



ABOS Oral Examinations

Stage 1 Case Evaluation Scoring Rubric

	3 <i>Above Expected Level</i>	2 <i>Expected Level</i>	1 <i>Below Expected Level</i>	0 <i>Unacceptable</i>
Data Gathering	Records all pertinent history Records a complete physical examination Uses and interprets basic and advanced imaging and other diagnostic studies appropriately Records are complete and unique to the patient treated	Records adequate history Records an adequate physical examination Adequate use and interpretation of basic and advanced imaging and other diagnostic studies Records are adequate and unique to the patient treated	Records cursory history Records an insufficient physical examination Insufficient use and interpretation of basic and advanced imaging and other diagnostic studies Records are incomplete	Records insufficient history Records an inaccurate and/or insufficient physical examination Unacceptable use and interpretation of basic and advanced imaging and other diagnostic studies Records are inaccurate and/or grossly deficient
Diagnosis and Interpretive Skills	Synthesis of information gathered is complete Formation of comprehensive differential diagnosis Accurate integration of information to form the correct diagnosis	Synthesis of information gathered is adequate Formation of adequate differential diagnosis Adequate integration of information to form the correct diagnosis	Synthesis of information gathered is sometimes insufficient Formation of differential diagnosis is incomplete but not incorrect Inadequate integration to form the correct and complete diagnosis	Synthesis of information gathered is unacceptable Formation of inaccurate differential diagnosis Poor integration of information and/or formation of incorrect diagnosis
Treatment Plan	Formation of appropriate non-surgical treatment plan Formation of appropriate surgical treatment plan Candidate obtains appropriate informed consent	Formation of adequate non-surgical treatment plan Formation of adequate surgical treatment plan Candidate obtains adequate informed consent	Formation of non-surgical treatment plan is incomplete Formation of incomplete surgical treatment plan Candidate obtains incomplete informed consent	Formation of unacceptable non-surgical treatment plan Formation of unacceptable surgical treatment plan Candidate obtains inappropriate informed consent
Surgical Indications	Appropriate use of accepted non-surgical treatment alternatives The rationale(s) for the procedure(s) are appropriately described Procedure(s) chosen are optimal and well supported	Adequate use of accepted nonsurgical treatment alternatives The rationale(s) for the procedure(s) are adequately described Procedure(s) chosen are adequate and generally well supported	Insufficient use of accepted nonsurgical treatment alternatives Insufficient rationale for the procedure(s) described Procedure(s) chosen are sub-optimal or not well supported	Inappropriate use of non-surgical treatment alternatives The rationale(s) for the procedure(s) are poorly described Procedure(s) chosen are unacceptable and unsupported
Technical Skill	Pre-operative planning is comprehensive Execution of the procedure is thorough and appropriate Post-operative management is thorough and appropriate	Pre-operative planning is adequate Execution of the procedure is adequate Post-operative management is adequate	Pre-operative planning is incomplete but what is presented is appropriate Execution of the procedure is inadequate Post-operative management is inadequate	Pre-operative planning is unacceptable Execution of the procedure is unacceptable Post-operative management is unacceptable
Surgical Complications	Appropriate measures to avoid complications Prompt identification of complication(s) Complication(s) described are frequently expected for procedure(s) Appropriate management of complication(s)	Adequate measures to avoid complications Identification of complication(s) in adequate time Complication(s) described are generally expected for the procedure(s) Adequate management of complication(s)	Insufficient measures to avoid complications Identification time of complication(s) is adequate Complication(s) described are unexpected, but minor, for the procedure(s) Sub-optimal management of complication(s)	Inappropriate measures to avoid complications Identification of complication(s) is overlooked Complication(s) described are unexpected and severe for the procedure(s) Inappropriate management of complication(s)
Outcomes	Records appropriate patient satisfaction with care Records appropriate objective measures of patient recovery at follow-up Records appropriate attempt to maintain continuity of care	Mostly records appropriate patient satisfaction with care Mostly records appropriate objective measures of patient recovery at follow-up Records adequate attempt to maintain continuity of care	Records sub-optimal patient satisfaction with care Records sub-optimal objective measures of patient recovery at follow-up Continuity of care is incomplete	Records unacceptable patient satisfaction with care Records unacceptable objective measures of patient recovery at follow-up Does not attempt to maintain continuity of care
Ethics and Professionalism	Provided safe, ethical, compassionate, confidential, and professional care at an appropriate level	Provided safe, ethical, compassionate, confidential, and professional care at an adequate level	Provided safe, ethical, compassionate, confidential, and professional care at a sub-optimal level	Did not provide safe, ethical, compassionate, confidential, and professional care

