



Saudi Licensing Examinations

Neurosurgery Blueprint

Blueprint outlines

Evaluation Item	Sections	Percentage (%)
(200 MCQs, 4 hours)	1. Neurovascular	10%
	2. Neuro-oncology	10%
	3. Neurotrauma	10%
	4. Pediatric Neurosurgery	10%
	5. Spine	10%
	6. Functional Neurosurgery	7%
	7. Peripheral Nerves Surgery	7%
	8. General Neurosurgical Principles	10%
	9. Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology	6%
	10. Neuropathology/Neuroradiology & Neurology	10%
	11. Research & Ethics	5%
	12. Patient Safety	5%
Total		100%

Note:

- Test specifications and content have been reviewed and updated, therefore pass rates are adjusted accordingly.
- This applies for any test conducted as of July 14, 2020 and beyond.

Passing Score

Registrar: 65%

Senior Registrar: 70%

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-3% in each category.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.



References:

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2. Schmidek and Sweet: Operative Neurosurgical Techniques: 6th Edition
3. Handbook of Neurosurgery by Mark Greenberg: 8th Edition
4. Neuropathology: A Reference Text of CNS Pathology: by David Ellison and Seth. 3rd Edition
5. Barr's The Human Nervous System by John Kiernan: 10th Edition
6. WHO Classification of Tumors of the Central Nervous System. The International Agency for Research on Cancer. Latest edition. 2016
7. Rhoton's Cranial Anatomy and Surgical Approaches by Albert Rhoton. One Edition
8. 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.
9. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition

Note:

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