

VivaMatch

Preparing to sit the Final FFICM SOE?

- Matched sessions around your own preferred availability
- Multiple simulated examination sessions
- Question exposure from a variety of **peer-examiners**
 - (We do not provide examiners or practice questions)
- Extensive, organised SOE practice, personal timetable to rely on
- Opportunity to develop and fine tune exam technique as the course progresses
- Varied revision format – role-playing the peer-examiner and providing feedback/critique is valuable in developing your own exam technique

VivaMatch Period

Monday 10th February 2025 – Friday 14th March 2025

Book your place at: <https://www.a-line.org.uk>



Key Dates*

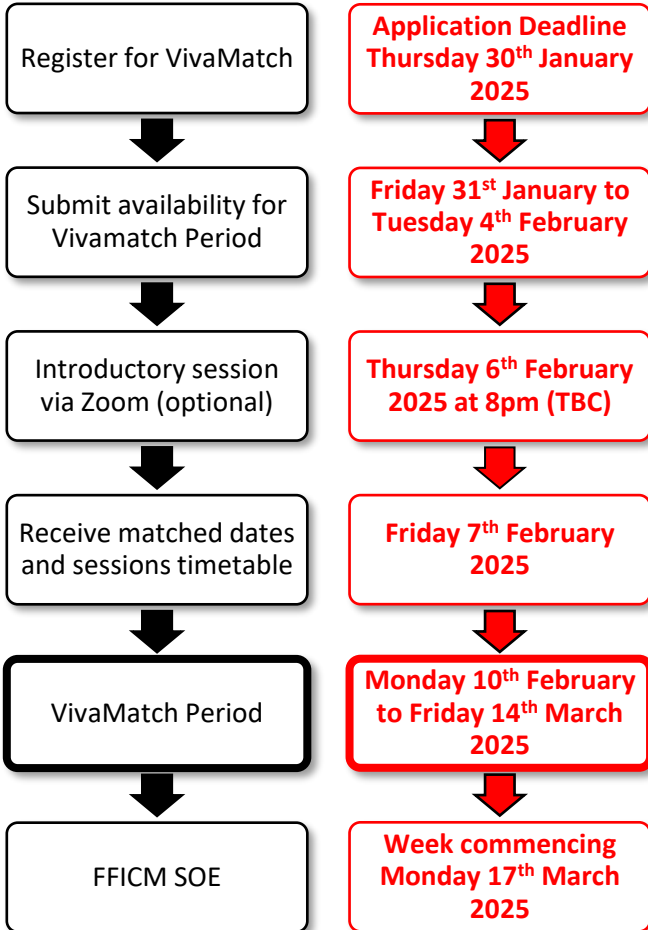
Applications close **Thursday 30th January 2025**

Deadline to submit availability **Tuesday 4th February 2025**

Personalised timetables sent **Friday 7th February 2025**

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Ground Rules:

- After registration and payment, you will be sent an invitation to submit your availability for the VivaMatch Period via a Google Form.
- You **MUST** submit your availability by the submission deadline (see **Flowsheet**) – without this we will be unable to match you to other candidates.
- Session **start times** are:
 - Morning 10:30
 - Afternoon 14:30
 - Evening 19:30
- Once you receive your VivaMatch Timetable you **MUST** honour every session; **only submit availability for sessions that you know you will be available for**.
- This is a **peer-to-peer** SOE practice course. You will be matched with fellow candidates who are also preparing for the upcoming SOE.
- We **do not** provide examiners or content for you to examine each other, you will need to be prepared to ask each other questions (e.g. from text books/websites- see below).
- Work constructively with the candidate you have been matched to for that session. Be fair, considerate and constructive when providing feedback. You are in the same position with the same goals.
- **Be on time** for every session. Your matched candidate will be waiting for you.
- Keep the faith, your exam technique and confidence will improve with every session and will peak by the end of the VivaMatch Period.
- An optional **Introductory Session** will be held (see **Flowsheet**), where more information will be given, along with some tips about how to get the most out of the course, and the opportunity to ask questions.
- Any cancelled, rearranged or non-attended sessions must be notified to FFICMvivamatch@gmail.com

Suggested SOE question sources (many others available):

- FICM Information for Candidates
 - <https://www.ficm.ac.uk/trainingexamsexaminations/resources-for-candidates>
 - [https://ficm.ac.uk/sites/ficm/files/documents/2021-10/FFICM_Final_OSCE and SOE Topics October 2015.pdf](https://ficm.ac.uk/sites/ficm/files/documents/2021-10/FFICM_Final_OSCE_and_SOE_Topics_October_2015.pdf)
 - https://ficm.ac.uk/sites/ficm/files/documents/2022-01/FFICM-EXM-SOE-examplequestions_1.pdf
- Questions for the Final FFICM Structured Oral Examination by Kate Flavin
- Viva and Structured Oral Examinations in Intensive Care Medicine by Jeyasankar Jeyanathan et al
- The Final FFICM Structured Oral Examination Study Guide by Eryl Davies
- BJA Education articles with an ICM focus
- FICM and ICS guidelines
- Radiology for Anaesthesia and Intensive Care by Richard Hopkins