

Becoming Board Certified

July 9 & July 16, 2018

Exam Registration

- ▶ www.abim.org > Becoming Certified
- ▶ Registration dates: December 1, 2018 – April 15, 2019
 - ▶ Submit an online application
 - ▶ Receive a letter (snail mail) with instructions on how to schedule with testing center, but **should be all online now**
 - ▶ Sign up for test dates (6 dates in August)
- ▶ Exam fee: \$\$\$ 1,385
- ▶ Cancel or reschedule online

2019 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			X		X	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		X		X	X	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			X			

Exam Day

- ▶ Arrive early
- ▶ Sign in (starts at 8AM)
- ▶ Bring 2 forms of ID:
 - ▶ Primary: current government-issued ID (contains signature and photo)
 - ▶ Driver's license, passport, state identification card
 - ▶ Secondary: ID (contains signature and photo)
 - ▶ Social Security card, credit card, ATM card
 - ▶ Name on ID must be the same as the name on ABIM record
- ▶ Lockers
- ▶ Take the test



Exam Format

- ▶ **Tutorial and Pledge of Honesty**
 - ▶ Optional, up to 40 minutes total
- ▶ **4 sections**
 - ▶ Up to 60 questions/section (up to 240 questions total)
 - ▶ Up to 2 hours/section
 - ▶ Multiple choice
 - ▶ Possible audio/visual questions
- ▶ **Breaks**
 - ▶ 100 minutes total
- ▶ **Tools**
 - ▶ IM calculator



IM Calculator

List of formulas currently provided:

- A-a Gradient
- Acid-Base Compensation (Equations Only)
- Anion Gap
- Ascites Albumin Gradient
- CHADS2 Score for Atrial Fibrillation Stroke Risk
- CHADS2-VASc Score for Atrial Fibrillation Stroke Risk
- Child-Pugh Score for Cirrhosis Mortality
- CURB-65 Severity Score
- Fractional Excretion of Sodium
- Fractional Excretion of Urea
- Free Water Deficit
- Gail Breast Cancer Risk
- Light's Criteria for Exudative Effusions
- Maddrey's Discriminant Function for Alcoholic Hepatitis
- Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD)
- PSI/PORT Score: Pneumonia Severity Index for CAP
- Ranson's Criteria for Pancreatitis Mortality
- Revised Cardiac Risk Index (CRI) for Pre-Operative Risk
- Serum Osmolality/Osmolarity
- Stool Osmolar/Osmotic Gap
- Well's Criteria for DVT
- Well's Criteria for Pulmonary Embolism

The screenshot shows the 'IM Calculator' interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text 'IM Calculator'. Below the header is a light blue box containing the text 'Select from all calculations:'. Underneath this text is a dropdown menu with a list of calculation options. The options listed are: A-a Gradient, Anion Gap, CHADS2 Score for Atrial Fibrillation Stroke Risk, Child-PUGH Score for Cirrhosis Mortality, CURB-65 Severity Score, GAIL Breast Cancer Risk, Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD), and Serum Osmolality_Osmolarity. The dropdown menu is currently open, showing these options.

Exam Content

- ▶ www.abim.org
- ▶ Becoming certified
- ▶ IM Certification Exam
- ▶ Blueprint (PDF)

Cardiovascular Disease	14% of Exam
Hypertension (NOTE: This total includes the Hypertension content listed under <i>Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism; Nephrology and Urology</i>)	5%
Essential hypertension	
Renal (including renal parenchymal, renovascular)	
Coarctation of the aorta	
Hypertensive urgency and emergency	
Undifferentiated hypertension	
Pericardial disease	<2%
Pericarditis	
Pericardial effusion	

Medical Content Category	% of Exam
Allergy and Immunology	2%
Cardiovascular Disease	14%
Dermatology	3%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	9%
Gastroenterology	9%
Geriatric Syndromes	3%
Hematology	6%
Infectious Disease	9%
Nephrology and Urology	6%
Neurology	4%
Obstetrics and Gynecology	3%
Medical Oncology	6%
Ophthalmology	1%
Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine	1%
Psychiatry	4%
Pulmonary Disease	9%
Rheumatology and Orthopedics	9%
Miscellaneous	2%
Total	100%

Score Report

- ▶ Pass/fail
- ▶ Available online within 3 months of test date

YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE

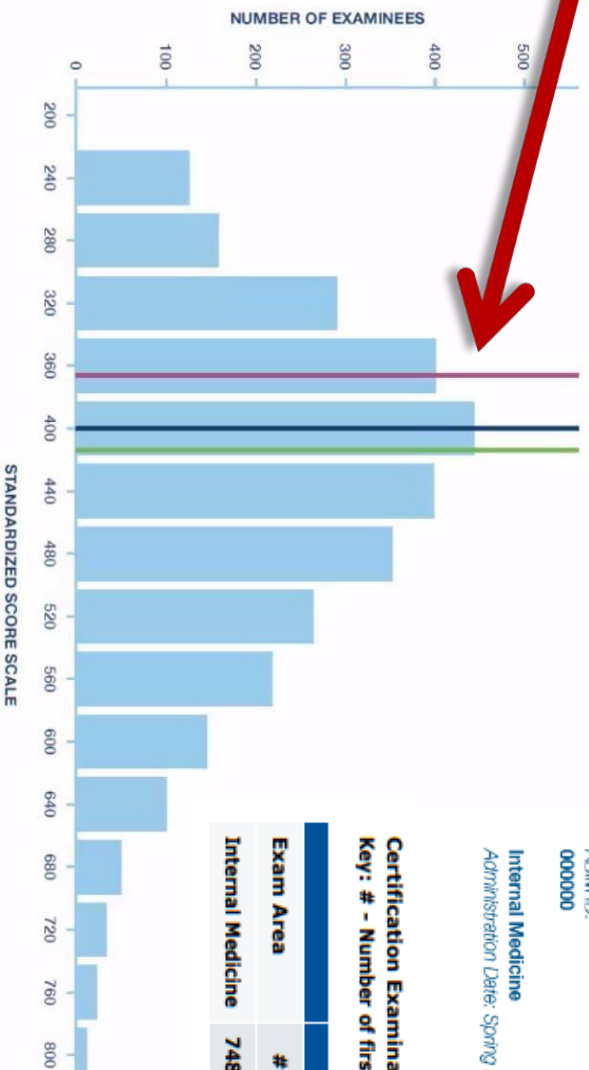
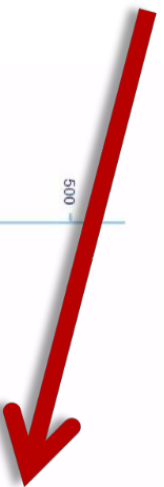
Report for JANE DIPLOMATE

ABIM ID:
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Internal Medicine
Administration Date: Spring 2015

PASS

Your Score: **400**



Your Score
400

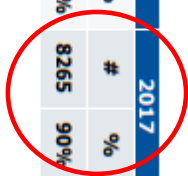
Passing Score
366

Reference Group Mean Score
415

Certification Examination in Internal Medicine: 2013-2017 First-Time Taker Pass Rates

Key: # - Number of first-time takers; % - Percent Passing

Exam Area	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Internal Medicine	# 7482 % 86%	# 7601 % 87%	# 7839 % 89%	# 7853 % 90%	# 8265 % 90%



Resources

- ▶ **MKSAP 17 or 18 text**
- ▶ **MKSAP Board Basics**
- ▶ **MKSAP Questions**
- ▶ **MKSAP Extra Questions**
- ▶ **MKSAP Audio**
- ▶ **MedStudy**
- ▶ **UWorld Questions**
- ▶ **Review Books**
- ▶ **Board Review Week**

