



CANDIDATE INFORMATION

ORAL EXAMINATION

Omni Chicago Hotel

September 28, 2024

1 OVERVIEW

The Oral Examination is the second of two evaluations in the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery (ABCRS) certification process. Upon successful completion of the Written Qualifying Examination (WQE) and achieving certification by the American Board of Surgery (ABS), candidates are eligible for the Oral Examination.

The Oral Examination is a timed evaluation in which candidates are presented with a series of cases in different core categories. The entire assessment takes approximately 90 minutes to complete and is divided into three exam appointments.

Note: These policies are subject to change without notice at the discretion of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

1.1 Examination Specifications

Each exam appointment is administered by two volunteer examiners, all of whom are experienced practitioners and ABCRS diplomates. Examiners are not compensated for their role in the Oral Examination and provide their time and expertise out of a deep commitment to the mission of board certification. The six examiners assigned to each candidate are referred to as a group, which is overseen by a group leader.

1.2 Exam Breakdown

Candidates will have three exam appointments. In each appointment, two examiners will present scenarios in the form of hypothetical case presentations designed to enable you to demonstrate your ability to recognize and diagnose problems, analyze and interpret data, choose realistic, effective, and practical therapeutic solutions to those problems, and safely manage all aspects of patient care. Thirty minutes will be allotted for each appointment. In total, the candidate will be administered 15 cases.

Examiners will control the presentation of the exam to candidates, so no additional training is necessary for candidates. Some cases may include one or more visual images.

1.3 Quality Control

Authorized Observers (ABCRS Board Members) will periodically “visit” examination rooms to monitor the examiner’s techniques and performance. Observers do not evaluate the candidates.

2 ORAL EXAMINATION

The 2024 ABCRS Oral Exam will be administered on September 28, 2024, at the Omni Chicago Hotel – 676 North Michigan Avenue – Chicago, Illinois 60611 – Phone (312) 944-6664. Omni Reservation Information:

- Click the link below to reserve your room at the Omni Chicago Hotel.

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- Call the hotel directly at (800) 843-6664 and state that you are associated with the **ABCRS Fall 2024 Oral Exams Block**.

- There are a limited number of rooms available in the ABCRS Room Pricing Block. Room rates and availability are not guaranteed.
- Reservations must be made prior to August 26, 2024, to receive the group rate.

2.1 Registration and Orientation

There are two registration and orientation sessions. The morning orientation begins at 7:30 a.m. and the afternoon orientation begins at 12:30 p.m. Registration check-in begins 60 minutes before each orientation session. Light refreshments and snacks will be available.

You will receive an email with the times of your registration/orientation and Oral Examination as well as a list of your examiners by the end of August.

All candidates must check-in at the registration desk, show photo identification (driver's license accepted), and receive an envelope before entering the room. The envelope will contain an individualized schedule which lists the time segments for each candidate's examinations.

No personal items will be allowed in the exam rooms including purses/bags and any device that allows for communication either receiving, listening or recording. If you do not have a space to lock up your personal items, a space will be provided by ABCRS. Please note that the room provided by ABCRS will be locked but will not be monitored during the exam times and you will only have access to the room before and after the exam sessions.

Pen and paper will be permitted, but notes must be discarded upon leaving the room.

2.2 Examiner Conflicts

Every effort has been made to avoid having candidates examined by anyone involved in their training. Upon receiving your list of examiners by the end of August, please contact the Board office at 734-282-9400 or abcrcsadmin@abcrcs.org within 48 hours of receipt if there is a conflict with any of your examiners. Casual acquaintances do not count.

3 CANDIDATE SURVEY

- ▶ Following the conclusion of your examination sessions, you will receive an email from abcrcsadmin@abcrcs.org asking you to complete a confidential survey. Your feedback is vital and greatly appreciated.

4 NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

- ▶ Candidates' pass/fail results will be posted on the ABCRS website (www.abcrcs.org) four to six weeks from the examination. A passing score in all topics is not required to pass the examination, as the result is based on overall performance.
- ▶ Performance reports will be mailed to candidates approximately six weeks after the examination. Information relating to the pass or fail score of each question will be the only information candidates will receive. Please do not call the office requesting additional information.
- ▶ It is the candidate's responsibility to update their profile information such as mailing address and current email address. If a candidate's mailing and/or email address is incorrect, you will not receive additional information regarding certification status.

5 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Any unauthorized receipt, copying, recording, possession, or transmission of ABCRS written, computer-based, or oral examination questions, content or other materials (“Examination Materials”), for any purpose(s), either before, during or after an examination administration, in whole or in part, by any means, including but not limited to reconstruction from memory, is strictly forbidden.

The Examination Materials are made available to examinees solely for the purpose of becoming certified in the Specialty of Colon and Rectal Surgery. I understand and agree that I am expressly prohibited from disclosing, publishing, reproducing, or transmitting any ABCRS examination or Examination Materials, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, verbal or written, electronic or mechanical, for any purpose.

The use of generative AI tools by candidates/diplomates taking any ABCRS examination is prohibited. This includes the use of all generative AI tools, including but not limited to text generators, image generators, and video generators. This applies to ABCRS examinations for initial certification, continuous certification, or re-entry.

If candidates/diplomates are found to have utilized generative AI tools when taking an ABCRS examination, their case will be referred to the ABCRS Standards and Credentials Committee for adjudication. Sanctions may include loss of ABCRS certification (for diplomates), or prohibition from progression toward initial certification (for candidates).

6 CANCELLATION POLICY

ABCRS realizes that sometimes unforeseen issues may arise which might result in cancellation of your Oral Examination. A candidate who withdraws must notify the Board office at least ten (10) business days before a scheduled examination. A candidate who fails to appear for examination or withdraws without giving at least ten (10) day notice as defined above, will forfeit \$200 of the designated examination fee and will have to resubmit the forfeited amount before being admitted to the next scheduled examination.