

Overview of ASCeXAM[®] and ReASCE[®]

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ASCeXAM and ReASCE Exam Content

The National Board of Echocardiography, Inc. (NBE) worked in collaboration with the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) to develop this examination to allow physicians to test and demonstrate their knowledge in echocardiography based on objective standards.

Content

- Physical principles, instrumentation, examination principles
- Valvular heart disease
- Chamber size and function
- Congenital heart disease
- Cardiac masses, pericardial disease, contrast and new applications
- Miscellaneous topics (role of echo)

TTE, TEE, Contrast, Stress Echocardiography
3DE, ICE, Strain/strain rate imaging
Quality

ASCeXAM[®] Exam

Questions will test knowledge of M-mode, 2 dimensional and Doppler echocardiography, transesophageal, contrast, and stress echocardiography. The case oriented block will last up to 1-1/2 hours while the other three (3) blocks will last up to 60 minutes per block.

ReASCE[®] Exam

Questions will test knowledge of M-mode, 2-dimensional, and Doppler echocardiography; transesophageal, contrast, and stress echocardiography. **The case oriented block will last up to 1½ hours while the other two blocks will last up to 60 minutes per block.**

**Exam Date:
Monday July 25, 2016**

Pass Rates 2015

ASCeXAM[®]: 81%

ReASCE[®]: 95%

Test Center and Testing Conditions

- Prometric® provides computer-based testing services for academic assessment, professional licensure, and certification.
- Testing centers are set up similarly.
 - Provides enhanced security and the same standards for comfort and uniformity for all examinees.
- Testing centers provide the resources necessary for secure administration of the examination, including video and audio monitoring and recording, and use of digital cameras to record the identity of examinees.

Testing Centers

- Take a dry-run to locate and time conditions on getting to the testing center
- Verify the address!
 - Location is often non-descript
 - May be located:
 - Office park
 - Office building in a city center
 - Industrial area

One week prior to the exam, the testing center location must be confirmed with Prometric either by phone or via the Prometric website

Test Center and Testing Conditions

Get there on time!

- Arrive at the test center at least 30 minutes before scheduled testing time.
 - “If you arrive late, you may not be admitted.”
- ***“If you arrive more than 30 minutes after your scheduled testing time, you will not be admitted.”***

Test Center and Testing Conditions

What to Bring. What is Allowed in the Room?

- Print and bring your ***Scheduling Permit*** plus one form of unexpired, government-issued identification that includes both your photograph and signature
 - ***The scheduling permit IS REQUIRED for admission***
- All personal belongings, food and beverages are required to be placed in a small, designated locker outside the testing room
 - ***No personal items are permitted in the examination room***
- Soft-foam earplugs are allowed in the testing room

Test Center and Testing Conditions

- An on-screen calculator is provided
 - *Calculators cannot be brought into the testing room.*
- You are provided with a laminated note board, dry erase markers, and an eraser.
- “Test center staff is not authorized to answer questions from candidates regarding examination content, testing software, or scoring.”

Results

- Mailed about 10 weeks after the examination.
- Certificates mailed about 12 weeks after scores are reported.

ABIM Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

The National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) Examination of Special Competence in Adult Echocardiography (ASCeXAM®) AND the Recertification Examination of Special Competence in Adult Echocardiography (ReASCE®) have been accepted by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) points. ABIM Board-Certified physicians who pass these exams may earn 20 points in ABIM's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.

Types of Questions

- Matching format
- Single or multiple images/video clips
- Video case multiple item format

Images Displayed in Standard (non-Mayo) Format

NBE Exam Tutorial