



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). 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 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.	R2 Section	Percentage
1	Clinical anatomy **	22%
2	Basic science **	22%
3	Peri operative management **	15%
4	Trauma/ Critical care **	11%
5	Clinical otolaryngology	15%
6	Surgical Complication / Infection **	15%
Total		100%

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

No.	R3&R4 Section	Percentage
1	Rhinology & allergy	15%
2	Otology & neurotology	17%
3	Head and neck	15%
4	Pediatric & laryngology	18%
5	General & Emergency	15%
6	Facial plastic & reconstructive surgery	10%
7	Basic science	10%
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:

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3. Johnson JT, Rosen CA, eds. Bailey's Head and Neck Surgery—Otolaryngology. 5th ed. Baltimore, MD: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2006.
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5. Pasha R, Golub JS. Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery: Clinical Reference Guide. 4th ed. San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing; 2013.
6. Lee KJ, ed. Essential Otolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery. 10th ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 2012.
7. Maran AGD, Stell PM. Clinical otolaryngology. Oxford, England: Blackwell Scientific Publications; 1979.
8. 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.

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.

