



SAUDI DIPLOMA TRAINING PROGRAM

CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR

Final Examination

Written Examination:

Exam Format:

A Saudi subspecialty fellowship and diploma final examination shall consist of one paper with 80-120 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 a 70% passing rate or a 65% passing score, whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.





Suggested References:

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5. Rothman KJ, Greenland S, Lash TL.
Modern Epidemiology. 4th Edition. Wolters Kluwer, 2021.
6. Emanuel EJ, Grady C, Crouch RA, Lie RK, Miller FG, Wendler D.
The Oxford Textbook of Clinical Research Ethics. Oxford University Press, 2008.
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Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage
1	Principles of Clinical Research and Translational Science	15%
2	Study Design and Research Methodology	20%
3	Biostatistics and Data Analysis	15%
4	Research Ethics, Governance, and Regulatory Affairs	10%
5	Clinical Trials and Interventional Research	10%
6	Epidemiology and Outcomes Research	10%
7	Knowledge Translation, Implementation Science, and Health Systems Research	10%
8	Scientific Communication, Grant Writing, and Research Leadership	10%
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.

