



SAUDI BOARD RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM

OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD AND NECK SURGERY

Final Examination

Exam Format:

A Saudi board final specialty written examination shall consist of two papers each with 100-125 single best answer Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs). Up to 10% unscored MSQs can be added for calibration purposes.

Passing Score:

The passing score is 70%. However, if the percentage of candidates passing the examination before final approval is less than 70%, the passing score must be lowered by one mark at a time aiming at achieving 70% passing rate or 65% passing score whichever comes first. Under no circumstances can the passing score be reduced below 65%.





Suggested References:

- Gleeson MJ, ed. Scott-Brown's Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. 7th ed. London, England: Hodder Arnold; 2008.
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- 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.
- Pasha R, Golub JS. Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery: Clinical Reference Guide. 4th ed. San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing; 2013.
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- Maran AGD, Stell PM. Clinical otolaryngology. Oxford, England: Blackwell Scientific Publications; 1979.
- Flint PW, Haughey BH, Lund VJ, et al. Cumming's Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery. 5th ed. Philadelphia, PA: Mosby; 2010.
- 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	Basic Clinical Science ¹	13%
2	General and Emergency	20%
3	Head and Neck	12%
4	Otology / Aud	12%
5	Neurotology	5%
6	Rhinology and Allergy	12%
7	Pediatric and Laryngology	18%
8	Plastic / Reconstruction	8%
Total		100%

¹Basic Clinical Science includes Critical care, Microbiology, Surgical Pathology, Surgical Anatomy, Basic Surgical Principles, Operative technology, Outcome research and Evidence based Medicine, Genetics in Otolaryngology, etc.

Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- 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.

