



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

ORAL MEDICINE AND PATHOLOGY

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 finding 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 atleast 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 that the trainee gets a Borderline Fail result in one of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with Clear Pass in at least one of them.
 - B. In case that 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 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.	R1	Section	Percentage
1	Basic Courses	General Pathology	15%
2		Head and Neck Anatomy	10%
3		Pharmacology	10%
4		Hematology	10%
5	Specialty Courses	Oral Medicine and Pathology	25%
6		Oral Biology and Genetics	15%
7		Oral Radiology	15%
Total			100%

No.	R3	Section	Percentage	
1	General and Oral Medicine	Medicine	5%	
2		Oral Medicine	10%	
3		Oncology and Hematology	7%	
4		Dermatology	8%	
5		Head and Neck Radiology	5%	
6		Special Care Dentistry	7%	
7	Orofacial Pain	8%	50%	
8	Systemic Pathology:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin • Central Nervous System, Respiratory tract and Cardiovascular System • Endocrine system, Gastrointestinal System and urinary tract • Breast and reproductive system • Soft tissue and bone • Hematolymphoid 	20%	50%
9	Head and Neck, and Oral Pathology	25%		
10	Ancillary Technique, Quality Control, Lab safety, and lab management	5%		
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 for R1 and R3:

1. Pharmacology and Therapeutics for Dentistry, 7th Edition
2. Clinical Anatomy By regions, Richard S.Snell, 8th edition,
3. Genetics: Analysis and Principles, by Robert Brooker (5th Edition)
4. Brad Neville, Douglas D. Damm, Carl Allen, Angela Chi (5th edition, 2023)
5. Jean M. Bruch and Nathaniel Treister. Clinical Oral Medicine and Pathology 2nd ed. 2017 Edition
6. Kumar.V, Abbas. A. K, Aster. J. C. Robbins Basic Pathology, 9th ed. Saunders
7. Classic Article reviews with assigned topics
8. Courses: Outline of each course include the suggested reading reference

More suggested References for R3:

1. Head & Neck Tumor WHO classification 2022.
2. Michael Glick. Burkit's Oral Medicine 13th ED. 2021.
3. James W. Little, Donald Falace, Craig Miller, Nelson L. Rhodus. Dental Management of the Medically Compromised Patient. Mosby 2023.
4. Rotations: Basic of each rotation and the suggested reading reference

Patient Safety + Professionalism and Ethics References:

1. 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.
2. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Crash Courses:

Outline of each course including suggested reading references given by the provider.

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

