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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 **BERKAY OTKUR**

ABIM ID:  
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**Internal Medicine**  
*Administration Date: Summer 2023*

**FAIL**

Your Score:  
**316**

## INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

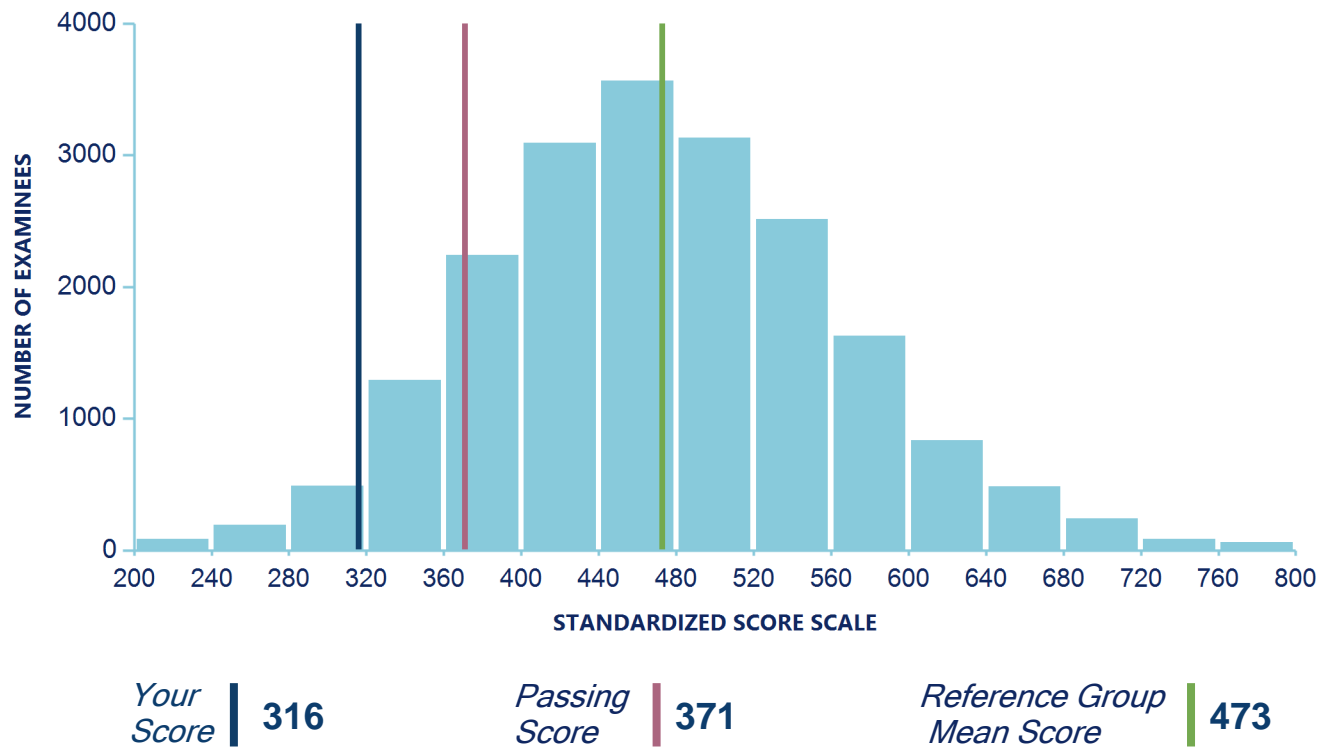
The American Board of Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Initial Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. Overall performance is reported on a standardized scale ranging from 200 to 800 points. 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](#)
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- [Reference Group Information](#)
- [Test Standardization](#)
- [Exam Blueprint](#)
- [Standardized Score Scale](#)

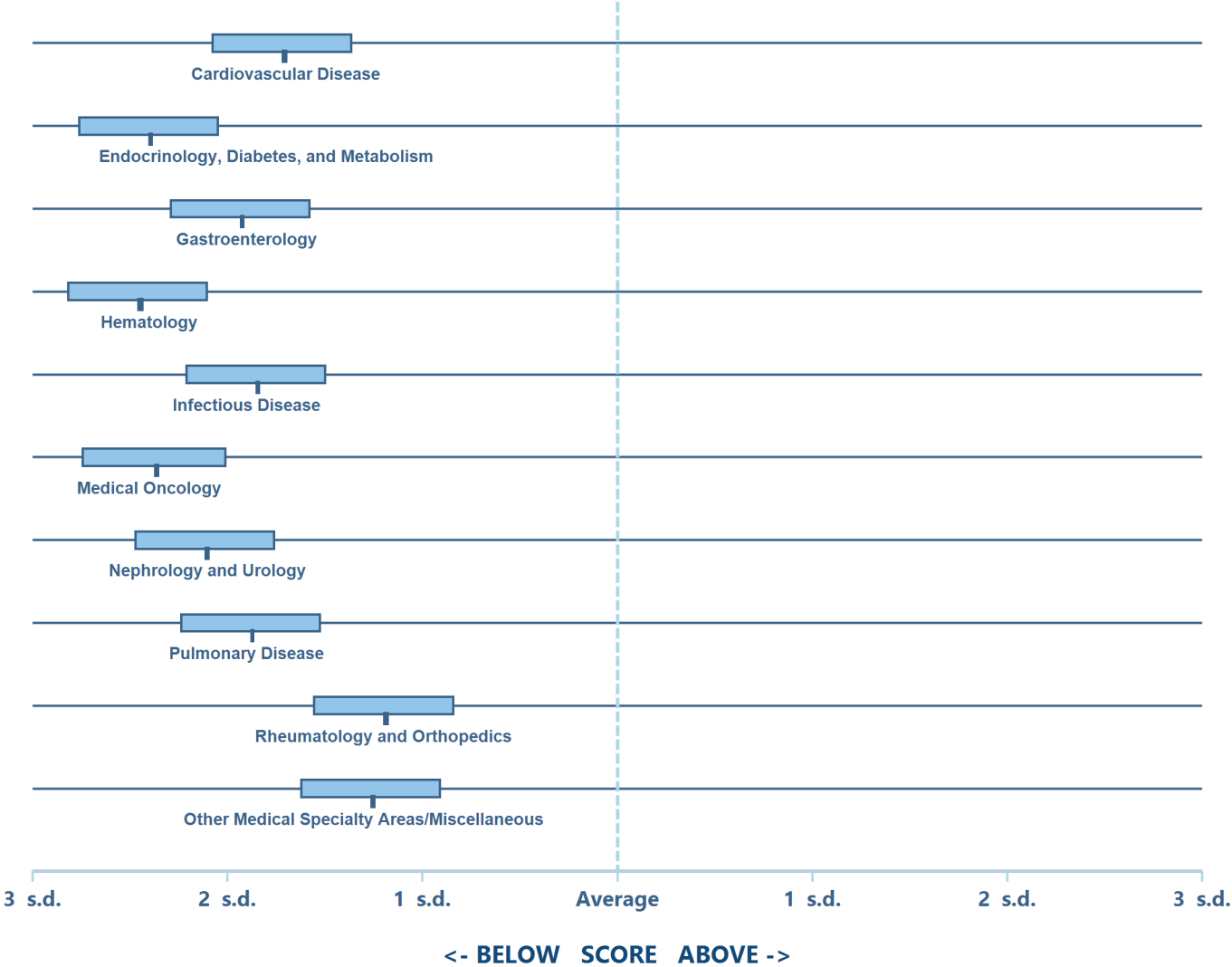
# YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE

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 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
Pericardial disease Pericardial effusion	Treatment/Care Decisions
Ischemic heart disease Acute coronary syndrome (ACS)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Ischemic heart disease ACS complications	Diagnosis
Ischemic heart disease ACS complications	Treatment/Care Decisions
Valvular heart disease Aortic stenosis	Diagnosis
Valvular heart disease Aortic regurgitation	Diagnosis
Myocardial disease Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with and without obstruction	Diagnosis
Vascular disease Venous disease of the lower extremities	Treatment/Care Decisions
Antithrombotic therapy in cardiovascular disease	Treatment/Care Decisions

## Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Adrenal disorders Adrenal insufficiency	Diagnosis
Adrenal disorders Adrenal masses and nodules	Testing
Thyroid disorders Hyperthyroidism	Diagnosis

## Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Thyroid disorders Hyperthyroidism	Treatment/Care Decisions
Thyroid disorders Thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer	Testing
Endocrine causes of secondary hypertension	Treatment/Care Decisions
Testes and male reproductive health Male hypogonadism	Diagnosis
Diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Treatment/Care Decisions
Diabetes mellitus Complications of diabetes mellitus	Diagnosis
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Hypercalcemia	Testing
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Osteoporosis	Testing

## Gastroenterology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Small intestinal disease Bacterial overgrowth syndrome	Treatment/Care Decisions
Small intestinal disease Crohn disease including Crohn colitis	Diagnosis
Colonic and anorectal disease Colorectal cancer screening	Treatment/Care Decisions
Colonic and anorectal disease Ulcerative colitis	Testing
Liver disease Alcoholic hepatitis	Diagnosis
Gastrointestinal complications of HIV infection	Diagnosis
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
Hypoproliferative anemia Iron deficiency anemia	Diagnosis
Hemolytic anemia Autoimmune hemolytic anemia	Testing
Hemoglobinopathies and thalassemias Hemoglobinopathies	Diagnosis
Hemoglobinopathies and thalassemias Hemoglobinopathies	Treatment/Care Decisions
Leukocyte disorders Leukocyte disorders (marrow infiltration, myelosuppression, leukopenia, leukocytosis, eosinophilia)	Testing
Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders Coagulation factor deficiencies [2 questions]	Diagnosis
Myeloproliferative disorders Polycythemia vera and other erythrocytosis	Diagnosis

## Infectious Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Skin and soft tissue infections Herpes zoster and varicella	Treatment/Care Decisions
Upper respiratory tract infections Deep infections of head and neck	Testing
Endocarditis and other cardiovascular infections Catheter-related infections	Treatment/Care Decisions
Bacteremia and sepsis syndrome Systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) and septic shock	Diagnosis
Prevention of infectious disease Immunization	Treatment/Care Decisions
Specific causative organisms Bacterial diseases	Diagnosis

## Infectious Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Specific causative organisms Bacterial diseases	Testing
Specific causative organisms Ectoparasites (including lice and scabies)	Diagnosis

## Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Lung cancer (clinical presentation and diagnosis)	Testing
Breast cancer	Treatment/Care Decisions
Gastrointestinal or hepatic cancer Esophageal carcinoma	Testing
Gynecologic cancer Cervical cancer	Testing
Hematologic malignancies Plasma cell disorder	Diagnosis
Oncologic emergencies Cardiac tamponade from neoplastic pericarditis	Testing

## Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute kidney injury Toxic kidney injury	Diagnosis
Acute kidney injury Rhabdomyolysis	Diagnosis
Acute kidney injury Other acute kidney injury	Diagnosis
Urologic cancer screening	Testing
Other urologic disorders Scrotal and testicular nodules and masses other than testicular carcinoma	Diagnosis



## Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Restrictive lung disease other than interstitial lung and pleural disease Pulmonary complications of obesity	Diagnosis
Restrictive lung disease other than interstitial lung and pleural disease Chest wall disorders	Diagnosis
Pulmonary vascular disease Pulmonary embolism	Testing
Lower respiratory tract infections Pneumonia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Bronchiectasis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Management of ventilators	Diagnosis
Evaluation of common pulmonary symptoms Hemoptysis	Diagnosis

## Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Crystal-induced arthropathy Gout	Treatment/Care Decisions
Spondyloarthropathies Ankylosing spondylitis	Testing
Vasculitis Leukocytoclastic vasculitis	Diagnosis
Vasculitis Large-vessel vasculitis	Testing
Other primary rheumatic disorders Fibromyalgia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Mixed connective tissue disease	Diagnosis

## Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Dermatology Dermatitis (eczemas) Drug eruptions	Diagnosis

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BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Dermatology Vascular dermatoses Erythema multiforme	Diagnosis
Dermatology Nodules and tumors of the skin Seborrheic keratosis	Diagnosis
Neurology Seizures	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Neurology Disorders of cerebral function Aphasia	Diagnosis
Neurology Miscellaneous neurologic disorders Vertigo	Diagnosis
Obstetrics and Gynecology Breast disorders Breast nodules	Testing
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menopause - management, risks, and benefits of therapy	Treatment/Care Decisions
Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine Diseases of the ear Presbycusis and other hearing loss	Diagnosis
Psychiatry Sexual disorders and gender dysphoria	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Factitious disorders	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.](#)



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