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Dear Dr. Bardwell:

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I am sorry to inform you that you did not pass your 2023 Internal Medicine Certification Examination.

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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.

Abha Agrawal, MD

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.

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Report for **JAMES BARDWELL**

ABIM ID:
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Internal Medicine
Administration Date: Summer 2023

FAIL

Your Score:
368

INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

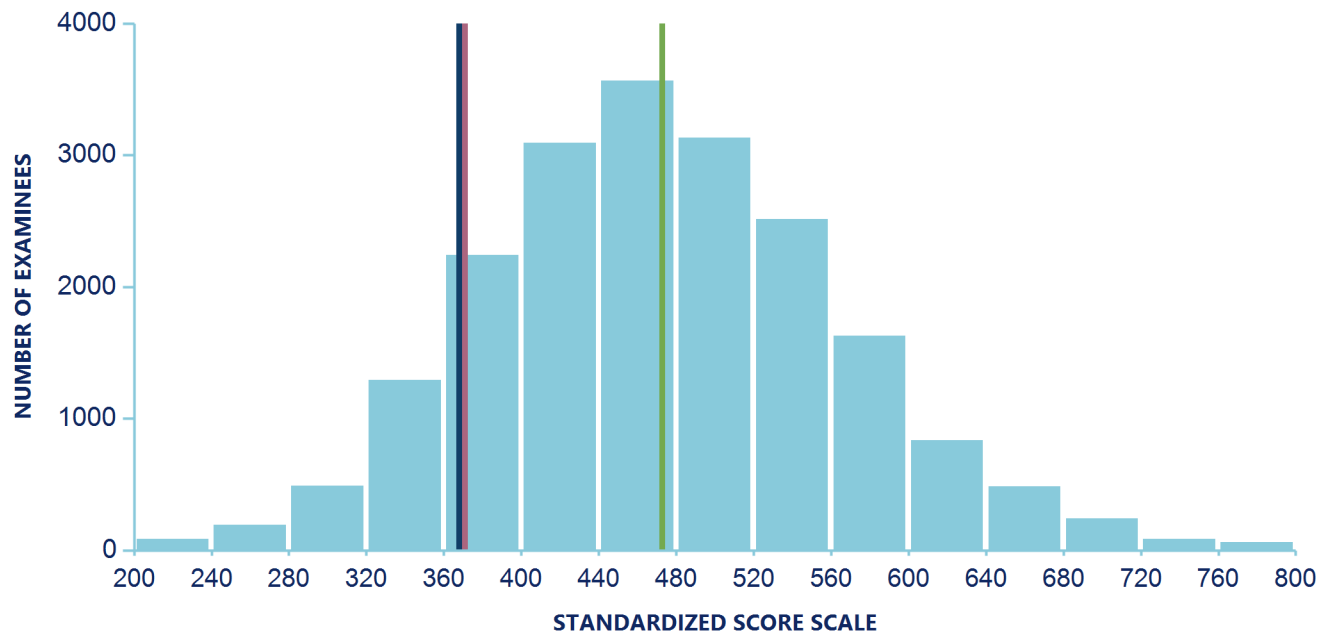
The American Board of Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Initial Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. Overall performance is reported on a standardized scale ranging from 200 to 800 points. 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](#).



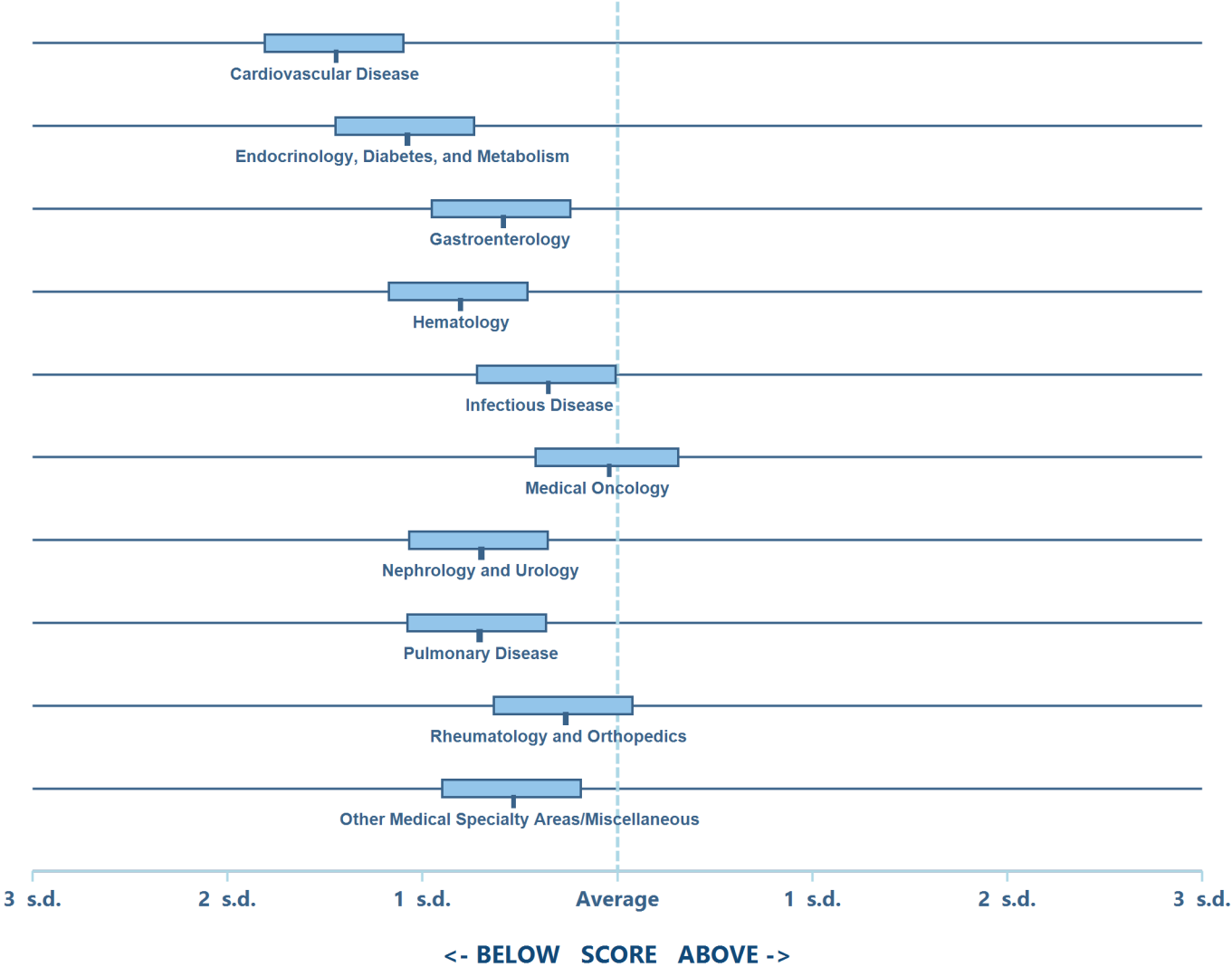
Your Score | **368**

Passing Score | **371**

Reference Group Mean Score | **473**

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 Hypertensive urgency and emergency	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pericardial disease Pericarditis	Diagnosis
Pericardial disease Pericardial effusion	Diagnosis
Ischemic heart disease Other ischemic heart disease (coronary artery disease, spasm)	Testing
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Conduction defects	Treatment/Care Decisions
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Bradyarrhythmias	Treatment/Care Decisions
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias	Diagnosis
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias	Treatment/Care Decisions
Congenital heart disease in adults Bicuspid aortic valve	Diagnosis
Valvular heart disease Aortic stenosis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Valvular heart disease Mitral regurgitation	Diagnosis
Myocardial disease Myocarditis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Vascular disease Aorta	Treatment/Care Decisions
Syncope Reflex syncope (vasovagal and situational)	Diagnosis

Cardiovascular Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Preoperative consultation Testing indicated	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Lipid disorders [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Thyroid disorders Thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer	Testing
Lipid disorders Diet and hyperlipidemia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Testes and male reproductive health Male hypogonadism	Diagnosis
Diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes mellitus [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Diabetes mellitus Complications of diabetes mellitus	Treatment/Care Decisions
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Hypercalcemia	Testing
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Vitamin D deficiency and osteomalacia	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology

Gastroenterology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Esophageal disease Gastroesophageal reflux	Treatment/Care Decisions
Colonic and anorectal disease Colorectal cancer screening	Treatment/Care Decisions
Biliary tract disease Cholelithiasis	Testing
Gastrointestinal hemorrhage Upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage	Treatment/Care Decisions

Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hypoproliferative anemia Anemia of chronic disease or organ failure (including kidney failure)	Diagnosis
Hemolytic anemia Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	Diagnosis
Hemoglobinopathies and thalassemias Hemoglobinopathies	Treatment/Care Decisions
Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders Coagulation factor deficiencies	Diagnosis

Infectious Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Central nervous system (CNS) infections Meningitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Enteric infections Bacterial peritonitis	Diagnosis
Bacteremia and sepsis syndrome Fever and neutropenia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Prevention of infectious disease Immunization	Treatment/Care Decisions

Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hematologic malignancies Chronic leukemia	Diagnosis

Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute kidney injury Toxic kidney injury	Diagnosis
Chronic kidney disease Strategies to prevent progression of chronic kidney disease	Treatment/Care Decisions
Other kidney disorders Obstructive uropathy (acute or chronic)	Treatment/Care Decisions

Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Water and electrolyte balance Hypernatremia	Diagnosis

Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Obstructive airway disease General asthma	Testing
Obstructive airway disease General asthma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Lung cancer Undifferentiated lung cancer	Diagnosis
Evaluation of common pulmonary symptoms Dyspnea	Testing

Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Regional musculoskeletal syndromes Foot and ankle syndromes [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Vasculitis Large-vessel vasculitis	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Fibromyalgia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Sports injuries and trauma	Diagnosis
Mixed connective tissue disease	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Dermatology Dermatitis (eczemas) Drug eruptions	Diagnosis
Dermatology Vascular dermatoses Erythema nodosum	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Dermatology Nodules and tumors of the skin Seborrheic keratosis	Diagnosis
Neurology Cerebrovascular disease (without specific diagnosis) Transient ischemic attack	Diagnosis
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Neurology Disorders of cerebral function Dementia	Diagnosis
Neurology Miscellaneous neurologic disorders Vertigo	Testing
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menstrual disorders Abnormal uterine bleeding	Testing
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menopause - management, risks, and benefits of therapy	Testing
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Psychiatry Anxiety disorders Phobias	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Sexual disorders and gender dysphoria	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Neuroleptic malignant disorder	Diagnosis
Geriatric Syndromes Incontinence in the elderly	Testing

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.](#)