

American Board of Comprehensive Care Examination Blueprint

American Board of Comprehensive Care Certification Examination test questions focus on the knowledge and skills deemed important for the practice of comprehensive clinical care. The examination is constructed from an integrated content outline that organizes material along two dimensions.

Normal Conditions and Disease categories (Dimension 1) form the main axis for organizing the outline. The first section deals with normal development, basic concepts, and general principles. The remaining sections deal with individual organ systems. Sections focusing on individual organ systems are subdivided according to the following clinical tasks (Dimension 2):

- Obtaining history and performing a physical exam
- Ordering diagnostic studies
- Formulating the most likely diagnosis and making a prognosis
- Caring for the patient, including health maintenance and disease prevention, clinical therapeutics and other interventions, and legal/ethical and health care system, understanding mechanisms of disease

A full content outline for the American Board of Comprehensive Care Certification Examination is provided. It describes the scope of the examination in detail. The content outline is not intended as a curriculum development or study guide. It provides a flexible structure for test construction that can readily accommodate new topics, emerging content domains, and shifts in emphasis. Broadly based learning that establishes a strong general foundation for clinical practice is the best preparation for the examination.

Categories

- General Principles
- Normal Development from *Infancy* Through Adulthood
- Ethics & Jurisprudence and Patient Safety
- Applied Biostatistics & Clinical Epidemiology
- Disorders of Blood
 - Infections
 - Toxic Effects
 - Malignant Neoplasias
 - Anemias & Cytopenias
 - Bleeding Disorders
 - Splenic Disorders
 - Reactions to Blood Components
- Disorders of the Nervous System and Special Senses
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Trauma and Toxic Effects
 - Neoplasms
 - Cerebrovascular Diseases
 - Degenerative/Developmental Disorders
 - Neuromuscular/Degenerative Disorders

- Peripheral Nerves Diseases
- Headache & Movement Disorders
- Sleep Disorders
- Disorders of the Special Senses
- Mental Disorders
 - Disorders Originating in Infancy/Childhood/Adolescence
 - Toxic Effects
 - Substance Use Disorders
 - Psychotic Disorders
 - Mood Disorders
 - Anxiety Disorders
 - Somatoform Disorders
 - Personality Disorders
 - Eating Disorders & Other Impulse Control Disorders
 - Psychosocial Disorders
- Disorders of the Skin
 - Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Lumps/Tumors of the Skin
 - Skin Eruptions
 - Disorders of Nails/Hair/Sweat Glands
 - Disorders of the Musculoskeletal System
 - Infections
 - Traumatic Injuries
 - Inflammatory & Immunologic Disorders
 - Neoplasms
 - Degenerative/Metabolic Disorders
 - Hereditary Developmental Disorders
- Disorders of the Respiratory System
 - Lung Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Neoplasms
 - Obstructive Airways Disease
 - Pneumoconiosis/Fibrosing or Restrictive Pulmonary Disorders
 - Failure & Pulmonary Vascular Disorders
 - Upper Respiratory Conditions
- Cardiovascular Disorders
 - Diseases of Myocardium & Pericardium
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Dysrhythmias
 - Congestive Heart Failure
 - Hypertensive Disease
 - Ischemic Heart Disease & Atherosclerosis
 - Hypotension
 - Disorders of the Great Vessels
 - Valvular Heart Disease

- Peripheral Arterial Vascular Disease
- Diseases of Veins
- Congenital Disease
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
 - Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Nutritional Disorders
 - Mouth, Salivary Glands, & Esophagus
 - Stomach
 - Gallbladder & Bile Duct
 - Liver
 - Pancreas
 - Small Intestine/Colon & Rectum
 - Renal and Urinary Disorders
 - Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
- Urinary Tract
 - Upper Urinary Tract
 - Lower Urinary Tract
 - Fluid, Electrolyte, & Acid-Base Disorders
- Disorders of the Male Reproductive System
 - Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
- Female Reproductive System and Pregnancy
 - Reproductive Disorders
 - Infections
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Neoplasms
 - Pelvic Relaxation & Urinary Disorders
 - Menstrual Disorders
 - Menopause
 - Female Fertility/Infertility
 - Breast
 - Vagina/Vulva
 - Cervix
 - Uterus
 - Disorders of Ovary, Fallopian Tube, & Broad Ligament
 - Pregnancy/Labor & Delivery/Fetus & Newborn
 - Pregnancy: Complicated
 - Pregnancy: Uncomplicated
 - Labor, Delivery, & Postpartum
 - Fetus & Newborn
 - Perinatal Infections
- Disorders of the Endocrine System
 - Trauma & Toxic Effects
 - Diabetes Mellitus

- Pituitary Disorders
- Thyroid Disorders
- Parathyroid Disorders
- Adrenal Disorders
- Immunologic Disorders
 - Infections
 - Immune Deficiency Disorders
 - HIV
 - Vascular/Arterial Disorders
 - Musculoskeletal/Connective Tissue Disorders
 - Anaphylaxis/Immunologic Reactions
 - Vaccinations/Chemotherapy