

2020 Fall ConCert Examination Scoring Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the passing rate on the 2020 Fall ConCert Examination?** The passing rate for all candidates taking the 2020 Fall ConCert Examination is 85%.
- 2. What is my percentile rank among all candidates who took the ConCert examination?** The ConCert Examination is a criterion-referenced examination, meaning that all candidates are judged against a predetermined standard which is reflected in the passing score. The relative standing of an individual candidate is not relevant. Therefore, percentile rankings are not calculated and are not available.
- 3. Can results be obtained by phone?** No. Examination results will not be reported or confirmed by email or phone. This Board policy is intended to assure the confidentiality of all candidate scores.
- 4. How was my score determined?** The ConCert Examination is a criterion-referenced examination. A criterion-referenced examination uses a predetermined *standard*, against which all candidates are judged. The passing score was determined through a process called standard setting. The process involves a representative panel of clinically active, ABEM-certified emergency physicians who evaluate each exam question and assess how a candidate who meets the standard would perform. The standard-setting process is based on ABEM's approved standards for Emergency Medicine practice. All candidates meeting the standard pass the examination. Quotas or required percentages of candidates passing are not used to determine the passing score.

Multiple versions of the ConCert Examination were administered for security purposes. Any given candidate is unlikely to receive the same version of the examination as another candidate. A statistical process is used to ensure that scores and the standard remain equivalent for all candidates. The passing score is a score of 75 or greater on a scale from 0 to 100.

- 5. How can I improve my performance?** ABEM cannot endorse any specific preparation course as it would be a conflict of interest for the Board. Successful candidates meet the Board's standards for practice as exemplified in the EM Model and ABEM's KSAs (<https://www.abem.org/public/resources/>). The Board recommends continued clinical practice, staying up to date with changes in the field, and ensuring familiarity with the ConCert Examination process.

If you have a question about your examination results after reading this document, please contact the ABEM office:

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