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2024 General Surgery Readmissibility Exam

Keyword Descriptions of Incorrect Answers

Dear Dr. Almario Alvarez:

Listed below by content categories are the numbers of questions you answered correctly out of the total numbers of questions in each category. Also listed are the topic areas describing the content of questions you answered incorrectly. This list may be helpful to you in planning your continuing medical education. In the case of categories consisting of less than 10 questions, your performance may not accurately reflect your knowledge in these areas. Specific topic areas may apply to more than one examination question.

Abdomen

24 of 29 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Peritoneal Neoplasms - Carcinomatosis
- Pancreatic Pseudocyst - Drainage
- Hepatic Neoplasms - Metastatic
- Cholecystitis - Acute and Chronic
- Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter Insertion

Alimentary Tract

16 of 29 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Gastrectomy - Partial/Total
- Obstruction - Large Intestinal
- Bronchoscopy
- Anal Cancer
- Diverticulitis
- Dysphagia
- Gastric Adenocarcinoma
- Gastrointestinal Bleeding - Upper
- Colonic Polyps
- Gastrointestinal Bleeding - Lower
- Colonoscopy
- Hemorrhoids
- Ulcerative Colitis - Operative Management

Breast/Endocrine/Soft Tissue/H & N

18 of 28 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Phyllodes Tumor of the Breast
- Paronychia and Felon
- Surgical Site Infection
- Chemotherapy - Principles
- Melanoma and Nevi
- Breast Cancer - Invasive Carcinoma (Ductal, Lobular, All Variants)
- Benign Breast Inflammatory Disease - Mastitis and Abscess
- Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia and Lobular Carcinoma In Situ of the Breast
- Ductal Carcinoma In Situ of the Breast
- Adrenal Mass - Incidental

SCC/Trauma

25 of 35 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Tracheal and Bronchial Injury
- Renal Failure
- Animal and Insect Bites and Stings
- Focused Assessment with Sonography for Trauma (F.A.S.T.)
- Frostbite and Hypothermia
- Vascular Injury - Extremities
- Derangements of Electrolytes and Acid-Base Balance
- Infections - Healthcare-Acquired
- Anaphylaxis
- Geriatric Trauma

Surgical Specialties

18 of 24 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Acute Limb Ischemia
- Diabetic Foot Infections
- Abdominal Mass - Pediatric
- Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis - Pediatric
- Ectopic Pregnancy
- Compartment Syndromes

Pre Peri Op Care

10 of 16 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Hyponatremia and Hypernatremia

- Wound Care - Postoperative
- Intraoperative Monitoring and Common Intraoperative Problems of Anesthesia
- Transfusion - Indications, Risks, Type and Crossmatch, and Component Therapy
- Conscious Sedation - Agents and Techniques
- Magnesium and Phosphorous Disorders

General Surgical Knowledge

9 of 14 answered correctly. The topic areas for the incorrect answers are:

- Health Equity/Disparities Groups/Bias
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- Radiology
- Preoperative Assessment and Management of Cardiac Risk
- Advance Directives and the Surgical Patient