



American Board of Oral Medicine

Qualifying Examination (QE) Blueprint

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The QE consists of up to 350 multiple choice items. The domains are listed below with an approximate percentage of items from each domain. The principles tested within each domain are listed.

Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - 23%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Epidemiology of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations for Patients with Mucosal and Other Soft Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)

Medically Compromised Patients - 23%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Medically Compromised Patients - (Understand/Apply)
- Epidemiology of Medical Conditions - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Medical Conditions - (Understand/Apply)
- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Medically Compromised Patients - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation for Medical Conditions - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Medically Compromised Patients - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations for Medically Compromised Patients - (Understand/Apply)

Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - 20%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Epidemiology of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation for Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations of Orofacial Pain and Neurosensory Disorders - (Understand/Apply)

Salivary Gland Disorders - 12%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Epidemiology of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Salivary Gland Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations for Patients with Salivary Gland Disorders - (Understand/Apply)

Supportive Oncology Care (Includes Complications Related to Cancer Management)- 12%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Complications Related to Cancer Management
- Epidemiology of Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Understand/Apply)

- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation of Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations for Patients with Complications Related to Cancer Management - (Understand/Apply)

Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - 10%

- Elements of Oral Medicine Practice (Ethics, Communication & Professionalism) - (Understand/Apply)
- Risk Factors and Assessment of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Epidemiology of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Etiology and Pathophysiology of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Clinical Presentation (signs, symptoms, exam findings and classifications) of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Diagnostic, Laboratory and Imaging Interpretation of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Analyze/Evaluate)
- Medical and Pharmacologic Management (preventive, non-invasive & invasive treatments) of Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)
- Dental Management Considerations for Patients with Maxillofacial Bone and Calcified Tissue Disorders - (Understand/Apply)