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Admissibility Expiration: June 30, 2026

Dear Dr. Voiculescu,

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) regrets to inform you that you did not obtain a passing score on the 2024 General Surgery Qualifying Examination (GSQE). The score report that follows this letter will provide you with additional information that should be helpful to you in preparing for future examinations.

Individuals are offered one examination opportunity within each year of admissibility to pass the examination. Your admissibility expiration date is listed above. This means that your last opportunity to take the GSQE will be the July 17th, 2025 examination. You will be contacted before the examination with registration information.

Please keep us informed of any change in your contact information. If you have questions regarding the above information, please contact the exam manager at gsqe@absurgery.org.

Sincerely yours,

Jo Buyske, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer



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2024 General Surgery Qualifying Examination Report of Performance

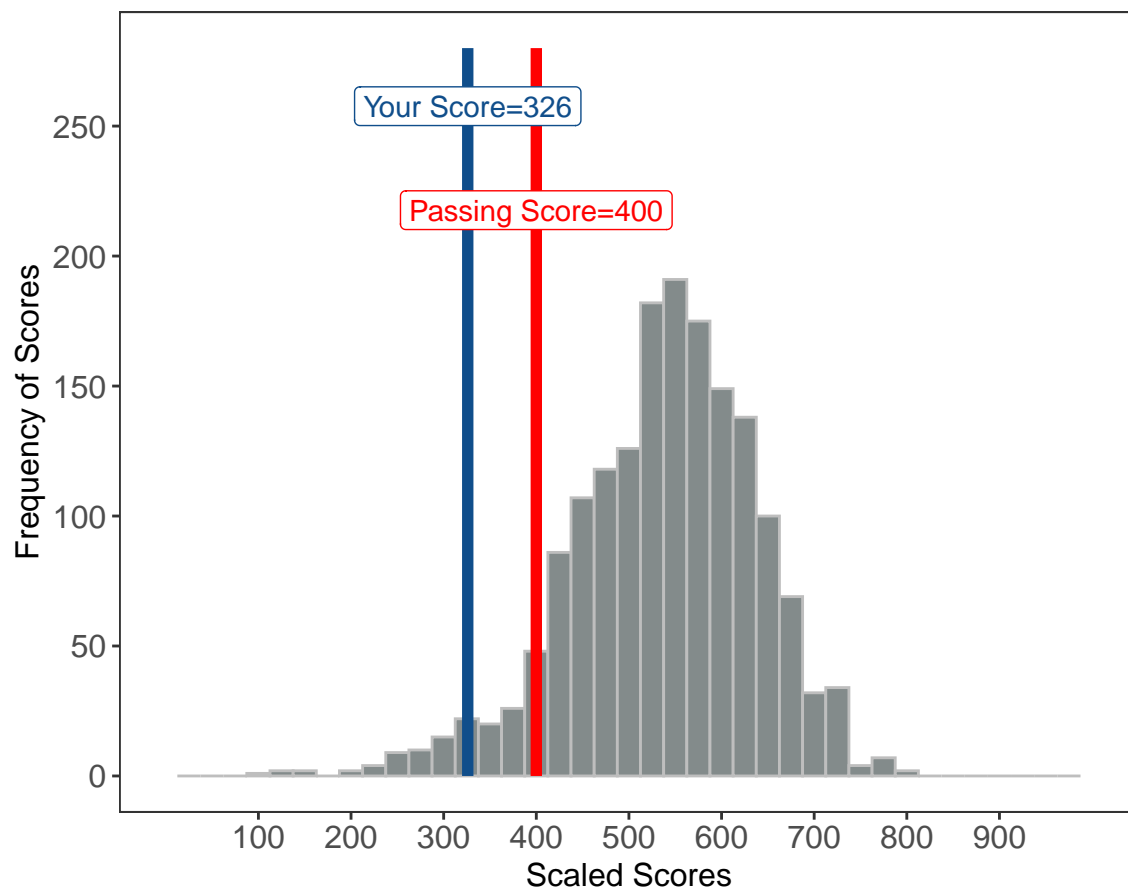
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Dear Dr. Voiculescu:

Please see the plot below for information related to your performance on the examination:

RESULT=FAIL

2024 General Surgery QE Scaled Score Distribution



Your Percentile Score = 3

Total Group Average Scaled Score = 537

EXPLANATION OF SCORE REPORTS

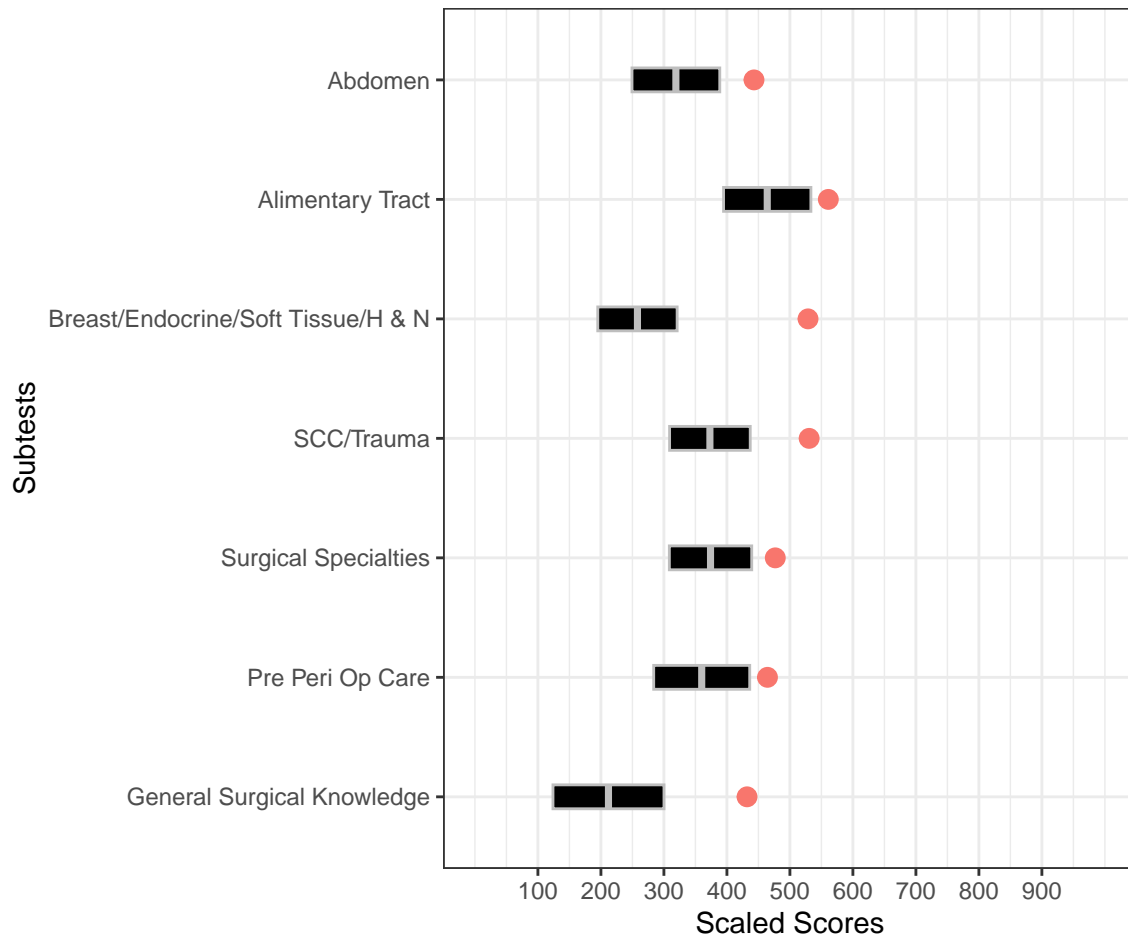
Your total examination score appears as a **scaled score** where 400 or above is a passing score. The scaled scores are placed on a common scale so that scores are comparable from year to year. Scaled scores are established to have a standard deviation of 100. For example, an examinee with a score of 500 scored one standard deviation above the passing score. Your scaled score and the passing scaled score are displayed graphically on the overall distribution of scores, allowing you to compare both your score to other test takers and the passing score.

Passing scores are determined each year through psychometric analysis and comparison with previous examinations so that the passing score is comparable from year to year. This way, examinees have the same chance of passing regardless of examination year or changes in examination difficulty or ability of the overall examinee group. Theoretically, all examinees could pass (or fail) each year; there is no pre-designated failure rate on the examination. As noted above, the passing score is always set equal to 400 on the ABS Examination scale.

SUBTEST REPORTS

The subtest charts on the next page show a plot of your scaled subtest scores for each of the major content areas of the 2024 General Surgery Qualifying Examination. Each box corresponds to a subtest. The grey center line in each of the boxes corresponds to your score for that content area. The width of the box corresponds to one standard error of measurement (SEM) around your score. If retested, you would expect your score to fall within the range of the box 68% of the time, assuming that you did not learn or forget any material. Boxes smaller in width indicate that your score is more precise for that specific subtest. Some subtests are very small and will not yield precise subscores. The red circles are the average scaled score for all 2024 examinees.

INDIVIDUAL PLOT OF SUBTEST SCALED SCORES



The center line in each of the boxes corresponds to **your score** for that content area. The width of the box corresponds to one standard error of measurement (SEM) around your score.

The red circle corresponds to the **average scaled score** for all examinees for that content area.

Listed below by content categories are the number of questions you answered correctly out of the total number of questions in each category. Also listed are the topic areas describing the content of questions you answered incorrectly. This list may be helpful to you in planning your continuing medical education. In the case of categories consisting of fewer than 10 questions, your performance may not accurately reflect your knowledge in these areas. Specific topic areas may apply to more than one examination question.

Abdomen

19 of 36 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Inguinal and Femoral Hernias
- Pancreatic Debridement
- Physiologic Changes Associated With Pneumoperitoneum
- Abdominal Pain - Chronic
- Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura
- Pancreatitis - Biliary
- Miscellaneous Hernias
- Bile Duct Neoplasms - Operation
- Postsplenectomy Sepsis
- Cholecystectomy with or without Cholangiography
- Miscellaneous Hernias - Repair
- Cholecystitis - Acute and Chronic
- Abdominal Wall Reconstruction - Component Separation
- Splenectomy
- Hepatic Mass - Evaluation
- Hemolytic Anemias
- Pancreatic Pseudocyst

Alimentary Tract

32 of 48 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Small Intestinal Obstruction
- Esophageal Motility Disorders other than Achalasia
- Peptic Ulcer Disease
- Polyposis Syndromes
- Esophagomyotomy (Heller)
- Esophageal Perforation - Spontaneous
- Colitis - Ischemic
- Bronchoalveolar Lavage
- Rectal Cancer - Transanal Resection
- Gastric Adenocarcinoma
- Anal Fissure
- Mesenteric Ischemia - Acute (Arterial, Venous, and Nonocclusive)
- Bronchoalveolar Lavage
- Colonic Crohn's Disease - Operative Management
- Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST) and Miscellaneous Neoplasms
- Cricopharyngeal Myotomy with Zenker's Diverticulum - Excision

Breast/Endocrine/Soft Tissue/H & N

24 of 50 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Breast Cancer - Invasive Carcinoma (Ductal, Lobular, All Variants)
- Thyroid Cancer
- Mammographic Abnormalities
- Adrenal Mass - Incidental
- Chemotherapy - Principles
- Thyroiditis
- Cellulitis
- Nipple Discharge
- Hyperthyroidism
- Breast Cancer - Male
- Adrenal Cancer
- Screening and Biomarkers
- Thyroiditis
- Breast Cancer - Male
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma - Resection
- Upper Airway Obstruction
- Benign Breast Disease - Gynecomastia
- Hypothyroidism - Postoperative
- Non-Melanoma Skin Cancers
- Breast Cancer During Pregnancy and Lactation
- Breast Cancer - Male
- Tumor Immunology
- Genetic Susceptibility
- Parathyroidectomy
- Hypothyroidism - Postoperative
- Surgical Site Infection

SCC/Trauma

36 of 61 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Vascular Injury - Neck
- Bladder Injury
- Cardiac Tamponade
- Infections - Viral, Common
- Cardiac Arrhythmias - Common
- Central Venous Catheter Placement
- Hepatic Failure and Hepatorenal Syndrome
- Splenic Injury
- Anaphylaxis
- Surgery and Surgical Conditions in Immunocompromised Hosts
- Frostbite and Hypothermia
- Neurogenic Shock
- Endotracheal Intubation

- Colon and Rectal Injury
- Infections - Diagnostic Approach
- Anaphylaxis
- Brain Death
- Esophageal Injury
- Cardiogenic Shock
- Liver Transplantation
- Trauma in Pregnancy
- Infection and Antimicrobial Therapy
- Septic Shock
- Hepatic Injury - Packing and Repair
- Derangements of Electrolytes and Acid-Base Balance

Surgical Specialties

27 of 46 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Pelvic Inflammatory Disease
- Vascular Access for Dialysis
- Peripheral Vascular Disease and Claudication
- Chest Tube Placement and Management
- Arteriovenous Graft/Fistula
- Venous Insufficiency/Varicose Veins - Operation
- Sclerotherapy - Peripheral Vein
- Ectopic Pregnancy
- Pneumothorax
- Complex Wound Closure
- Venous Stasis/Chronic Venous Insufficiency
- Venous Access for Long-Term Therapy
- Hydrocele
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm - Endovascular/Open Repair
- Orchiectomy
- Amputations - Lower Extremity
- Vascular Exposure Principles
- Hysterectomy
- Intussusception - Operation - Pediatric

Pre Peri Op Care

13 of 23 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Choice of Anesthesia
- Nutritional Support - Long-Term
- Normal Mechanisms of Hemostasis and Coagulation
- Magnesium and Phosphorous Disorders
- Wound Care - Postoperative
- Nutritional Pharmacology and Immunonutrition
- Wound Care - Postoperative

- Advanced Directives, DNR Orders, and Power of Attorney
- Hypokalemia and Hyperkalemia
- Nutritional Requirements

General Surgical Knowledge

5 of 14 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Evaluation of Surgical Risk
- Radiology
- Evaluation of Surgical Risk
- Preoperative Assessment and Management of Pulmonary Risk
- Perioperative Management of the Therapeutically Anticoagulated Patient
- Radiology
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Palliative Care
- Preoperative Assessment and Management of Cardiac Risk