



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

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).
- 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 non-therapeutic, 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 for Promotion Exam:

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 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.	<u>R1 & R2 only</u> Section	Proportion%
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
7	Research, ethics & professionalism, and patient safety	5
Total		100%

**** Otolaryngology , Head & Neck surgery related topics or questions**

No.	<u>R3 ,4 & 5</u> Section	Proportion%
1	Rhinology & allergy	12
2	Otology & neurotology	17
3	Head and neck	12
4	Pediatric & laryngology	18
5	General & Emergency	15
6	Facial plastic & reconstructive surgery	8
7	Research, ethics & professionalism, and patient safety	10
8	Basic science	8
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..



Suggested References:

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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, SCFHS, 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.

Example Questions

EXAMPLE OF K1 QUESTIONS

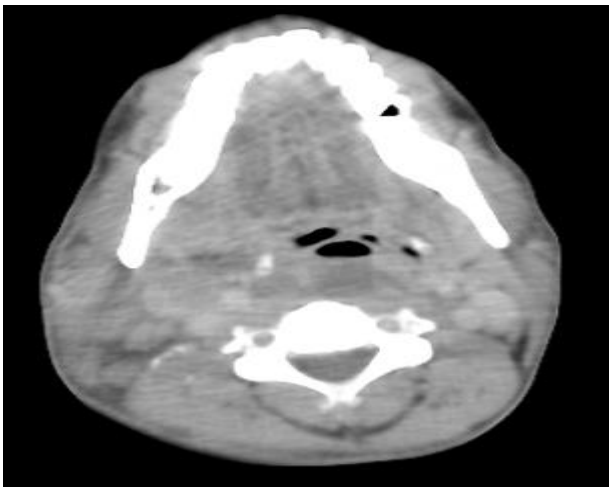
Question 1

Which of the following is suggestive for central vestibular disorder ?

- A. Ocular tilt , skew deviation with diplopia and a split image vertically
- B. A positive Romberg test with tilting toward one side when eye closed
- C. Sudden onset complete inability to walk with assistance
- D. Torsional nystagmus that beat down toward ground in head hanging position

EXAMPLE OF K2 QUESTIONS

Question 1



A 25 -year-old man with high grade fever, neck mass, dysphagia and trismus .
CT neck with contrast done
(see image) .

Vital sign:

Temperature: 40

What is the most likely causative organism?

- A- Fusobacterium necrophorum
- B- Staphylococcus aureus
- C- Streptococcus pyogenes
- D- Eikenella corrodens