



Board Policy: Use of Models

- The exam candidate shall be responsible for providing a live adult model for the practicum portion of the examination (Part B).
- The model may not be an apprentice or an exam candidate who has not successfully passed Part B in a previous exam.
- To prevent irritation or injury to the model's ear, the exam candidate shall not practice the ear impression procedure on the model for at least 2 days before the exam.
- The model shall be over 18 years of age and shall have none of the following contraindications:
 - PE tubes in either tympanic membrane
 - History of ear surgery within five years of the date of the examination
 - Active drainage from either ear
 - Knowledge of a perforation in either tympanic membrane
 - Ear canal blockage
- The exam coordinator shall clear the live model's ear prior to beginning the practicum exam. If the model is under 18 years of age or is found to have any of the contraindications listed above or has had ear impressions taken on their ears within 2 days of the exam date, the exam candidate shall not be allowed to demonstrate the ear impression on the model and shall fail Part B of the exam.
- The exam candidate shall make two (2) ear impressions on the model. One impression on the right ear and one impression on the left ear. The model's ears must be checked and cleared by the exam coordinator prior to any impressions being made. After impressions have been taken the model's ear will be rechecked by the exam coordinator.
- Models cannot be shared between exam candidates. Each exam candidate shall have a separate model (maximum of one exam candidate per model).