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Dear Dr. Alam:

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.

You should also be aware of ABIM's [Board Eligibility policy](#) that may restrict your ability to take the exam again. 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.

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Respectfully,

Furman S. McDonald, MD, MPH
President and CEO
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Report for **SULTANA ALAM**

ABIM ID:
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Internal Medicine
Administration Date: Summer 2024

FAIL

Your Score:
339

INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

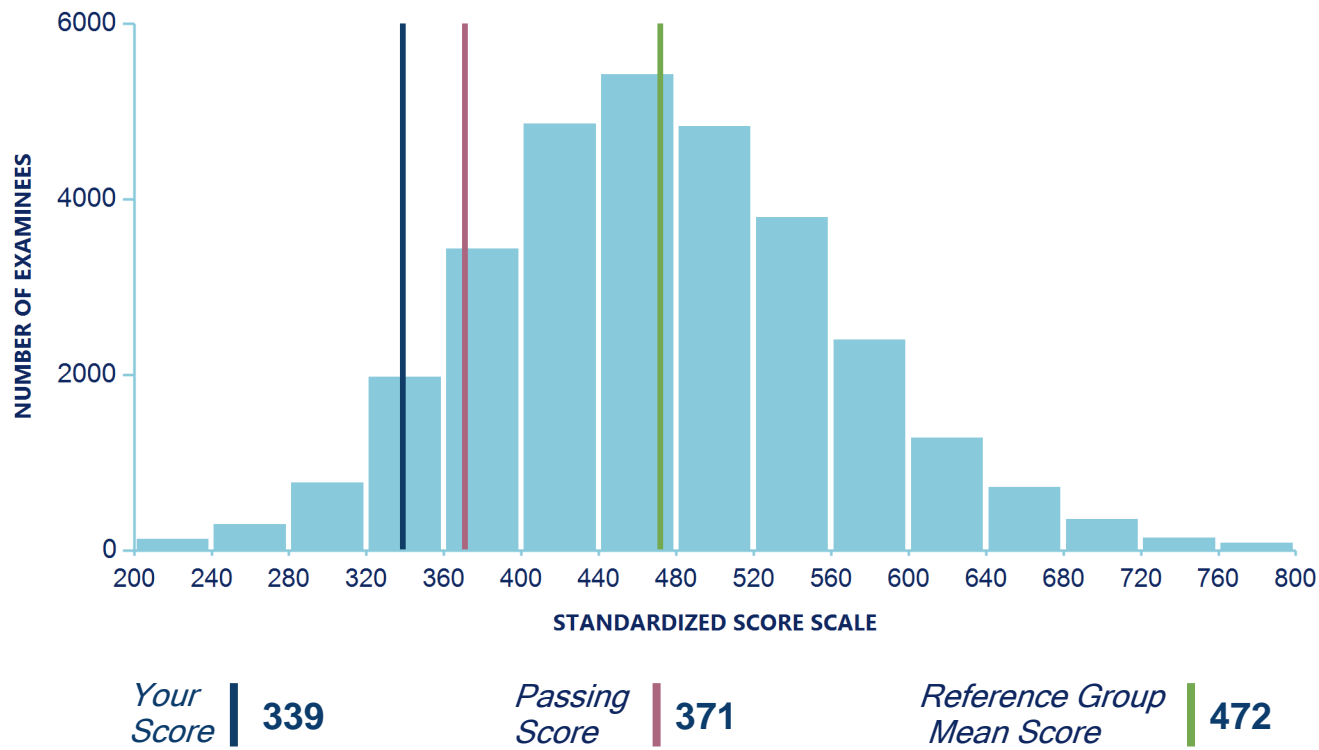
The American Board of Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Initial Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. Overall performance is reported on a standardized scale ranging from 200 to 800 points.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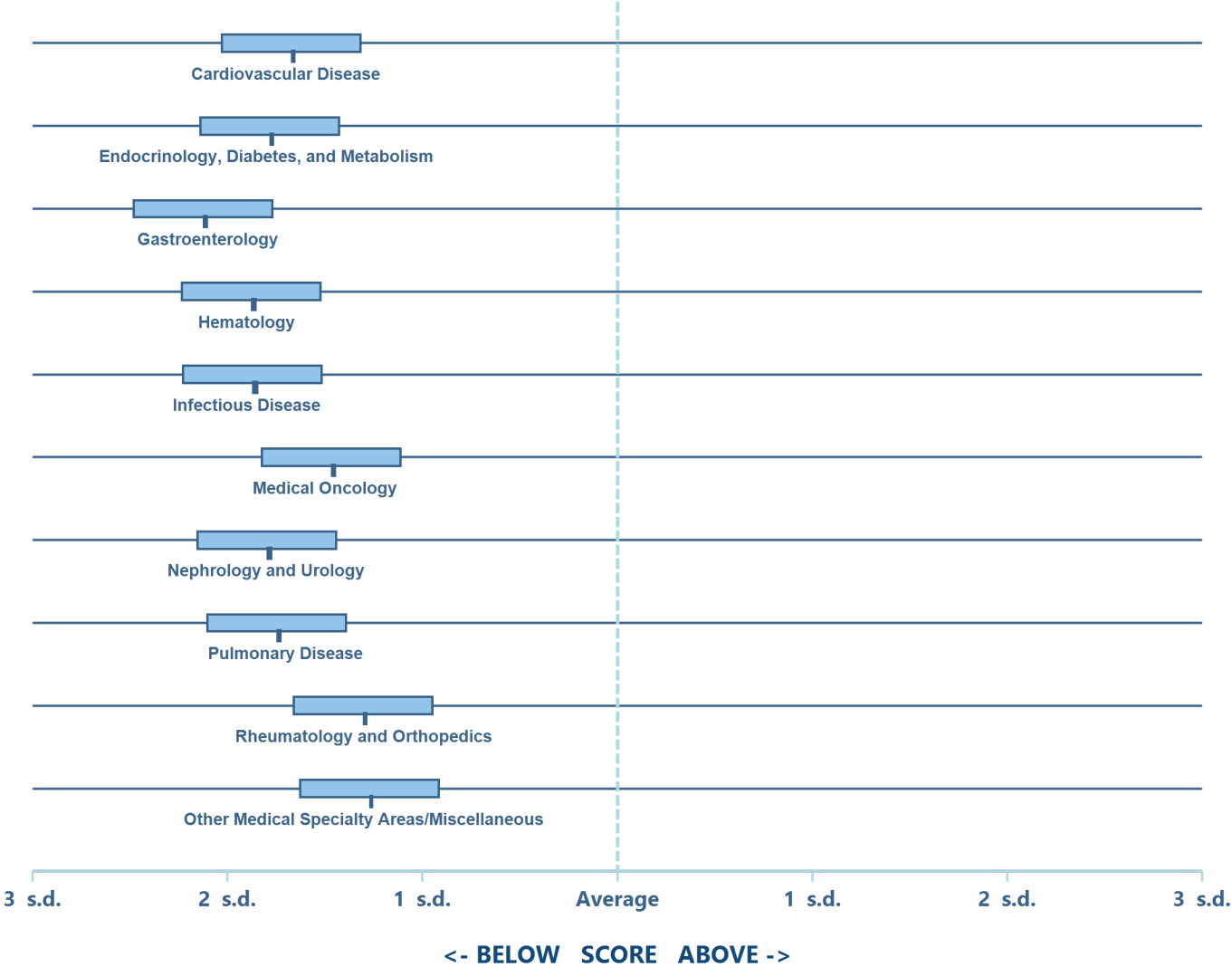
YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE

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

BLOCK	BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Cardiovascular Disease	Hypertension Hypertensive urgency and emergency	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
	Ischemic heart disease Stable angina pectoris	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Conduction defects	Diagnosis
	Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Bradyarrhythmias	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Endocarditis and other cardiovascular infection Endocarditis	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Vascular disease Aorta	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Vascular disease Venous disease of the lower extremities	Treatment/Care Decisions
	Preoperative consultation No testing required	Treatment/Care Decisions

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLOCK	BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	Adrenal disorders Adrenal masses and nodules	Testing
	Thyroid disorders Hyperthyroidism	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
	Thyroid disorders Thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer	Testing

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Treatment/Care Decisions
Diabetes mellitus Complications of diabetes mellitus	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Anterior pituitary disorders Pituitary tumors	Testing

Gastroenterology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Small intestinal disease Ischemic bowel disease	Testing
Colonic and anorectal disease Colorectal cancer screening	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Colonic and anorectal disease Ulcerative colitis	Diagnosis
Colonic and anorectal disease Acute appendicitis	Diagnosis
Biliary tract disease Primary sclerosing cholangitis	Diagnosis
Biliary tract disease Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction	Diagnosis
Liver disease Fatty liver and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis	Diagnosis
Liver disease Gilbert syndrome	Diagnosis
Liver disease Hepatocellular carcinoma screening	Treatment/Care Decisions

Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hemolytic anemia Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency	Testing

Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hemolytic anemia Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia	Diagnosis
Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders Primary hypercoagulable states (including AT3 deficiency, APC resistance)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Coagulation factor disorders and thrombotic disorders Undifferentiated thrombotic disorders	Treatment/Care Decisions
Myeloproliferative disorders Agnogenic myeloid metaplasia and myelofibrosis	Diagnosis

Infectious Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Central nervous system (CNS) infections Meningitis	Diagnosis
Lower respiratory tract infections Bronchitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Lower respiratory tract infections Tuberculosis (TB)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Enteric infections Gastroenteritis	Diagnosis
Enteric infections Bacterial peritonitis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Sexually transmitted diseases and infections of reproductive organs Genital ulcers	Diagnosis
Bacteremia and sepsis syndrome Undifferentiated bacteremia and sepsis syndromes	Diagnosis
Nosocomial infections Hospital-acquired infections and prevention	Treatment/Care Decisions
Specific causative organisms Rickettsioses and ehrlichioses	Diagnosis
Specific causative organisms Bacterial diseases	Diagnosis

Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Gynecologic cancer Cervical cancer	Testing
Central nervous system (CNS) tumors Spinal cord tumors and compression	Testing
Hematologic malignancies Plasma cell disorder	Diagnosis

Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Chronic kidney disease Kidney dialysis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Urinary incontinence Urinary incontinence in women	Treatment/Care Decisions
Water and electrolyte balance Hypokalemia	Diagnosis
Water and electrolyte balance Respiratory acidosis	Diagnosis

Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Obstructive airway disease General asthma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Interstitial lung disease Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Pulmonary vascular disease Idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension	Diagnosis
Lower respiratory tract infections Pneumonia	Treatment/Care Decisions
Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Acute respiratory distress syndrome (not including fat embolism)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Solitary pulmonary nodule	Treatment/Care Decisions

Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Crystal-induced arthropathy Gout	Treatment/Care Decisions
Regional musculoskeletal syndromes Wrist and hand syndromes	Diagnosis
Spondyloarthropathies Enteropathic arthritis including arthritis with inflammatory bowel disease	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Relapsing polychondritis	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Fibromyalgia	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Allergy and Immunology Autoimmune systemic disorders (including IgG4-related disorders) Allergic interstitial nephritis	Diagnosis
Dermatology Vascular dermatoses Telangiectasia	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Dermatology Skin and soft tissue infections Cellulitis, erysipelas, and skin abscess	Treatment/Care Decisions
Neurology Other neurologic disorders Motor neuron disease	Diagnosis
Obstetrics and Gynecology Breast disorders Other breast disorders (cyclic pain, nipple discharge)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Obstetrics and Gynecology Uterine disorders Endometriosis	Diagnosis
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menopause - management, risks, and benefits of therapy	Treatment/Care Decisions

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Ophthalmology Conjunctivitis Other conjunctivitis (keratoconjunctivitis sicca [dry eye], undifferentiated)	Diagnosis
Ophthalmology Diseases of the cornea Keratitis (infections of the cornea)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Otolaryngology and Dental Medicine Diseases of the ear Cholesteatoma	Diagnosis
Psychiatry Mood disorders Bipolar disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Geriatric Syndromes Dementia in the elderly	Diagnosis

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.](#)



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