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Dear Dr. Lee:

I regret to inform you that you did not pass your 2024 Internal Medicine Certification Examination.

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

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Respectfully,

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## Report for **CHRISTINE LEE**

ABIM ID:  
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**Internal Medicine**  
*Administration Date: Summer 2024*

**FAIL**

Your Score:  
**270**

## INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

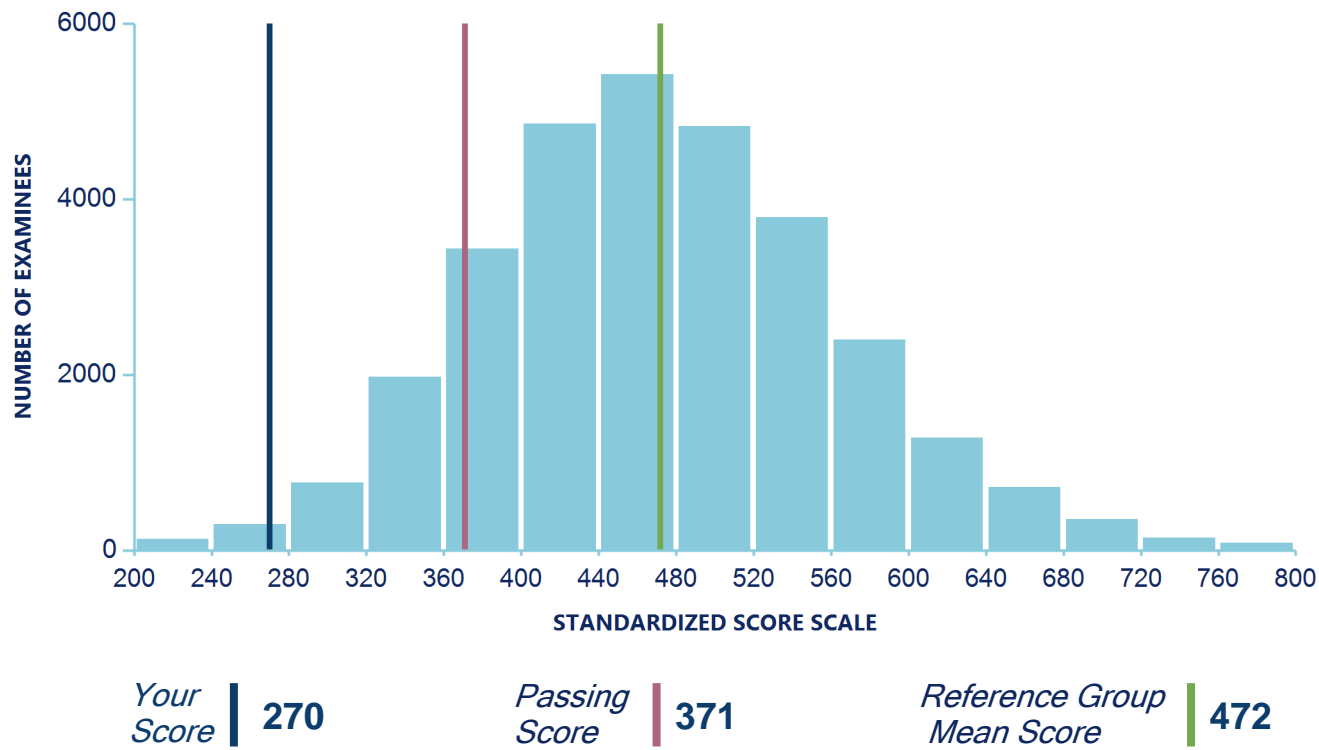
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### More Information

- [Passing Scores](#)
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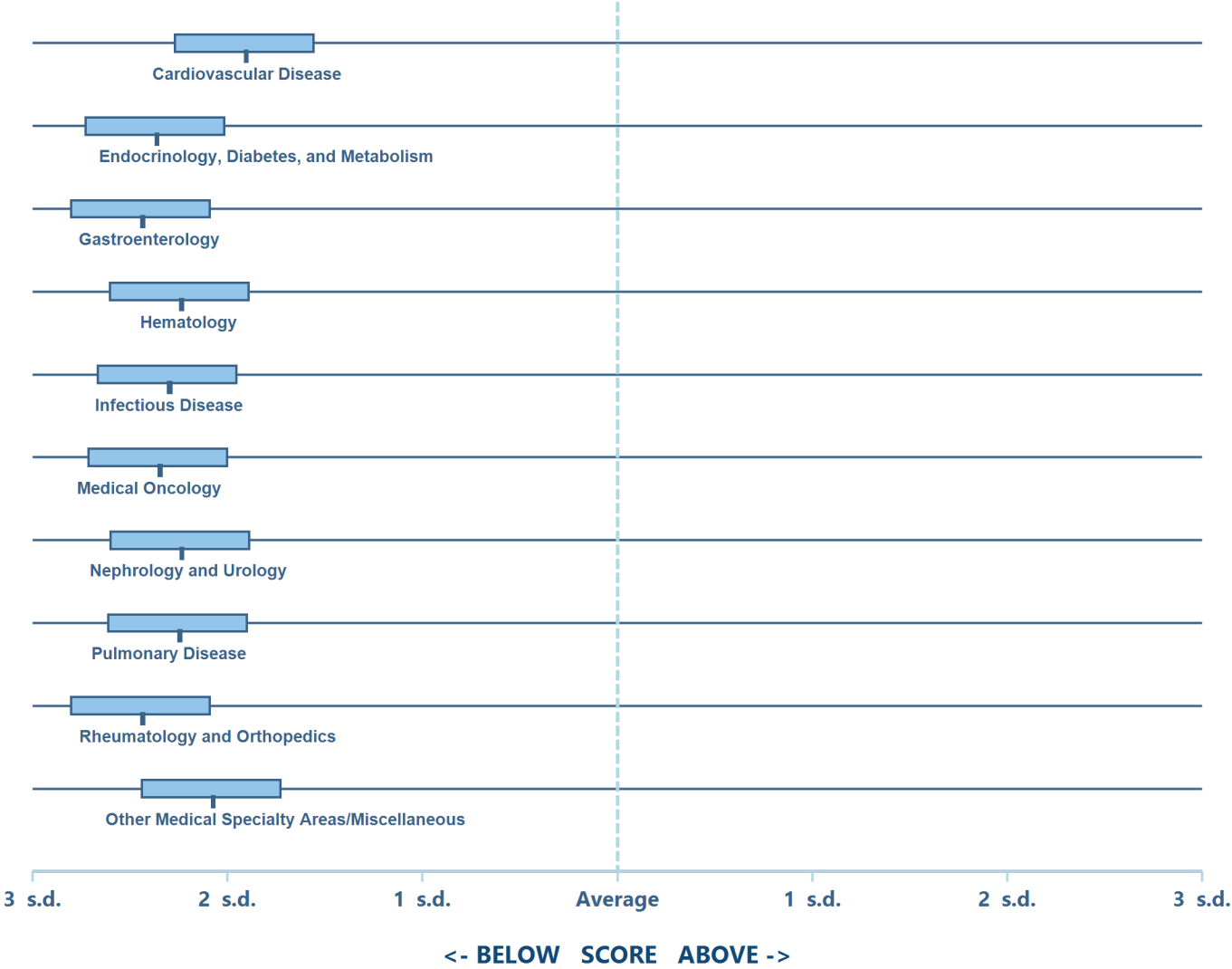
# YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE

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 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

| BUILDUP DESCRIPTION   | TASK                                   |
|---|--|
| Hypertension<br>Essential hypertension                          | Testing                                |
| Hypertension<br>Hypertensive urgency and emergency              | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Ischemic heart disease<br>Acute coronary syndrome (ACS)         | Testing                                |
| Dysrhythmias and conduction defects<br>Tachyarrhythmias         | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Valvular heart disease<br>Mitral regurgitation                  | Diagnosis                              |
| Valvular heart disease<br>Mitral stenosis                       | Diagnosis                              |
| Myocardial disease<br>Undifferentiated myocardial disease       | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Endocarditis and other cardiovascular infection<br>Endocarditis | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Vascular disease<br>Venous disease of the lower extremities     | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Syncope<br>Orthostatic hypotension                              | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Preoperative consultation<br>No testing required                | Treatment/Care Decisions               |

## Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

| BUILDUP DESCRIPTION                             | TASK    |
|---|---------|
| Adrenal disorders<br>Adrenal masses and nodules | Testing |

## Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                                   |
|---|--|
| Thyroid disorders<br>Hyperthyroidism  | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Thyroid disorders<br>Thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer                           | Testing                                |
| Lipid disorders<br>Chylomicronemia syndrome                                       | Diagnosis                              |
| Ovarian disorders and female reproductive health<br>Premature ovarian failure     | Diagnosis                              |
| Diabetes mellitus<br>Complications of diabetes mellitus                           | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone<br>Vitamin D deficiency and osteomalacia | Diagnosis                              |
| Anterior pituitary disorders<br>Pituitary tumors                                  | Testing                                |

## Gastroenterology

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Esophageal disease<br>Other esophageal disease (eosinophilic esophagitis, esophageal rupture) | Testing                  |
| Small intestinal disease<br>Ischemic bowel disease  | Testing                  |
| Colonic and anorectal disease<br>Ulcerative colitis   | Diagnosis                |
| Pancreatic disease<br>Acute pancreatitis  | Diagnosis                |
| Biliary tract disease<br>Primary sclerosing cholangitis                                       | Diagnosis                |
| Biliary tract disease<br>Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction  | Diagnosis                |
| Liver disease<br>Hepatocellular carcinoma screening   | Treatment/Care Decisions |

## Gastroenterology

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION  | TASK                     |
|--|--------------------------|
| Gastrointestinal hemorrhage<br>Upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage | Treatment/Care Decisions |

## Hematology

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION  | TASK                     |
|--|--------------------------|
| Hemolytic anemia<br>Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia  | Diagnosis                |
| Hemolytic anemia<br>Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia  | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders<br>Primary hypercoagulable states (including AT3 deficiency, APC resistance) | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Myelodysplastic syndrome   | Diagnosis                |

## Infectious Disease

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Central nervous system (CNS) infections<br>Meningitis   | Diagnosis                |
| Upper respiratory tract infections<br>Otitis media and externa  | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Enteric infections<br>Bacterial peritonitis   | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection<br>Cardio-metabolic complications of HIV therapy and infection | Diagnosis                |
| Procedure- and device-associated infections   | Testing                  |
| Nosocomial infections<br>Hospital-acquired infections and prevention  | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Specific causative organisms<br>Rickettsioses and ehrlichioses  | Diagnosis                |
| Specific causative organisms<br>Bacterial diseases  | Diagnosis                |

## Medical Oncology

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Neoplasms of the head and neck<br>Other neoplasms of the head and neck (not thyroid cancer) | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Urologic cancer<br>Renal cell carcinoma   | Diagnosis                |
| Urologic cancer<br>Testicular carcinoma and tumors  | Diagnosis                |
| Gynecologic cancer<br>Cervical cancer   | Diagnosis                |
| Central nervous system (CNS) tumors<br>Spinal cord tumors and compression                   | Testing                  |
| Hematologic malignancies<br>Acute leukemia  | Diagnosis                |

## Nephrology and Urology

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Acute kidney injury<br>Toxic kidney injury                        | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Acute kidney injury<br>Other acute kidney injury                  | Diagnosis                |
| Chronic kidney disease<br>Kidney dialysis                         | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Chronic kidney disease<br>Undifferentiated chronic kidney disease | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Nephrolithiasis   | Treatment/Care Decisions |

## Pulmonary Disease

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION                                      | TASK                     |
|--|--------------------------|
| Obstructive airway disease<br>General asthma               | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Interstitial lung disease<br>Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis | Treatment/Care Decisions |



## Pulmonary Disease

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION  | TASK                                   |
|--|--|
| Pulmonary vascular disease<br>Idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension                                       | Diagnosis                              |
| Pleural disease<br>Noninfectious pleural effusion  | Diagnosis                              |
| Lower respiratory tract infections<br>Pneumonia  | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)<br>Acute respiratory distress syndrome (not including fat embolism) | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Lung cancer<br>Undifferentiated lung cancer  | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Miscellaneous pulmonary disorders (indications for spirometry)   | Treatment/Care Decisions               |

## Rheumatology and Orthopedics

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION  | TASK      |
|--|-----------|
| Crystal-induced arthropathy<br>Pseudogout                                | Diagnosis |
| Regional musculoskeletal syndromes<br>Shoulder syndromes                 | Diagnosis |
| Vasculitis<br>Large-vessel vasculitis                                    | Diagnosis |
| Vasculitis<br>ANCA-associated vasculitis                                 | Diagnosis |
| Other primary rheumatic disorders<br>Relapsing polychondritis            | Diagnosis |
| Other primary rheumatic disorders<br>Behcet disease                      | Diagnosis |
| Other primary rheumatic disorders<br>Fibromyalgia                        | Diagnosis |
| Infectious arthritis   | Diagnosis |
| Metabolic and other bone disease<br>Avascular necrosis and osteonecrosis | Testing   |

## Rheumatology and Orthopedics

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION      | TASK      |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Sports injuries and trauma | Diagnosis |

## Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION  | TASK                                   |
|--|--|
| Allergy and Immunology<br>Urticaria and angioedema<br>Drug-induced urticaria and angioedema                      | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Dermatology<br>Dermatitis (eczemas)<br>Atopic dermatitis   | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Dermatology<br>Pigment disorders<br>Vitiligo and other hypopigmentation disorders                                | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Miscellaneous<br>Primarily safety and quality improvement  | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Miscellaneous<br>Primarily safety and quality improvement  | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Neurology<br>Peripheral neuropathy<br>Drugs and toxins   | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Neurology<br>Disorders of cerebral function<br>Dementia  | Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology |
| Neurology<br>Other neurologic disorders<br>Motor neuron disease  | Diagnosis                              |
| Obstetrics and Gynecology<br>Uterine disorders<br>Endometriosis  | Diagnosis                              |
| Obstetrics and Gynecology<br>Family planning and reproductive health   | Treatment/Care Decisions               |
| Ophthalmology<br>Conjunctivitis<br>Other conjunctivitis (keratoconjunctivitis sicca [dry eye], undifferentiated) | Diagnosis                              |

## Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

| BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION   | TASK                     |
|---|--------------------------|
| Ophthalmology<br>Diseases of the cornea<br>Keratitis (infections of the cornea)                   | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine<br>Diseases of the ear<br>Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Psychiatry<br>Eating disorders (not including obesity)<br>Anorexia nervosa                        | Treatment/Care Decisions |
| Psychiatry<br>Substance use disorder  | Diagnosis                |
| Geriatric Syndromes<br>Common foot problems in the elderly  | Treatment/Care Decisions |

## RESCORE INFORMATION

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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.](#)