paper 1 – Applied Basic Sciences

(3 hours; 180 Single Best Answer Questions)

Paper 2 – Principles of Surgery-in-General

(2 hours; 120 Single Best Answer Questions)

- Marked as one

MRCS Examination Syllabus

The syllabus sets out:

the level of knowledge of
skills required

the knowledge which is not
required

the framework for
preparation and revision

communication skills which
will be discussed
separately.

MRCS Examination Structure

Part A

Basic Sciences List

Anatomy

Physiology

- general: homeostasis, thermoregulation
- system specific: respiratory, cardiovascular

Pathology

- general: inflammation, wound healing, surgical immunology
- system specific: nervous system, musculoskeletal system

MRCS Examination Structure

Part A

Clinical Lists: Principles of Surgery-in-General

- Perioperative care
- Post-operative management & critical care
- Surgical technique & technology
- Clinical microbiology
- Emergency Medicine & Trauma Management
- Principles of surgical oncology



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MRCS Part A MCQ Papers

- January, April, September
- Identical between Colleges
- Simultaneous worldwide
- 6 attempts

MRCS Part B

We are expanding globally to deliver MRCS Part B Examinations Worldwide

Current MRCS Part B Exams centres include Dublin (3 times a year), Malaysia (3 times a year), Bahrain (2 times a year), Egypt (2 times a year)

MRCS Part B Candidates have come from Ireland, UK, Malaysia, Singapore, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Qatar, Bahrain, UAE, Jordan, Saudi Arabia. Oman, Sudan, Nigeria, Morocco, Australia, New Zealand, US, and More

We are currently looking at expanding in India, Saudi Arabia and setting up more centres in Malaysia



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MRCS Part B – OSCE

Syllabus

- Based on basic surgical sciences and clinical skills which apply to all surgeons independent of their final specialisation
- Mapped to the ISCP





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MRCS Part B – OSCE

4 Broad Content Areas being examined

- Anatomy and surgical pathology
- Applied surgical sciences and critical care
- Clinical and procedural skills
 - Physical examination
 - Procedural skills
- Communication skills
 - Giving and receiving information
 - History Taking





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MRCS Part B – OSCE

Anatomy and Surgical Pathology

Five stations:

- Anatomy (3)
- Surgical pathology (2)





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Applied Surgical Science and Critical Care

Three stations:

- One exploring a common clinical acute care scenario
- One exploring interpretation and use of investigational data
- One exploring interpretation and use of imaging data





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Clinical and Procedural Skills

- Physical Examination

- Three physical examination stations
- Usually all three have sim patients





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Clinical and Procedural Skills

- Procedural skills

Two stations:

- One testing a common surgical skill
- One testing an aspect of patient safety
- Both stations germane to the whole of surgery





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Communication skills - Giving and receiving information

Four stations:

- Communicating with a patient or carer
 - Surgeon with Lay Examiner
- Communicating with a colleague





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MRCS Part B – OSCE

Communication Skills

- History taking

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1 July 2026 Closing 1 July 2026
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Cairo, Egypt
MRCS Part B OSCE - September 2026

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Closing 24 July 2026

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RCSI Dublin
MRCS Part B OSCE - October 2026

Applications now open - limited places left



Closing 28 August 2026

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Bahrain - November 2026
MRCS Part B OSCE

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Mr Padraig Kelly

Director of Operations and Planning,
RCSI Surgery and Medicine

Welcome to the RCSI Family



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Frequently asked question about MRCS



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Frequently Asked Questions



Is there are Particular College who marks easier than the rest?

Firstly to answer your query, MRCS is centrally standardised and is run jointly by:

- RCSI (Ireland)
- RCS England
- RCS Edinburgh
- RCPS Glasgow

All candidates sit the same exam with the same marking scheme and standard setting, regardless of which college you register with. This means:

- Same questions (Part A)
- Same OSCE stations and marking domains (Part B)
- Same pass mark setting process (e.g., Angoff method)

So there is no systematic advantage or disadvantage tied to sitting the exam with RCSI or any other college.

Frequently Asked Questions



Does it matter which college I choose?

The underlying concern: Will one give me an advantage in jobs, training, or prestige?

MRCS is intercollegiate, the qualification is the same regardless of college and is equally recognised globally.

Typical question we get are:

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| • Will UK employers prefer one college over another? | Answer: No |
| • Is RCSI less recognised than England or the Scottish College? | Answer: No |
| • Does it affect ST3 or Higher Specialty training applications in Ireland or the UK? | Answer: No |
| • Does the General Medical Council or Irish Medical Council have a preference? | Answer: No |

Frequently Asked Questions



Can I sit Part A in the USA or Australia with RCSI:

The MRCS is offered by RCSI three times a year through 3,000 Pearson Vue centres in over 180 countries with multiple centres in most countries including Australia and the USA. The next exam is on the 9th of September and applications close on the 1st of July.

Are you planning to run MRCS Part B in India or Saudi Arabia

RCSI will launch two new Part B centres in India in 2027 with our first exams being there in 2027. We will also run our first Basic Surgical Skills courses there in Chennai in October of this year and this is a preparation course for the MRCS.

We are exploring the options to open an examination centre in Saudi Arabia and specifically Jeddah, initially we will run the Basic Surgical Skills courses there with the first of these taking place in November of this year. Alternatively we do run two exams a year in neighbouring Bahrain and applications are currently open for the November diet there.

Frequently Asked Questions



How could English fluency and Irish accent understanding affect the exam results and examiners judgement.

This is a great question, RCSI understand candidates concerns on this and the Majority of our examiners are RCSI fellows who live and work in the region we run the exams. We also only use local actors. We do use Irish Lay examiner's but they don't speak with the candidates during the examination so RCSI are probably better positioned to assess candidates globally.

English is not my first language, how do I prepare for the communications skills stations.

This too is a great question, RCSI understand candidates concerns around the communication skills and history taking stations and have a suite of supports in place for anyone who signs up to the MRCS with us. We have a series of short videos that goes through the theoretical elements and the practical application in an OSCE setting. We also have a new self-directed AI tool that lets you practice your communication skills for all the OSCE stations.

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the recommended study guide for MRCS Part A & Part B

Basic science textbooks

Anatomy

- Agur AMR, Dailey AF. Grant's Atlas of Anatomy, 12e. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins,
- Netter FH. Atlas of Human Anatomy, 5th edn. Saunders,
- Sinnatamby CS. Last's Anatomy: Regional and Applied, 12th edn. Churchill Livingstone,

Physiology

- Barrett KE, Barman SM, Boitano S, Brooks HL. Ganong's Review of Medical Physiology, 23rd edn. McGraw-Hill, 2009.

Pathology

- Kumar V, Abbas AK, Fausto N, Mitchell R. Robbins Basic Pathology, 8th edn. Saunders, 2007.

Clinical textbooks

Garden OJ, Bradbury AW, Forsythe JLR, Parks RW. Principles and Practice of Surgery, 5th edn. Elsevier, 2007.

O'Connell PR, McCaskie AW, Sayers RD. Bailey and Love's Short Practice of Surgery, 28th edn. Hodder Arnold, 2008

Courses and websites

ATLS course ,CCrISP course Intercollegiate basic surgical skills course BSS

The level of knowledge required to pass the MRCS examination can be obtained by studying the recommended texts listed above. Trainees should have mastery of the subjects outlined in the syllabus to the depth covered within these texts and should be able to make use of that knowledge in the context of surgical practice.

Why should I sit the MRCS

The MRCS is probably the largest and most recognised postgraduate surgical exams globally, with over ~6,000 candidates per year across both Part A and Part B combined

Passing the exam showcases a level of knowledge, experience and competence needed to progress in your surgical career.

- Globally recognised surgical quality mark and demonstrates you've met a standardised benchmark of surgical knowledge, skills, and professionalism.
- Recognised by GMC and IMC for registration
- Gives you access to training pathways UK (via PLAB/MTI routes or direct NHS jobs) similar in Ireland / Middle East / Singapore
- Required for UK & Ireland Core → Higher Surgical Training progression (ST3+)
- Recognised in many countries as a marker of training quality
- Makes you more competitive for fellowships or observerships abroad
- Global networks and international mobility



“Achieving the MRCSI as a young surgeon really elevated my career, demonstrating a commitment to scholarly activity, surgical credibility and a pursuit of excellence.”

DR NICOLAS J. MOUAWAD

Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery; Vice-Chair
Department of Surgery and Chair, Cardiovascular Research
Council at McLaren Bay Region, Bay City, Michigan



Frequently Asked Questions



Why Should I sit MRCS with RCSI?

Part A

Candidates choose RCSI for MRCS Part A because it offers global access with it available in over 3000 centres across 180+ countries, a supportive candidate experience, free access to a suite of preparation resources for 12 months and a strong international reputation—while still delivering the same intercollegiate exam standard.

Part B

RCSI brings a strong academic and training heritage. Unlike the other Colleges we are not alone a membership organisation, we are a large Medical and Health Science University and in addition we are also the professional body for Surgeons in Ireland, and also manage the national Surgical Training programme in Ireland. Our Emphasis is on supporting and developing the next generation of Surgeons Globally which we do through our university campuses in Ireland, Bahrain and Malaysia in addition to our examination and surgical education centres in Egypt, Bahrain, UAE, Malaysia.

The Exams are run and examined by an intercollegiate group so technically they are all the same. What makes RCSI different is the level of support we give candidates and the global network of Fellows, Members and Alumni that RCSI has which stretches across + 15,000 Fellow and Members globally and over 28,000 Alumni

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Because we offer the largest free exam support resource suite of any college!

RCSI believes that we a global responsibility to enhance human health through education, research, and collaboration. Our core Mission is to Educate and Nature the next generation of aspiring surgeons and ensure that they can achieve their full potential

When you site the MRCS with RCSI you get a range of free resources

RCSI MRCS EXAM SUPPORT RESOURCES (FREE)	
1 Year Free Affiliate Membership of RCSI	Free access to https://teachmesurgery.com/
Free access to RCSI Surgical Anatomy suite of resources such as surface anatomy and dissection guides	Free access to https://teachmeanatomy.info/
Free access to 10 exam specific surgical journals through our partner Elsevier	Free access to a series of online short MRCS preparation courses
Free access to RCSI SurgiQuiz: Surgical MCQ Quiz	Free access RCSI Monthly online Grand Rounds
Free access to over 20 Surgical Skills and Science videos and support guides	Free access RCSI Monthly Journal Club
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"From pre-exam webinars to MRCS-specific preparatory courses, I would not hesitate to recommend RCSI as the go-to establishment to prepare for and sit the MRCS examinations."

DR AMANDA O'HALLORAN

RCSI Member



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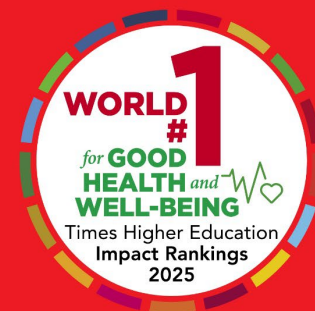
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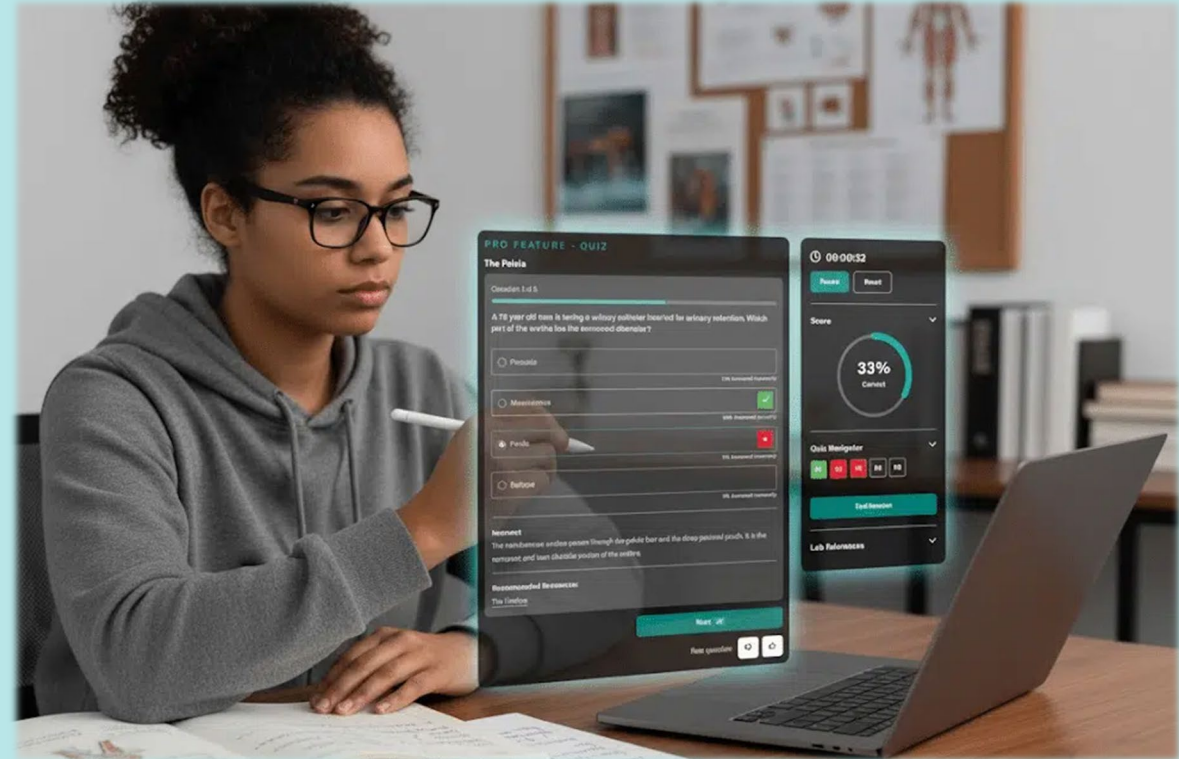


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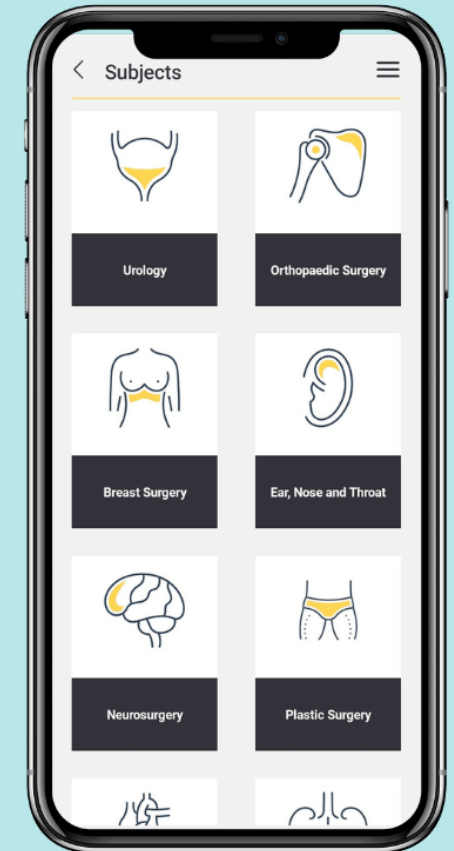
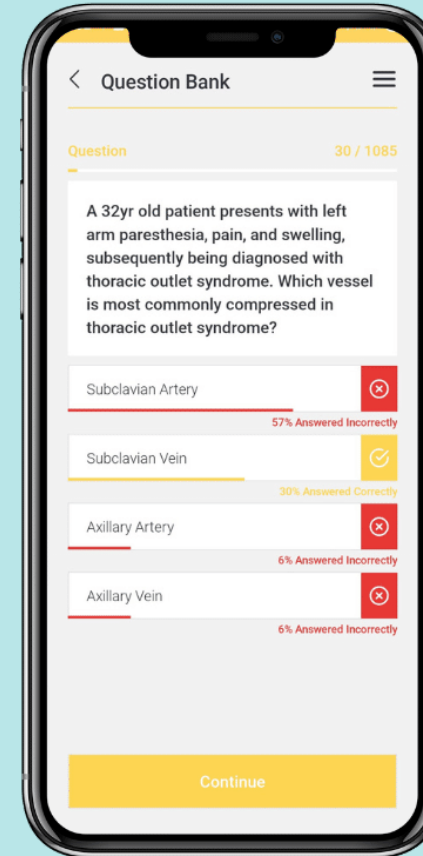
TeachMeAnatomy: Master Anatomy for Part A

- **Comprehensive Articles** - Detailed anatomy content covering the breadth of the MRCS syllabus.
- **Question Bank** - Thousands of anatomy MCQs with detailed explanations to reinforce learning.
- **3D Models & Dissections** - Interactive visual resources to improve anatomical understanding and spatial awareness.
- **Flashcards** - Consolidate key concepts using active recall and spaced repetition
- **Performance Analytics** - Track progress and identify areas requiring further revision.



TeachMeSurgery: Practise and Prepare for Part A

- **MRCS Question Bank** - Extensive collection of exam-style questions with detailed answer explanations.
- **Full-Length Mock Papers** - Two complete mock examinations designed to replicate the style and composition of MRCS Part A.
- **High-Yield Articles** - Core surgical topics aligned with the MRCS curriculum.
- **Personalised Quizzes** - Generate tailored question sets to support focused revision.
- **Surgical Podcasts** - Reinforce learning during commutes, exercise, or downtime.



Where can I sit MRCS Part A



Worldwide

Candidates from around the world in Saudi Arabia, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Bahrain, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Thailand, UAE, Qatar, Jordan, Ireland and more



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countries**

Where can I sit

MRCS Part B



Candidates can sit the MRCS Part B WITH RCSI around the world in our Global Part B Centres

- Ireland - Dublin
- Malaysia - Penang, Sabah and **Kuala Lumpur (January 2027)** 
- Bahrain
- Egypt - Cairo

NEW IN 2027

- We are will launch 2 new centres in India 
- We are setting up new MRCS Preparation education centres in
 - Saudi Arabia – Jeddah
 - Egypt - Alexandria
 - India – Chennai 



Competitive RCSI Membership



Core benefits



Post-nominals

Fellows and Members in Good Standing can proudly use their internationally-recognised RCSI and MRCSI post-nominals.



Bespoke Members Portal

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PCS discount (Ireland)

Membership will give you access to an annual PCS discount of €130, when paid in conjunction with the Ireland subscription rate.

Journals and publications



Academic publications and LibGuides

Gain access to a library of academic journals, educational resources and exam support materials for all career levels.



Surgical journals

Membership gives you access to a number of journals published by Elsevier, including our bimonthly surgical journal, The Surgeon.



Surgeons Scope magazine

Surgeons Scope is our biannual magazine exclusively for RCSI Fellows and Members, and covers a wide range of relevant surgical features.

Become involved



RCSI Council and committees

RCSI Council, the governing body, is composed of 21 surgeons who are Fellows of the College and are elected by Fellows and Members.



Court of Examiners

The Court of Examiners contributes to the delivery of surgical training exams. We encourage Fellows to become examiners for the MRCSI Parts A and B.



Mentoring and teaching

As an RCSI Fellow or Member you can make a significant contribution to teaching, mentoring and to our publications for future surgeons.

Additional benefits



Course discounts

RCSI Fellows and Members are entitled to many discounts, including a 20% discount on all Cambridge University Press medicine titles.



RCSI travel and discounted parking

Avail of discounted parking in Dublin city centre or a dedicated travel management service through RCSI Travel for further afield.



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RCSI educates and supports a professional network of over 11,000 surgical Fellows and Members, practising in 89 countries, empowering them to deliver excellent surgical practice across the world.

Fellows and Members Portal

Log in to the RCSI Fellows and Members Portal. If you are experiencing issues, please contact RCSIPortal@rcsi.ie.

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New Centres under development in India, Saudi Arabia and UAE





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MRCS Part B OSCE - 13/14 January 2027

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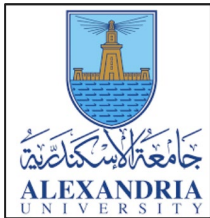
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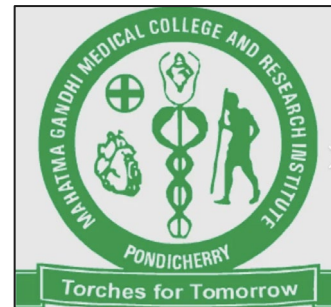
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