



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

INTERVENTIONAL NEPHROLOGY

Final Written Examination

Examination Format:

A Saudi subspecialty fellowship final written examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 Single Best Answer MCQs. 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. If the percentage of candidates passing the examination before final approval is less than 70%, the passing score must be lowered by one mark at a time aiming at achieving 70% passing rate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.



Suggested References:

1. Interventional Nephrology 1st Edition. ISBN-13: 978-0071769327
2. ASDIN Core Curriculum for Interventional Nephrology.
<https://www.asdin.org/>
3. ASDIN Core Curriculum for Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Procedures.
<https://www.asdin.org/>
4. The Journal of Vascular Access. <https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jva>
5. KDOQI Clinical Practice Guideline for Vascular Access: 2019 Update.
<https://doi.org/10.1053/j.ajkd.2019.12.001>
6. ISPD GUIDELINES/RECOMMENDATIONS:
Creating and Maintaining Optimal Peritoneal Dialysis Access in the Adult Patient: 2019 Update. <https://ispd.org/ispd-guidelines/>
7. Peritoneal Dialysis International: Journal of the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis. <https://ispd.org/guidelines/>
8. Hussein GM, Alkabba AF, Kasule OH. Professionalism and Ethics Handbook for Residents (PEHR): A Practical Guide. Ware J, Kattan T (eds). 1st Edition. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Saudi Commission for Health Specialties, 2015.

Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Basic Anatomy, Tools, and Techniques Related to Dialysis Access	6%
2	Key Elements of History and Physical Exam in Dialysis Access Assessment Including Surveillance of Dialysis Vascular Access	8%
3	Basic Principles: Patient Safety, Professionalism, Imaging (ultrasound and fluoroscopy), and Radiation Safety	8%
4	Sedation-Analgesia, Radiocontrast Agents, Antibiotic Prophylaxis and Management of Their Complications	6%
5	Planning: Life plan, Optimal Dialysis Access	10%
6	Vessel Mapping	5%
7	Hemodialysis Catheters and Complications	10%
8	Peritoneal Dialysis Catheters and Complications	10%
9	Arteriovenous Fistulae: Types, Benefits, Complications, and Surgical Considerations	12%
10	Arteriovenous Grafts: Types, Benefits, Complications, and Surgical Considerations	5%
11	Angioplasty, Thrombectomy, Stenting of Dialysis Vascular Access: Indications, Techniques, Surgical vs Endovascular, Complications & Managements, Contraindications.	10%
12	Percutaneous AVF and HeRO Grafts: Indications, Complications	5%
13	Other Procedures Including Percutaneous Kidney Biopsy	5%
Total		100%

Note:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each category.
- 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.

