

SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

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% of 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 findings, 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 at least a Borderline Pass in each evaluation form.
- 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 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 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.	Sections	Percentage
1	Hematologic Neoplasms	10%
2	Thoracic Cancer	11%
3	Breast Cancer	15%
4	Genitourinary Cancer	9%
5	Gynecologic Cancer	5%
6	Gastrointestinal Cancer	15%
7	Other Solid Tumors	5%
8	Anticancer Therapeutics	11%
9	Supportive Care, Survivorship, and Radiotherapy	9%
10	Head, Neck, Thyroid, and CNS Malignancies	5%
11	Genetics, Tumor Biology, and Epidemiology of Cancer in Saudi Arabia	5%
	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:

- 1. www.uptodate.com
- 2. The Basic science of oncology by Ian Tannock.
- 3. Cancer principles and practice of oncology by Devita, Helman, and Rosenberg's.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Essentials of Patient Safety, SCHS, Latest Edition.

Note:

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