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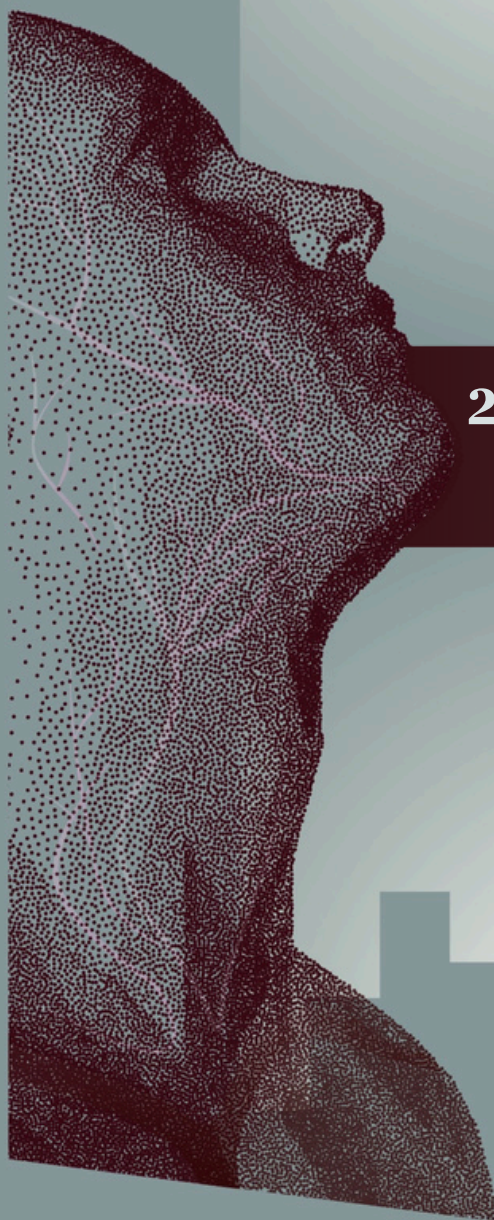
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**29th Olympiad of Medical
Knowledge Guide**



**11-13
April 2025**

Thessaloniki Concert Hall

Dear fellow colleagues,

We are extremely happy to welcome you to the **29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge**, a competition that will take place during the 31st Scientific Congress of Hellenic Medical Students (SCHMS) & 19th International Forum for Medical Students and Junior Doctors on April 11-13 2025, at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall.

The Olympiad is a medical knowledge competition consisting of multiple-choice questions of varying difficulty and complexity, with topics covering the entire spectrum of medicine, ranging from basic medical sciences to complex clinical cases. With the invaluable contribution of the faculty members of the Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the questions have been tailored to the level and abilities of undergraduate students, with the aim of promoting critical thinking and collaboration among students.

The main purpose of the Olympiad is to reward students for their efforts to expand their knowledge, sharpen their critical thinking skills, and encourage collaboration among students from various medical schools, enhancing the spirit of fair and healthy competition. As in previous years, great prizes will be awarded to the winners.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all the faculty members of the Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as well as to the scientific associates of the University Hospitals of Thessaloniki for their significant contribution to the creation of the questions, the organization of the Olympiad and ensuring a high quality competition.

In this guide, you will find all the necessary information to help you prepare for the 29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge. It is important to carefully read the participation terms and conditions.

For any additional information or clarification, we are at your disposal! We wish you good luck and we are expecting you at the 31st SCHMS & 19th International Forum in the beautiful city of Thessaloniki.

The President of the 31st SCHMS,
Dimosthenis Prodromos Tseligkas

The Head of Medical Olympiad Team,
Maria Chatzidimitriou

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE OLYMPIAD

What is the Olympiad?

It is a medical knowledge competition with multiple-choice questions covering the entire spectrum of medical sciences.

What is the format of the competition?

The Olympiad consists of two separate sections: the preclinical and the clinical section.

Preclinical Section

It includes theoretical **multiple-choice questions** covering the **basic biomedical sciences** (Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Biology, Pathophysiology, Histology, Embryology, Pharmacology, Pathology, Microbiology, Radiology, Statistics).

This examination will take place at the Thessaloniki Medical Association and will consist of **120** multiple-choice **questions** with 4 to 5 possible answers and **only one correct answer**.

All undergraduate medical students from any university in Greece or abroad who have registered for the 31st SCHMS are eligible to participate. Specifically, students on their **1st to 6th year** of studies can participate, and both **individual** or **team** participation (up to 3 members) is allowed.



In the preclinical section, there will be **two winning teams**:

- The one that achieves the highest score among the participants in the **1st study cycle** (1st to 3rd year of studies).
- And the one with the highest score among the participants in the **2nd study cycle** (4th to 6th year of studies).

In the event of a tie between two teams of the same study cycle, the winning team will be the one that **submits their answers faster**.

Who is Eligible to Participate in the Preclinical section of the olympiad?

All undergraduate medical students from any university in Greece or abroad who are registered for the 31st SCHMS are eligible to participate. Students in their **1st to 6th year** of studies can take part in the preclinical section, either **individually** or in **teams** of up to 3 members. **In the case of team participation, the team members must be in the same study cycle** (1st cycle: 1st to 3rd year, 2nd cycle: 4th to 6th year). It is not necessary for team members to be studying in the same city.

The preclinical section will be conducted in both **Greek and English**.

Clinical Section

It includes **multiple-choice questions** related to various **fields of clinical medicine** (Surgery, Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Neurology, Obstetrics-Gynaecology, Pediatrics, Orthopedics, Urology, Ophthalmology, Dermatology, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, Vascular Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Anesthesiology, ENT), with emphasis on understanding diseases, diagnosing and treating them, both theoretically and through clinical-case studies.



The **clinical section** will consist of **3 phases**:

Phase 1:

The first phase will take place at the Thessaloniki Medical Association. It will be an exam consisting of **80** multiple-choice **questions** with 4 to 5 possible answers and **only one correct answer**.

The teams with the highest scores in Phase 1 will advance to Phase 2, which will take place after a short break. Specifically, the teams that will advance to Phase 2 will make up **20%** of participating teams.

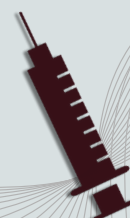
Phase 2:

The second phase will be an exam taking place at the Thessaloniki Medical Association. It will consist of **50** multiple-choice **questions** with 4 to 5 possible answers, where **one or more answers** may be **correct**.



The **two** teams with the highest scores in Phase 2 will qualify for **Phase 3**, which is the **final** stage of the clinical section of the Olympiad.

Phase 3:

The third phase will take place in the “Aimilios Riadis” Hall of the Thessaloniki Concert Hall. It will be an exam consisting of **10 interactive, case-based, multiple-choice questions**, with 4 to 5 possible answers, and **only one correct answer**. The winning team will be the one with the highest score. In the event of a tie between the two teams, the winner will be the team that has answered the questions faster. The final will be held in person on April 13th, just before the conference’s closing ceremony.



Phase 3 will be conducted live, **in front of an audience**, who will be able to participate **individually** in the exam, regardless of their academic level (either in the 1st or 2nd study cycle), using their mobile phone. **One (1)** winner will also be selected from the audience. In the event of a tie among audience participants, the winner will be the individual who has submitted their answers the fastest.

 The clinical section will be conducted **only in Greek**. 

Who is Eligible to Participate in the Clinical Section?

All undergraduate medical students from any university in Greece or abroad who are registered for the 31st SCHMS and are proficient in speaking Greek are eligible to participate. Only undergraduate students in the **second study cycle** (4th to 6th year of their studies) can take part in the clinical section. The competition is limited to **teams consisting of 2 to 3 members only**. As in the preclinical section, team members may study in the same or different cities.



OLYMPIAD OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE TIMELINE

This timeline provides details about the registration period and conduct of the 29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge.

Start of Registration Submissions: **November 25th, 2024**

Deadline for Submitting Registrations: **March 1st, 2025**

Preclinical section

Written Exams for the Preclinical Part will take place on **Friday, 11/04 at 16:00, at the Thessaloniki Medical Association**, using personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, or laptops (the latter two are recommended) and the online platform Testportal.

Clinical section

Phase I: The first phase of the clinical part will take place on **Saturday, 12/04 at 10:00 at the Thessaloniki Medical Association**, using personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, or laptops (the latter two are recommended) and the online platform Testportal.

Phase II: The second phase of the clinical part will take place on **Saturday, 12/04 at 12:00 at the Thessaloniki Medical Association**, using personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, or laptops (the latter two are recommended) and the online platform Testportal.



Phase III: The third phase of the clinical part will take place on **Sunday, 13/04 at 18:30 in the "Aimilios Riadis" Hall at the Thessaloniki Concert Hall**, live, in the presence of an audience, **using tablets** and the online platform Testportal.

AWARD CEREMONY

At the **Closing Ceremony of the 31st SCHMS**, the winning teams of both the clinical and preclinical parts of the Olympiad will be announced, and the prizes will be awarded. Participants should therefore be aware of this so that, if they wish, they can be present at the Closing Ceremony, which will take place on Sunday 13th April at 20:00.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OLYMPIAD OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

The following conditions are strict for student participation in the 29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge. Each contestant is required to comply with the following terms and obligations, as failure to do so grants the Organizing Committee of the Conference the right to cancel the participation of the member or the entire team.

1. Each contestant is required to register for the 31st Scientific Conference of Medical Students of Greece – SCHMS before submitting their participation form. In the submission form, there is a special section where contestants must enter their payment receipt codes. If the contestants are not registered, the team will **NOT** be considered.



2. Only undergraduate medical students who maintain their student status until the completion of the Olympiad are eligible to participate. In the event that a student graduates before the Olympiad takes place, their participation is **NOT** valid.

3. In the preclinical section of the 29th Olympiad, all undergraduate medical students who have registered for the conference, regardless of their academic year, can participate. **In case of group participation, all members must be in the same study cycle.**

4. In the clinical section of the 29th Olympiad, only students in the 2nd study cycle (4th to 6th year of studies) are eligible to participate. Individual participation is **NOT** allowed. However, individual participation of the audience in the Olympiad final is allowed, regardless of the study cycle.

5. Contestants must respond promptly to emails sent to them by the Conference Organizing Committee.

6. The Olympiad is part of the Conference, and its time and location are regulated by the Organizing Committee. All participants must ensure that they do **NOT** have any other obligations during the conference (e.g., round table discussions, free presentations, etc.).

Consult the Preliminary Program of the Conference available on our website www.31esfie.gr, as NO changes will be made to any part of the conference structure if it coincides with the Olympiad.

RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The contestants who achieve the highest scores in each competition will receive unique awards. The results will be announced both via personal email provided by the contestants and publicly on the official conference website.

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE

After the conclusion of the conference, a certificate of participation will be sent electronically to all participants.

CONTACT WITH THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

For any questions or issues regarding the 29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge, the Conference Organizing Committee is always available for all participants!

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On behalf of the Organizing Committee of
the 29th Olympiad of Medical Knowledge

*We wish all Contestants
the best of luck!*





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