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I am sorry to inform you that you did not pass your 2022 Internal Medicine 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 Internal Medicine 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

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Initial Certification Examination Score Report

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Internal Medicine

Administration Date: Summer 2022

FAIL

Your Score:

284

INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

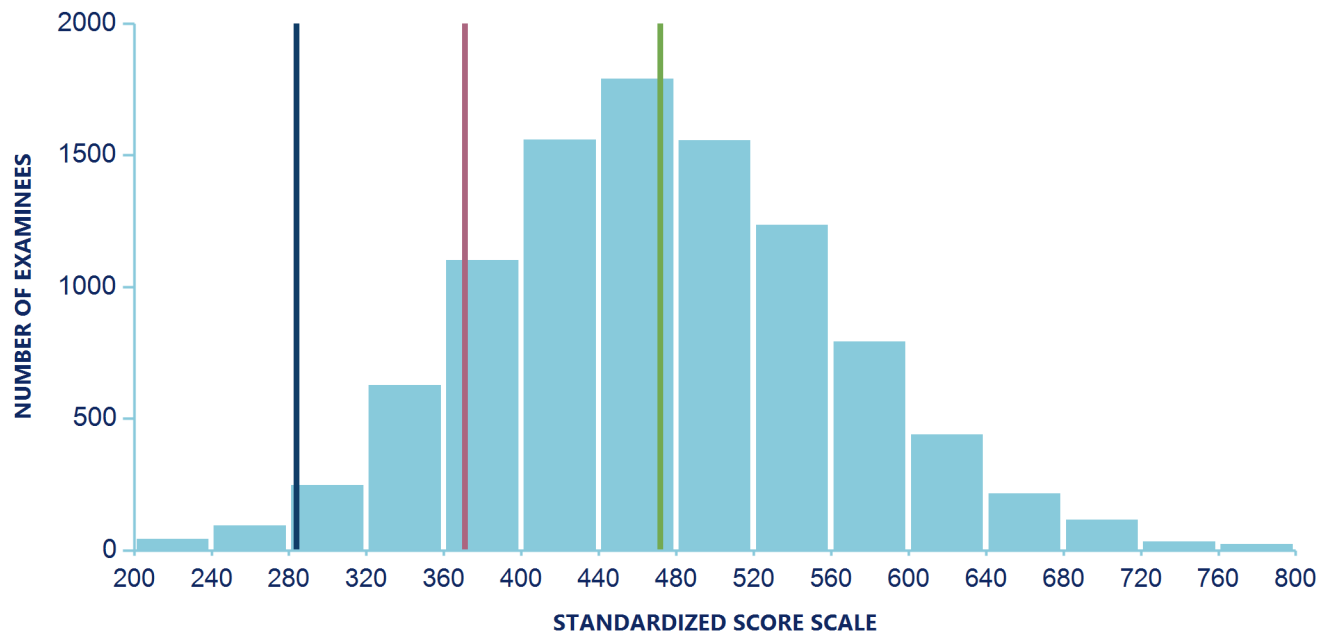
The American Board of Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Initial Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. Overall performance is reported on a standardized scale ranging from 200 to 800 points. Your performance on the entire exam determines the exam pass-fail decision. To pass the exam, your standardized score must equal or exceed the **standardized passing score** of 371. The links below provide more information related to understanding your overall performance.

More Information

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

YOUR OVERALL 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 Score | **284**

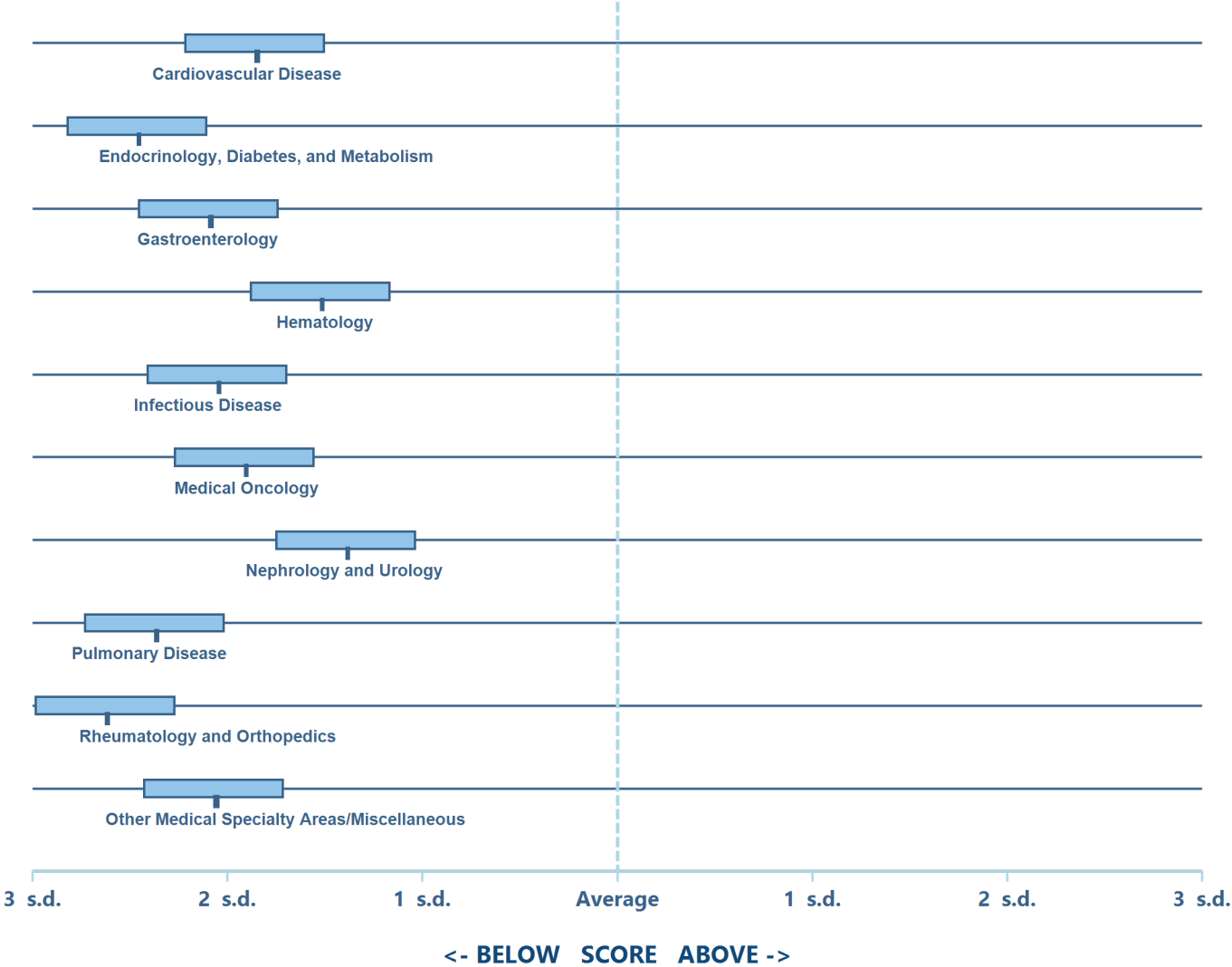
Passing Score | **371**

Reference Group Mean Score | **472**



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 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 score. Narrower boxes indicate a greater level of precision in calculating your score. Because the overall 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.



Cardiovascular Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hypertension Essential hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Hypertension Hypertensive urgency and emergency	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Pericardial disease Pericardial effusion	Diagnosis
Ischemic heart disease ACS complications	Testing
Ischemic heart disease Other ischemic heart disease (coronary artery disease, spasm)	Diagnosis
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias	Diagnosis
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias	Treatment/Care Decisions
Valvular heart disease Mitral stenosis	Diagnosis
Vascular disease Aorta	Treatment/Care Decisions
Vascular disease Venous disease of the lower extremities	Diagnosis
Lipid disorders	Treatment/Care Decisions

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Adrenal disorders Adrenal hormonal excess	Diagnosis
Thyroid disorders Hypothyroidism	Testing

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Lipid disorders Chylomicronemia syndrome	Diagnosis
Lipid disorders Diet and hyperlipidemia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes mellitus [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Osteoporosis	Testing
Endocrine tumors and endocrine manifestations of tumors Glucagon-secreting tumors	Diagnosis
Hypoglycemia not due to insulinoma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Nutritional disorders	Pathophysiology/Basic Science

Gastroenterology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Colonic and anorectal disease Ulcerative colitis	Diagnosis
Colonic and anorectal disease Acute appendicitis	Testing
Pancreatic disease Acute pancreatitis (including autoimmune pancreatitis)	Testing
Biliary tract disease Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction	Diagnosis
Liver disease Cirrhosis and portal hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Undiagnosed gastrointestinal hemorrhage Undiagnosed lower gastrointestinal hemorrhage	Treatment/Care Decisions

Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hypoproliferative anemia Aplastic anemia	Diagnosis



Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders Coagulation factor deficiencies	Diagnosis
Myeloproliferative disorders Polycythemia vera and other erythrocytosis	Testing
Myelodysplastic syndrome	Diagnosis

Infectious Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Skin and soft tissue infections Herpes zoster and varicella	Treatment/Care Decisions
Skin and soft tissue infections Lymphadenitis and lymphangitis	Diagnosis
Upper respiratory tract infections Acute and chronic sinusitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Upper respiratory tract infections Other upper respiratory tract infections (pertussis)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Eye infections Conjunctivitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Hepatic infections Viral hepatitis	Testing
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection Immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome	Diagnosis
Poststreptococcal glomerulonephritis	Diagnosis

Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Breast cancer	Treatment/Care Decisions
Neoplasms of the head and neck Other neoplasms of the head and neck (not thyroid cancer)	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Gastrointestinal or hepatic cancer Esophageal carcinoma	Testing

Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Central nervous system (CNS) tumors Spinal cord tumors and compression	Testing
Cancer screening Colorectal cancer	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology

Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute kidney injury Toxic kidney injury	Diagnosis
Urinary incontinence Urinary incontinence in women	Treatment/Care Decisions
Water and electrolyte balance Hypokalemia	Diagnosis

Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Obstructive airway disease General asthma [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Obstructive airway disease General asthma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Obstructive airway disease Chronic bronchitis and emphysema	Testing
Lower respiratory tract infections Pneumonia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Lung cancer Undifferentiated lung cancer [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Management of ventilators	Treatment/Care Decisions
Solitary pulmonary nodule	Treatment/Care Decisions

Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Crystal-induced arthropathy Pseudogout	Treatment/Care Decisions

Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Localized joint syndromes Back pain	Treatment/Care Decisions
Rheumatoid arthritis Adverse effects of antirheumatic drugs	Diagnosis
Vasculitis Large-vessel vasculitis	Testing
Other primary rheumatic disorders Fibromyalgia	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Scoliosis	Diagnosis
Infectious arthritis	Diagnosis
Metabolic and other bone disease Hyperparathyroidism	Treatment/Care Decisions
Osteoarthritis [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Undifferentiated rheumatology and orthopedic disorders	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Allergy and Immunology Food allergy	Diagnosis
Dermatology Dermatitis (eczemas) Stasis dermatitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Dermatology Vascular dermatoses Erythema nodosum	Diagnosis
Dermatology Photosensitivity dermatoses Photodermatitis	Diagnosis
Neurology Cerebrovascular disease (without specific diagnosis) Transient ischemic attack	Testing

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Neurology Other primary neurologic disorders Motor neuron disease	Diagnosis
Obstetrics and Gynecology Pregnancy Urinary tract infections in pregnancy	Treatment/Care Decisions
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menstrual disorders Abnormal uterine bleeding	Treatment/Care Decisions
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menopause - management, risks, and benefits of therapy	Treatment/Care Decisions
Obstetrics and Gynecology Sexually transmitted diseases and infections of reproductive organs	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Ophthalmology Glaucoma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine Diseases of the ear Presbycusis and other hearing loss	Diagnosis
Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine Diseases of the ear Otitis media and externa	Diagnosis
Psychiatry Mood disorders Bipolar disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Anxiety disorders Generalized anxiety disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Anxiety disorders Panic disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Geriatric Syndromes Incontinence in the elderly	Treatment/Care Decisions
Geriatric Syndromes Hip fracture in the elderly	Treatment/Care Decisions

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Geriatric Syndromes Other primary geriatric topics Clinical pharmacology and aging	Treatment/Care Decisions



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.](#)

