



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

DERMATOLOGY

Final Examination

Exam Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 single best answer Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Up to 10% unscored MSQs can be added for calibration purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. However, 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:

Textbooks:

- Rook's Text Book of Dermatology, 9th edition
- Fitzpatrick's Dermatology in General Medicine, 9th edition
- Dermatology: (Jean L. Bolognia MD, Joseph L. Jorizzo MD, and Ronald P. Rapini), 3rd edition
- 4. Lever's Histopathology of Skin, 11th edition
- Weedon's Skin Pathology, 4th edition
- Comprehensive Dermatologic Drug Therapy by Stephen E. Wolverton, 3rd edition
- Treatment of Skin Diseases by Mark Lebwohl, 4th edition
- Dermatologic Surgery: Requisites in Dermatology by Allison T. Vidimos, Christie T.
- Surgery of Skin: Procedural Dermatology by J K Robinson, 3rd edition
- Pediatric Dermatology: Requisites in Dermatology by Howard B. Pride MD, Albert C. Yan, and Andrea L. Zaenglein
- Neonatal Dermatology by Lawrence F. Eichenfield MD, Ilona J. Frieden MD, and Nancy B. Esterly MD
- Genodermatoses: A Clinical Guide to Genetic Skin Disorders by Joel L Spitz
- Hurwitz Clinical Pediatric Dermatology, 4th edition

Journals:

- JAMA Dermatology
- British journal of Dermatology
- Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
- International Journal of Dermatology
- Pediatric dermatology
- Dermatological therapy





Others journals related to dermatology:

- Professionalism and Ethics, Handbook for Residents, Practical guide, Prof. James Ware, Dr. Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaabba, Dr. Ghaiath MA Hussein, Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule, SCFHS, Latest Edition
- Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition

Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Inflammatory diseases based on T-cell reactivity and dysregulation (eczematous, lichenoid, and papulosquamous and T –cell mediated neoplasms)	10%
2	Inflammatory diseases based on neutrophils and eosinophils and abnormal humoral reactivity (urticaria, erythema, allergy)	10%
3	Vesiculobullous	5%
4	Neoplasms	10%
5	Rheumatologic diseases, erythema, disorders of dermal connective tissues and subcutaneous tissue	10%
6	Genodermatosis and pediatric dermatology	10%
7	Pigmentary disorders, Adnexal diseases, and disorders due to physical agents	10%
8	Hair, nail and mucosal disorders	5%
9	Metabolic and systemic diseases	5%
10	Infectious diseases	10%
11	Disorders of Langerhans cells and macrophages and vascular disorders	5%
12	Procedural dermatology	10%
Total		100%

Note:

- 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.

