



SAUDI FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

Promotion Examination

Exam Format:

- A written examination shall consist of one paper with not less than 100 MCQs with a single best answer (one correct answer out of four options).
- The examination shall contain type K2 questions (interpretation, analysis, reasoning and decision making) and type K1 questions (recall and comprehension).
- The examination shall include basic concepts and clinical topics relevant to the specialty.
- Clinical presentation questions include history, clinical finding and patient approach. Diagnosis and investigation questions; include the possible diagnosis and diagnostic methods. Management questions; including treatment and clinical management, either therapeutic or nontherapeutic, and complications of management. Materials and Instruments questions; including material properties, usage, and selection of instruments and equipment used. Health maintenance questions; include health promotion, disease prevention, risk factors assessment, and prognosis.





Passing Score:

The trainee's performance is assessed in each of the evaluation formulas according to the following scoring system:

| Score | Less than 50% | 50% – 59.4% | 60% - 69.4% | More than 70% |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Description | Clear Fail | Borderline Fail | Borderline Pass | Clear Pass |

1. To upgrade the trainee from a training level to the next level, she/he must obtain at least a **Borderline Pass** in each evaluation form.
2. The program director may recommend to the local supervision committee to request the promotion of the trainee who did not meet the previous promotion requirement according to the following:
 - A. In case the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in one of the evaluation forms, the remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least one of them.
 - B. In case the trainee gets a **Borderline Fail** result in two of the evaluation forms to a maximum, provided they do not fall under the same theme (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills). The remaining evaluation forms must be passed with **Clear Pass** in at least two of them.
 - C. The promotion must be approved in this case by the scientific council for the specialization.





Suggested References:

- Murray and Nadel's Textbook of Respiratory Medicine 6th Edition.pdf.
- Fishman's Pulmonary Diseases and Disorders.
- Physiology books: Nunn's Applied Respiratory Physiology, Respiratory Physiology by John B West.
- ACCP pulmonary medicine.
- UpToDate.
- Pulmonary function test books:(Hiat et al., altalque et al.).
- STS, New England Journal of Medicine, chest, ATS, ERS.

Crash Courses:

- Outline of each course including suggested reading references given by the provider.

Note:

This list is intended for use as a study aid only. SCFHS does not intend the list to imply endorsement of these specific references, nor are the exam questions necessarily taken solely from these sources.





Blueprint Outlines:

| No. | Sections | Percentage |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Airway Disease ¹ | 15 |
| 2 | Interstitial Lung Disease | 12 |
| 3 | Occupational Diseases | 5 |
| 3 | Infectious Disease | 10 |
| 5 | Neoplasm | 10 |
| 6 | Pleural Disease | 5 |
| 7 | Sleep Medicine | 5 |
| 8 | Neuromuscular and Congenital Disease | 5 |
| 9 | Vascular Disorders | 8 |
| 10 | Physiology | 20 |
| 11 | Critical Care Medicine | 5 |
| Total | | 100% |

¹ **Airway Disease:** including Asthma, COPD, Bronchiectasis, Other obstructive topics.

Notes:

- Blueprint distributions of the examination may differ up to +/-5% in each section.
- Percentages and content are subject to change at any time. See the SCFHS website for the most up-to-date information.
- Research, Ethics, Professionalism, and Patient Safety are incorporated within various domains.

