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Dear Dr. Banks:

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 **LASHATHAN BANKS**

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Internal Medicine
Administration Date: Summer 2024

FAIL

Your Score:
285

INTERPRETATION OF OVERALL PERFORMANCE

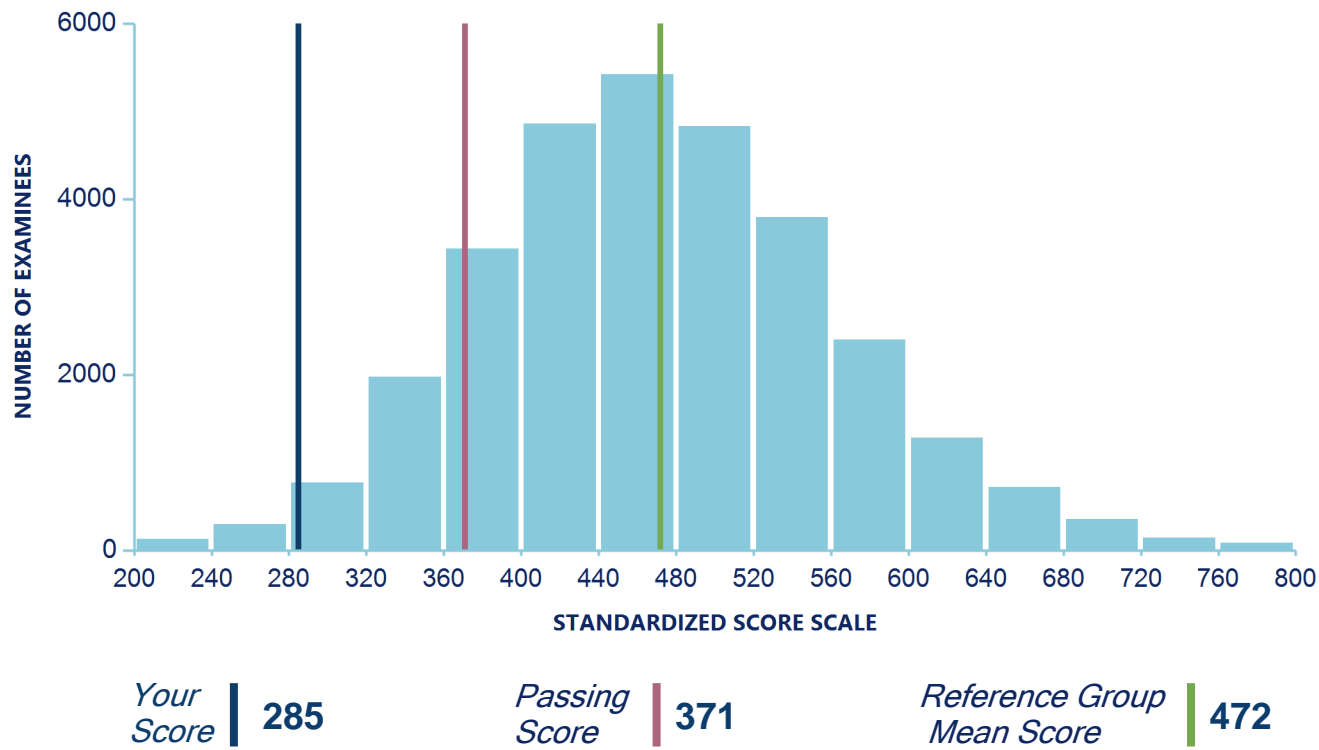
The American Board of Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Initial Certification Examination is a standardized test that ensures all examinees experience the same level of difficulty to successfully complete the exam. Overall performance is reported on a standardized scale ranging from 200 to 800 points.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

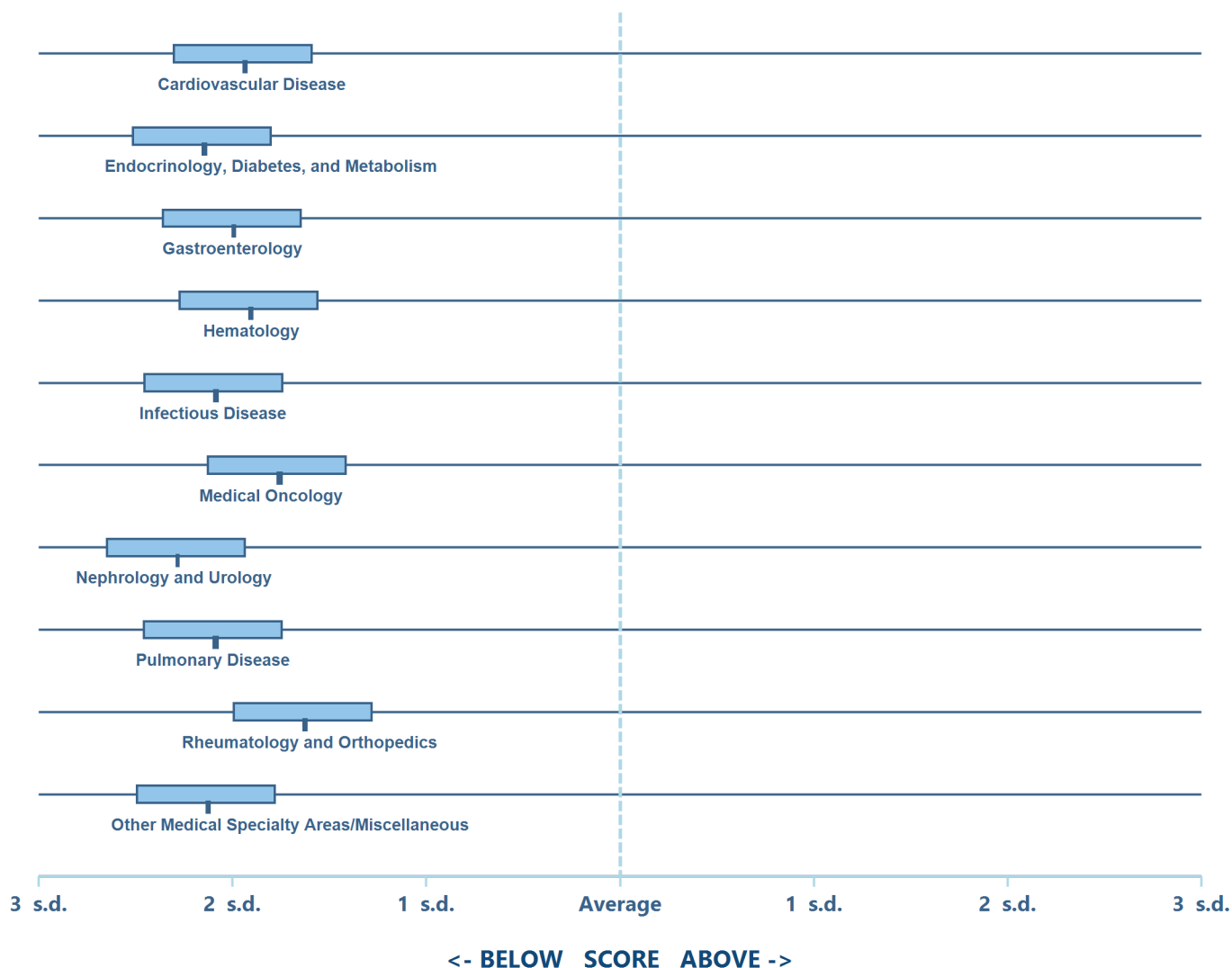
YOUR OVERALL PERFORMANCE

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 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	Testing
Hypertension Hypertensive urgency and emergency	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Pericardial disease Pericarditis	Testing
Ischemic heart disease Acute coronary syndrome (ACS)	Testing
Ischemic heart disease Other ischemic heart disease (coronary artery disease, spasm)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Bradyarrhythmias	Treatment/Care Decisions
Dysrhythmias and conduction defects Tachyarrhythmias [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Congenital heart disease in adults Bicuspid aortic valve	Diagnosis
Valvular heart disease Mitral stenosis	Diagnosis
Myocardial disease Undifferentiated myocardial disease	Treatment/Care Decisions
Vascular disease Venous disease of the lower extremities	Treatment/Care Decisions
Vascular disease Superior vena cava syndrome (not due to cancer)	Diagnosis
Miscellaneous cardiovascular disease (physical examination findings, murmurs)	Treatment/Care Decisions

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Lipid disorders Chylomicronemia syndrome	Diagnosis
Diabetes mellitus Complications of diabetes mellitus	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Disorders of calcium metabolism and bone Osteoporosis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Anterior pituitary disorders Pituitary tumors	Testing
Endocrine tumors and endocrine manifestations of tumors Carcinoid syndrome	Testing
Polyglandular autoimmune disorders Multiple endocrine hypofunction	Diagnosis

Gastroenterology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Esophageal disease Barrett esophagus	Treatment/Care Decisions
Esophageal disease Esophageal diverticula	Diagnosis
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
Liver disease Primary biliary cholangitis	Diagnosis
Liver disease Gilbert syndrome	Diagnosis

Hematology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Hypoproliferative anemia Megaloblastic anemia	Diagnosis
Hemolytic anemia Microangiopathic hemolytic anemia	Diagnosis
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
Upper respiratory tract infections Otitis media and externa	Treatment/Care Decisions
Lower respiratory tract infections Tuberculosis (TB)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Enteric infections Gastroenteritis	Diagnosis
Enteric infections Bacterial peritonitis [2 questions]	Treatment/Care Decisions
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection Cardio-metabolic complications of HIV therapy and infection	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

Medical Oncology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Urologic cancer Testicular carcinoma and tumors	Diagnosis

Medical Oncology

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

Nephrology and Urology

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute kidney injury Other acute kidney injury	Diagnosis
Chronic kidney disease Undifferentiated chronic kidney disease	Treatment/Care Decisions
Tubulointerstitial disease	Diagnosis
Urinary tract infections Cystitis and pyelonephritis	Treatment/Care Decisions
Urinary incontinence Urinary incontinence in women	Treatment/Care Decisions
Water and electrolyte balance Hypokalemia	Diagnosis

Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Obstructive airway disease General asthma	Treatment/Care Decisions
Occupational and environmental lung disease Organic inhalations (hypersensitivity pneumonitis)	Diagnosis
Pulmonary vascular disease Pulmonary embolism	Diagnosis
Pleural disease Noninfectious pleural effusion	Diagnosis
Bronchiectasis	Diagnosis

Pulmonary Disease

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) Acute respiratory distress syndrome (not including fat embolism)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Lung cancer Undifferentiated lung cancer	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology

Rheumatology and Orthopedics

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Crystal-induced arthropathy Gout	Treatment/Care Decisions
Regional musculoskeletal syndromes Wrist and hand syndromes	Diagnosis
Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) Specific organ system complications	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Relapsing polychondritis	Diagnosis
Other primary rheumatic disorders Fibromyalgia	Diagnosis
Osteoarthritis	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Allergy and Immunology Urticaria and angioedema Drug-induced urticaria and angioedema	Treatment/Care Decisions
Allergy and Immunology Autoimmune systemic disorders (including IgG4-related disorders) Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis	Diagnosis
Dermatology Vascular dermatoses Telangiectasia	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Dermatology Skin and soft tissue infections Cellulitis, erysipelas, and skin abscess	Treatment/Care Decisions

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Dermatology Pigment disorders Vitiligo and other hypopigmentation disorders	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Dermatology Photosensitivity dermatoses Photodermatitis	Diagnosis
Neurology Peripheral neuropathy Drugs and toxins	Treatment/Care Decisions
Neurology Cranial neuropathy Bell palsy and other facial nerve disorders	Diagnosis
Neurology Disorders of cerebral function Dementia	Risk Assessment/Prognosis/Epidemiology
Neurology Other neurologic disorders Motor neuron disease	Diagnosis
Obstetrics and Gynecology Menopause - management, risks, and benefits of therapy	Treatment/Care Decisions
Ophthalmology Diseases of the cornea Keratitis (infections of the cornea)	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Mood disorders Bipolar disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Substance use disorder	Diagnosis
Psychiatry Anxiety disorders Generalized anxiety disorder	Treatment/Care Decisions
Psychiatry Somatoform disorders Somatic symptom disorder	Diagnosis

Other Medical Specialty Areas/Miscellaneous

BLUEPRINT DESCRIPTION	TASK
Geriatric Syndromes Constipation in the elderly	Testing
Geriatric Syndromes Common foot problems in the elderly	Treatment/Care Decisions

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.](#)