Use of iPads for Objective Structured Practical Examination (OSPE) assessments

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Outcomes & Conclusions

• Examiner marks were reviewed showing greater consistency between examiners.
• Overall student performance on questions can now be evaluated to assess whether particular aspects are more challenging or particular questions more difficult.
• Numerical and text based feedback returned within 2 days of the final assessment in comparison with 2 weeks the year before.
• Speed of feedback and detail of comments was reported to be useful for preparation for research projects and other practical classes.
• Further developments of the app are planned to ease navigation, automatically time the station and also include common feedback statements which will enhance the quality of examiners comments.

Figure 1: The App: Examples of different styles of questions and final page where global score can be evaluated and free text comments included.