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Dear Dr. Cleary:

I am sorry to inform you that you did not pass your 2022 Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination.

I'm sure that this result is disappointing to you, and I encourage you to review the attached Score Report carefully. The Score Report provides you with details about your exam performance and can help you identify the content areas on which you need to focus as you prepare for your next exam.

To find out whether you are eligible to apply for the next administration of the Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination, view the My Exams section of your ABIM Physician Portal. You should also be aware of ABIM's [Board Eligibility policy](#) that may restrict your ability to take the exam again.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-441-ABIM (2246), Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, or [send us an email](#).

Respectfully,



Richard J. Baron, MD, MACP

President and CEO

Report for **DAVID CLEARY**ABIM ID:
358288**Cardiovascular Disease**

Administration Date: Fall 2022

Overall

FAIL**YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

The American Board of Internal Medicine Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. The pass-fail decision is based on your performance on the entire examination. The examination had two components: (1) multiple-choice questions, and (2) electrocardiograms (ECG) and imaging studies. To become certified, you must achieve a passing score on both components in the same exam administration.

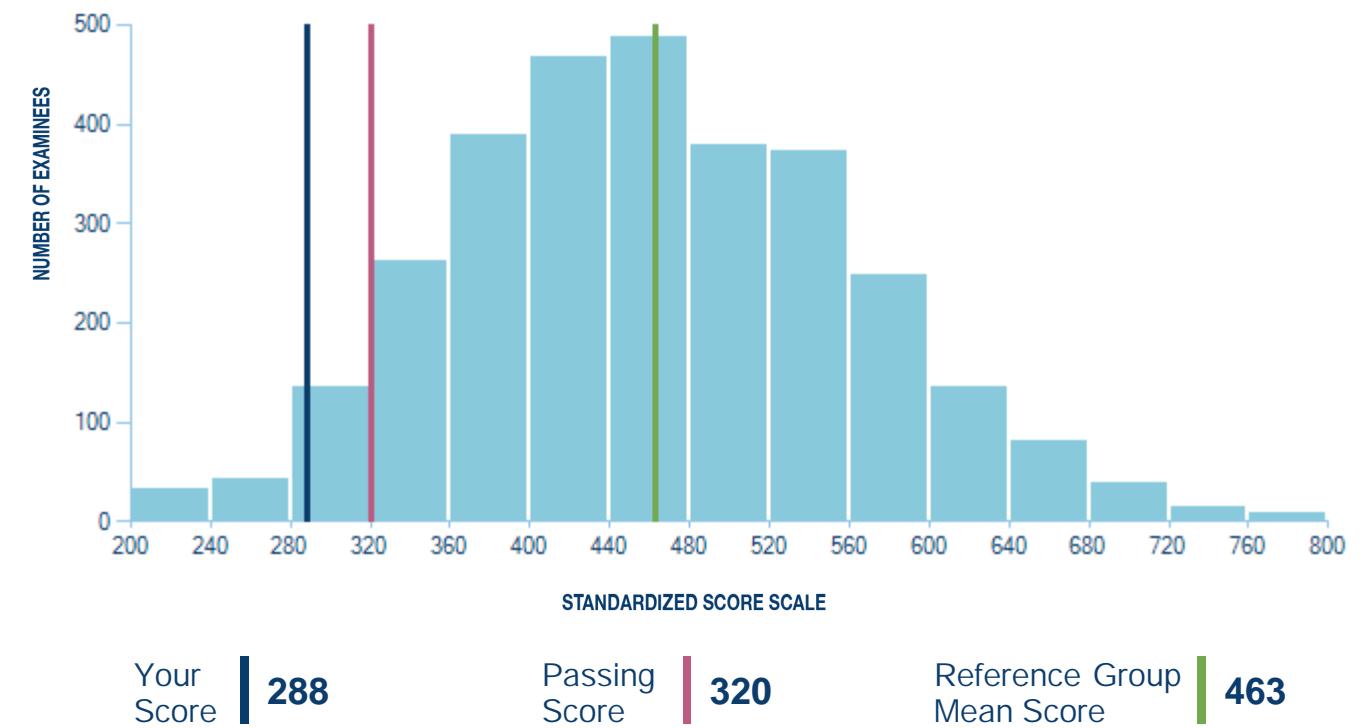
Overall performance on each component is reported on a standardized score scale with a range of 200 to 800. To pass the examination, your standardized score on each component must meet or exceed the standardized passing score for that component. The multiple-choice question passing score is 320 points. The electrocardiograms and imaging studies passing score is 352 points. The links below provide more information related to understanding your overall performance.

Multiple-Choice
Questions**FAIL**Your Score: **288**ECG & Imaging
Studies**PASS**Your Score: **357****More Information**

- [Passing Scores](#)
- [Standard Error of Measurement](#)
- [Content Area Subscores](#)
- [Reference Group Information](#)
- [Test Standardization](#)
- [Exam Blueprint](#)
- [Standardized Score Scale](#)

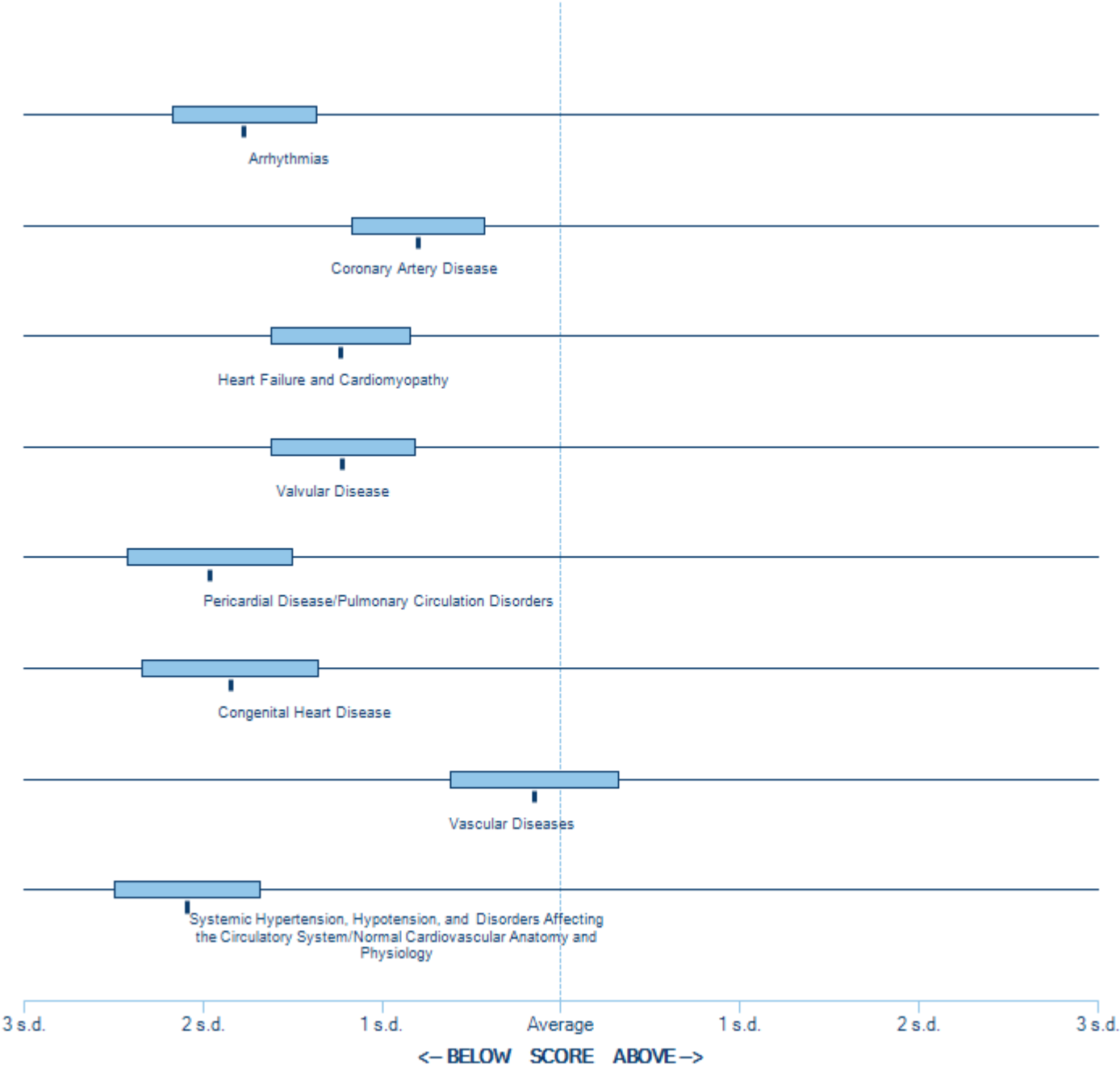
YOUR MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTION PERFORMANCE

The graph below shows your performance relative to both the standardized passing score and to a reference group of first-time taker examinees who took this exam in recent years. Because the reference group includes data from multiple administrations, you cannot accurately infer specific overall pass rates for this administration of this exam from this report. More information on specific annual [exam pass rates](#) is available on [abim.org](#).



YOUR PERFORMANCE BY MEDICAL CONTENT AREAS

The table below is an overview of your relative strengths and weaknesses in the medical content areas as assessed by your performance on the multiple-choice component of the exam. Your standardized score in each medical content area is reported in standard deviation units above and below the reference group average (vertical dotted line). Due to the limited number of questions in each content area, content area subscores are less precise than the overall multiple-choice score. Narrower boxes indicate a greater level of precision in calculating your score. Because the overall multiple-choice score and the content area subscores are on different scales, they cannot be directly compared. Also provided on the following pages is a detailed listing of exam content, showing the blueprint content description and cognitive task that you missed in each area.



Arrhythmias

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Atrioventricular conduction disease Atrioventricular block, 2nd degree	Treatment/Care Decisions
Atrioventricular conduction disease Right bundle branch block	Treatment/Care Decisions
Sinus node dysfunction Sinus bradycardia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Sinus node dysfunction Sinus pauses	Testing
Ventricular arrhythmias Ventricular tachycardia, monomorphic [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Ventricular arrhythmias Ventricular tachycardia, polymorphic With prolonged Q-T interval	Pathophysiology/Basic Science
Atrial arrhythmias Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	Treatment/Care Decisions
Sudden cardiac death [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pacemaker and ICD function	Diagnosis

Coronary Artery Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Angina pectoris Unstable angina	Treatment/Care Decisions
Angina pectoris Angina with microvascular disease	Diagnosis
Chronic ischemic heart disease Coronary atherosclerosis	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Chronic ischemic heart disease Coronary artery aneurysm	Treatment/Care Decisions

Coronary Artery Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute myocardial infarction STEMI of the anterior wall	Diagnosis
Acute myocardial infarction STEMI of the inferior wall Right ventricular involvement [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Acute myocardial infarction STEMI of the inferior wall Right ventricular involvement	Testing
Acute myocardial infarction STEMI of the posterior wall (including inferoposterior wall)	Testing
Acute myocardial infarction Type I Non-STEMI	Treatment/Care Decisions
Atypical chest pain	Treatment/Care Decisions

Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Heart failure Acute decompensated ventricular failure	Diagnosis
Heart failure Systolic heart failure (heart failure with reduced ejection fraction)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Heart failure Diastolic heart failure (heart failure with preserved ejection fraction)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Cardiomyopathies Dilated cardiomyopathies [2 questions]	Testing
Cardiomyopathies Hypertrophic cardiomyopathies	Diagnosis
Cardiomyopathies Stress-induced cardiomyopathy (Takotsubo syndrome)	Diagnosis
Cardiomyopathies Myocarditis	Treatment/Care Decisions

Heart Failure and Cardiomyopathy

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Cardiomyopathies Arrhythmogenic right ventricular dysplasia	Diagnosis
Transplanted heart	Pathophysiology/Basic Science
Transplanted heart	Diagnosis
Mechanical circulatory support	Diagnosis

Valvular Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Mitral valve disorders Mitral valve regurgitation, native	Testing
Mitral valve disorders Mitral valve prolapse, native	Treatment/Care Decisions
Mitral valve disorders Mitral valve prolapse, native	Diagnosis
Aortic valve disorders Prosthetic aortic valve [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Aortic valve disorders Prosthetic aortic valve	Treatment/Care Decisions
Tricuspid valve disorders Prosthetic tricuspid valve	Diagnosis
Endocarditis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Cardiac murmurs and other cardiac sounds	Diagnosis

Pericardial Disease/Pulmonary Circulation Disorders

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Pericardial Disease Acute pericarditis (includes postpericardiotomy/Dressler syndrome) [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions

Pericardial Disease/Pulmonary Circulation Disorders

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Pericardial Disease Acute pericarditis (includes postpericardiotomy/Dressler syndrome)	Testing
Pulmonary Circulation Disorders Pulmonary embolism Pulmonary embolism with acute cor pulmonale	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pulmonary Circulation Disorders Pulmonary hypertension Pulmonary arterial hypertension (WHO Group 1)	Pathophysiology/Basic Science

Congenital Heart Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Congenital malformations of cardiac chambers and connections Complete transposition of the great vessels	Diagnosis
Congenital malformations of cardiac chambers and connections Complete transposition of the great vessels	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Congenital malformations of cardiac septa Atrial septal defect	Treatment/Care Decisions
Congenital malformations of the great arteries Coarctation of the aorta	Diagnosis
Congenital malformations of the great arteries Aneurysm of the sinus of Valsalva	Diagnosis
Congenital malformations of the great veins Anomalous pulmonary venous connections	Testing

Vascular Diseases

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Diseases of the arteries, arterioles and capillaries Raynaud's phenomenon	Treatment/Care Decisions
Diseases of the veins, lymphatic vessels, and lymph nodes Deep vein thrombosis	Treatment/Care Decisions

Systemic Hypertension, Hypotension, and Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System/Normal Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology

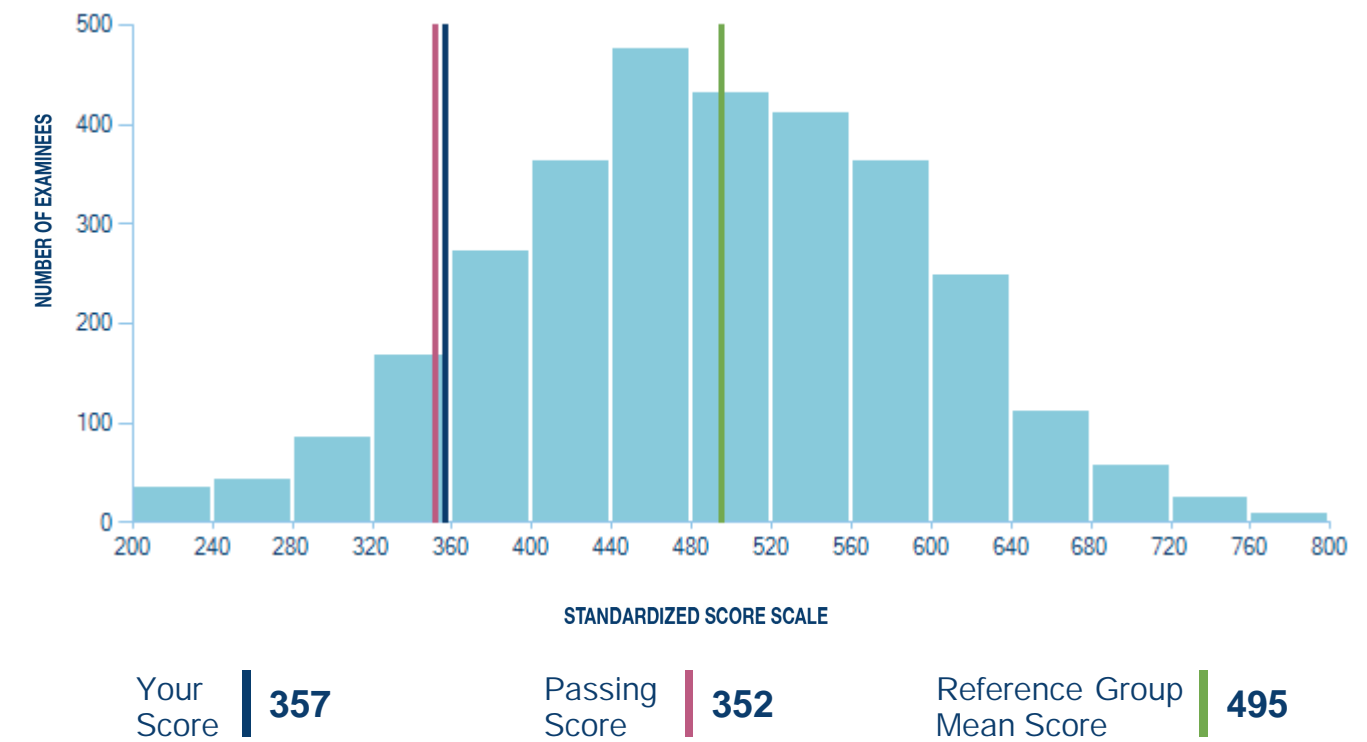
BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Essential (primary) hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Hypertensive chronic kidney disease	Treatment/Care Decisions
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Severe or resistant hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Urgent/emergent hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Secondary hypertension	Testing
Systemic Hypertension and Hypotension Hypertensive diseases Hypertension in pregnancy [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Musculoskeletal and connective tissue Systemic lupus erythematosus	Testing
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic, and hematologic disorders Diabetes	Diagnosis
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic, and hematologic disorders Electrolyte and endocrine abnormalities	Treatment/Care Decisions
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Renal disorders	Diagnosis
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Cardio-Oncology Cardiovascular effects of pharmacological cancer therapy	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology

Systemic Hypertension, Hypotension, and Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System/Normal Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Systemic Disorders Affecting the Circulatory System Cardio-Oncology Cardiovascular effects of radiation therapy	Testing
Normal Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology	Diagnosis
Normal Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology	Pathophysiology/Basic Science

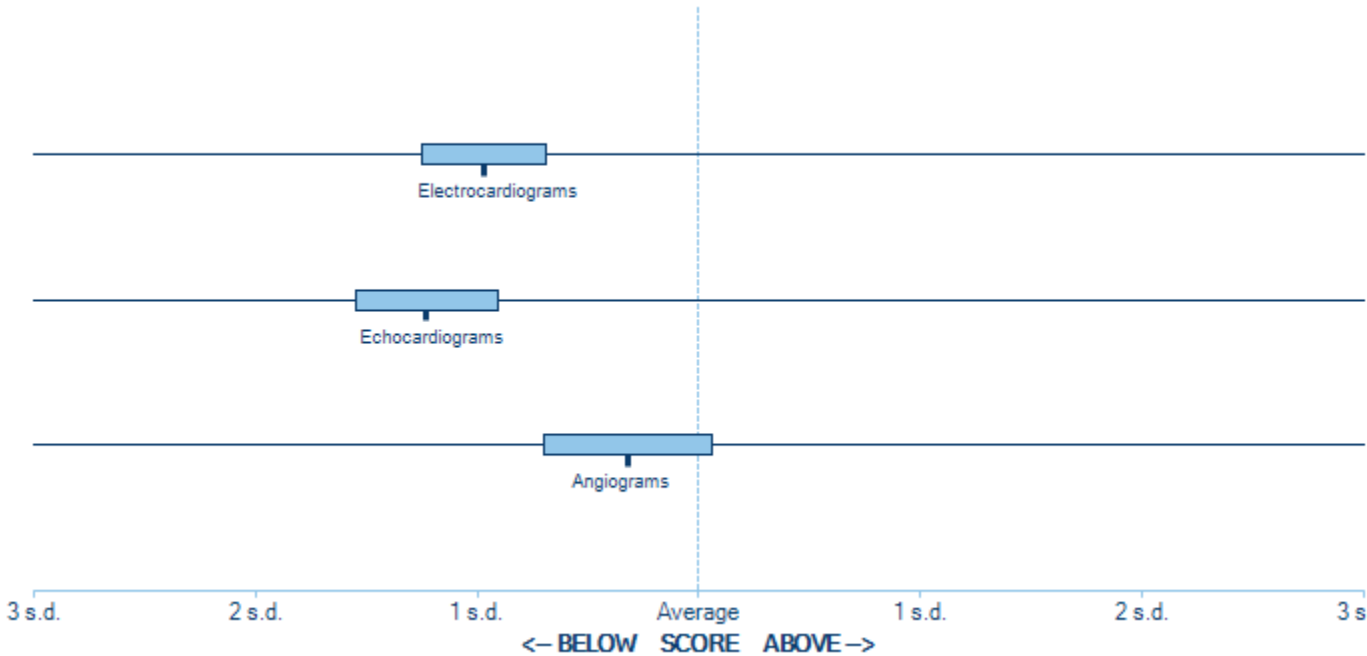
YOUR ELECTROCARDIOGRAM & IMAGING STUDIES PERFORMANCE

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YOUR PERFORMANCE IN ECG & IMAGING STUDIES COMPONENTS

The table below is an overview of your relative strengths and weaknesses as assessed by your performance on the electrocardiogram and imaging studies component of the exam. Your standardized score in each question format is reported in standard deviation units above and below the reference group average (vertical dotted line). Due to the limited number of questions in each format, question format subscores are less precise than the overall electrocardiogram and imaging studies score. Narrower boxes indicate a greater level of precision in calculating your score. Because the electrocardiogram and imaging studies score and the question format subscores are on different scales, they cannot be directly compared.



RESCORE INFORMATION

ABIM's scoring process is a meticulous one and includes a rigorous set of quality control steps to verify the accuracy of results for every examinee. We have taken all the appropriate steps to verify the accuracy of your results. It is very unlikely that an error occurred in retrieving your answers from the computer or scoring your exam. However, you may request a rescore for a fee of \$250. Bear in mind that given the quality controls in the scoring process, a rescore is unlikely to change the outcome of your exam results. [See additional information on how exams are scored, including the rescoring process.](#)