

## SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

## **RESPIRATORY MEDICINE**

## **Promotion Examination**

### Written Examination:

### Exam Format:

- A written examination shall consist of one paper with not less than 100 MCQs with a single best answer (one correct answer out of four options).
- The examination shall contain type K2 questions (interpretation, analysis, reasoning and decision making) and type K1 questions (recall and comprehension).
- The examination shall include basic concepts and clinical topics relevant to the specialty.
- Clinical presentation questions include history, clinical finding and patient approach. Diagnosis and investigation questions; include the possible diagnosis and diagnostic methods. Management questions; including treatment and clinical management, either therapeutic or nontherapeutic, and complications of management. Materials and Instruments questions; including material properties, usage, and selection of instruments and equipment used. Health maintenance questions; include health promotion, disease prevention, risk factors assessment, and prognosis.



#### Passing Score:

The trainee's performance is assessed in each of the evaluation formulas according to the following scoring system:

Score	Less than 50%	50% – 59.4%	60% - 69.4%	More than 70%
Description	Clear Fail	Borderline Fail	Borderline Pass	Clear Pass

- 1. To upgrade the trainee from a training level to the next level, she/he must obtain at least a Borderline Pass in each evaluation form.
- 2. The program director may recommend to the local supervision committee to request the promotion of the trainee who did not meet the previous promotion requirement according to the following:
  - A. In case that the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in one of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least one of them.
  - B. In case that the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in two of the evaluation forms to a maximum, provided they do not fall under the same theme (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills). The remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least two of them.
  - C. The promotion must be approved in this case by the scientific council for the specialization.





#### **Suggested References:**

- Murray and Nadel's Textbook of Respiratory Medicine 6th Edition.pdf.
- Fishman's Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders.
- Physiology books: Nunn's Applied Respiratory Physiology, Respiratory Physiology by John B West.
- ACCP pulmonary medicine.
- UpToDate.
- Pulmonary function test books:(Hiat et al., altalque et al.).
- STS, New England Journal of Medicine, chest, ATS, ERS.

#### Crash Courses:

• Outline of each course including suggested reading references given by the provider.

#### Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.



# Promotion Written Exam Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Airway Disease <sup>1</sup>	15%
2	Interstitial Lung Disease	12%
3	Occupational Diseases	5%
4	Infectious Disease	10%
5	Neoplasm	10%
6	Pleural Disease	5%
7	Sleep Medicine	5%
8	Neuromuscular and Congenital Disease	5%
9	Vascular Disorders	8%
10	Physiology	20%
11	Critical Care Medicine	5%
	Total	100%

<sup>1</sup> Airway Disease: including Asthma, COPD, Bronchiectasis, Other obstructive topics.

### Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism, and Patient Safety are incorporated within various domains.
- Results will be published within 14 business days following the last date of your examination

