



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

Part One Examination

Examination Format:

1. Part I Examination of Saudi board certificate shall consist of one paper with 150 multiple-choice questions (single best answer out of four options). Up to 10% unscored items can be added for pretesting purposes.
2. If any other assessment format is used, the Central Assessment Committee must agree to its implementation.

Passing Score:

1. The passing score is 65%.
2. If the percentage of candidates passing the exam before final approval is less than 70%, the passing score can be lowered by one mark at a time aiming at achieving 70% passing rate or a score of 60% whichever comes first. Under no circumstances, may the score can be reduced below 60%.

Suggested References:

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- Johnson JT, Rosen CA, eds. Bailey's Head and Neck Surgery–Otolaryngology. 5th ed. Baltimore, MD: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; 2006.
- Bailey BJ, Calhoun KH. Atlas of Head and Neck Surgery – Otolaryngology. 2nd ed. Baltimore, MD: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins; 2001.
- Myers EN. Operative Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery. 2nd ed. Philadelphia, PA: Saunders; 2008.
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- Maran AGD, Stell PM. Clinical otolaryngology. Oxford, England: Blackwell Scientific Publications; 1979.
- 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.
- Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

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Blueprint Outlines:

No.	Sections	Percentage (%)
1	Clinical Anatomy	20%
2	Basic Science	20%
3	Peri-operative Management	15%
4	Trauma/Critical care	10%
5	Clinical Otolaryngology	15%
6	Surgical Complication/Infection	15%
Research, Ethics and Professionalism and Patient Safety		5%
Total		100%

Note:

- 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.



Example Questions

EXAMPLE OF K2 QUESTIONS

Question 1



A 35-year-old man with squamous cell carcinoma of buccal mucosa underwent wide local excision, supraomohyoid neck dissection and mandibular reconstruction with metal plates. 2 months after radiation therapy, multiple orocutaneous fistulas with discharge developed over the lower jaw. Mandible was exposed and appeared hypovascular with no evidence of healing. Removal of reconstruction plates, local dressings and systemic antibiotics showed no response (see image).

Which of the following is the best management?

- A. Wide local debridement
- B. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy
- C. Biodegradable mandibular plates
- D. Long term antibiotics and pentoxifylline

EXAMPLE OF K1

Question 2

When tympanoplasty and mastoidectomy are performed in patients with chronic otitis media, ossicular pathologies are frequently encountered. The most common finding is the necrosis of long process of incus.

Which of the following is the most likely reason?

- A. No muscle attachment
- B. Presence of end arteries
- C. Closest to the site of pathology
- D. Most mobile part of ossicular chain