



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Promotion Examination

Written Examination 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). Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.
- 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 findings, 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 the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in one of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with a **Clear Pass** in at least one of them.
 - B. In case 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 a **Clear Pass** in at least two of them.
 - C. The promotion must be approved in this case by the scientific council for the specialization.





Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Section	Proportion%
1	General obstetrics	20%
2	General gynecology	20%
3	Minimal Invasive Surgery	8%
4	Gyne-oncology	8%
5	Evidence-Based Medicine	5%
6	Urogynecology	5%
7	Operative care	8%
8	Maternal-Fetal-Medicine	8%
9	Communication Skills and Basic Sciences	10%
10	Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility	8%
Total		100%

Notes:

- 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.





Suggested References:

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2. Clinical Gynecologic Endocrinology and Infertility by Mac A. Fritz and Leon Speroff.
3. Telinde's Operative Gynecology by Richard W. Te Linde, John D. Thompson.
4. Comprehensive Gynecology by Morton A. Stenchever, William Droegemuller, Daniel R. Mishell, Arthur L. Herbst.
5. Obstetrics : Normal & Problem Pregnancies by Steven G. Gabbe, Jennifer R. Niebyl, Joe Leigh Simpson.
6. Clinical Gynecologic Oncology by Philip DiSaia, William Creasman, Robert Mannel, D. Scott McMeekin, David Mutch.
7. Berek and Hacker's Gynecologic Oncology, by Jonathan S. Berek, Neville F. Hacker.
8. Williams Gynecology by Barbara L. Hoffman, John O. Schorge, Karen D. Bradshaw, Lisa M. Halvorson, Joseph I. Schaffer, Marlene M. Corton.
9. Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology by Joseph S. Sanfilippo, David Muram, John Dewhurst, Peter A. Lee.
10. Maternal-Fetal Medicine by Robert K. Creasy, Robert Resnik, Jay Iams.
11. Professionalism and Ethics Handbook for Residents: A Practical Guide, by Prof. James Ware, Dr. Abdulaziz Fahad Alkaabba, Dr. Ghaiath MA Hussein, Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule, SCFHS, Latest Edition.
12. Essentials of Patient Safety: The first step to proper healthcare, SCFHS, by Abdulelah Alhawsawi, Salem Alwahabi, Ahmad Wazzan.





13. Introduction to Clinical Research for Residents, SCFHS, by Hani Tamim.
14. Evidence-Based Medicine. How to Practice and Teach EBM by DI Sackett.
15. Users' Guides to the Medical Literature: A Manual for Evidence-Based Clinical Practice, by Gordon Guyatt, Drummond Rennie, Maureen O. Meade, Deborah J. Cook.
16. Clinical evidence-based guidelines of Saudi and international societies related to obstetrics and gynecology (e.g., ACOG, RCOG, SOGC, etc.)
17. Communication Skills: Key to Understanding, by Dr. Fayza Rayes, SCFHS, 2016.

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.

