

Attachment 1: Excerpts from the semi-structured interviews of the students with the frequency for the (sub)categories (N_s)

Excerpts from the student interviews		
Category		
Subcategory	N _s	Excited vs. Anxious
Uncertainties about online format	8	"...did not know what to expect..." "...how should one deal with an SP?!" "...strange situation, will the atmosphere be different...?"
Test situation / stress	3	"Being at home gives me a sense of security!" "[a] small number of people in a Zoom meeting creates a sense of security...."
Student's own competence	4	"I wasn't sure if I would be able to handle the clinical case?" "I was worried about potential technical difficulties."
Organization	4	"I did not have any concerns, the conduction of the test was, of course, well planned." "...[it] did not seem like a real test...."
Student's own preparation	6 yes	"I reviewed the basic anamnesis sample again...." "I memorized the outline one more time."
	4 no	"I was doing my clerkship; I did not have any time to prepare...."
Category		
Subcategory	N _s	Pros and Cons of in-person tests
Real (SP) situation	5 pros	"...situation was, all in all, a little less contrived than expected." "...friendly actors playing the patients...."
	1 con	"...in general, I find it difficult to engage with SPs."
Learning experience	7	"...positive because you are given a structure for yourself." "...good experience because you had the chance to do it..." "Mostly positive experience because of the feedback...."
Organization	2 pros	"...was pleasantly done, for instance, the preliminary remarks with the introduction."
	3 cons	"...[I] had to wait long and did not know what I was supposed to do during that time." "...[I] would have liked to have had more thorough preparation."
Online situation	12	"...the whole thing was difficult to evaluate as a real situation." "...the setting with non-personal contact..." "You had to ask more questions, ...to assess the case." "...no visual diagnosis was possible." "...the theatrical situation is difficult to accept; in an online context even more so than face-to-face."
Anamnesis skills	5	"...my lack of clinical knowledge and then taking a case history...." "...finding the transitions between the anamnesis topics."
Category		
Subcategory	N _s	Influences of the online format on interactions
Body language	9	"Impressions such as body odor, patient's posture, etc. are absent." "...the nonverbal cues and body language are missing..." "...absence of body language in one's own self." "...no real limitations; somewhat unnatural..."
Forming the relationship	9	"...establishing a relationship is not so simple." "...interpersonal communication at a distance is hard, for example, facial expressions...." "Reliance on the patient's statements is harder than in reality."

Assessing the facts of the case	8	<i>"You cannot evaluate the relevance / severity of the problem."</i> <i>"...assessing the disease is harder because you cannot see where the pain is."</i> <i>"...you must ask more precisely...."</i> <i>"...you can/must ask follow-up questions more precisely and more often; everything really depends on the words."</i>
Category		
Subcategory	N_s	Suitability as assessment format vs. as a learning experience
Experience as a learning opportunity	13	<i>"...you can practice taking a case history, find a routine."</i> <i>"...things that are always forgotten are remembered better afterward."</i> <i>"...recognize your own weaknesses...."</i> <i>"...feedback helped me so that I will not forget some things."</i> <i>"...provides a structure and gives more self-confidence...."</i>
Experience as a test format	19	<i>"Really well suited for case history taking!"</i> <i>"Acceptable as a substitute, but not as the first choice...."</i> <i>"Testing practical skills online would be worth a try."</i> <i>"...not at all for practical skills!"</i> <i>"...that a test can even take place!"</i> <i>"...was a more relaxed setting, more so than in a room. I was less nervous!"</i>
"Spatial" setting	5 pros	<i>"...saved us from having to travel...."</i> <i>"...separate from the infection numbers."</i> <i>"Certainty in terms of scheduling..."</i>
	8 cons	<i>"It was new for everyone—including the examiners—everyone had to get their bearings."</i> <i>"Situation wasn't very real...."</i> <i>"Technical difficulties could occur."</i> <i>"Private sphere at home is maybe more limited...."</i> <i>"...maybe unfair because you can cheat!?"</i>
Category		
Subcategory	N_s	Recommendations
Technical challenges	17	<i>"...no problems, I had also set up an alternative."</i> <i>"...I would always recommend using a large computer screen...."</i> <i>"...choose a device with camera and microphone...."</i> <i>"...tell yourself it is about testing your own knowledge and ability."</i> <i>"...concentrate on the consultation and not on the test."</i> <i>"...to feel as if you are not being observed...."</i>
Challenges / potentials of telemedicine	14	<i>"...use in patient training sessions, for instance."</i> <i>"...pay attention to the details like lighting, camera angle, etc."</i> <i>"Be prepared to use aids, for example, to illustrate something or be ready to be shown something as a drawing."</i> <i>"...be without interruptions, this goes for doctor and patient...."</i> <i>"Identify the limitations of the communication, raise awareness of them...."</i> <i>"...communicate the importance of facial expressions and use them very deliberately...."</i>

SP=simulated patient