

ABPMR MOC EXAMINATION OUTLINE

How to use this resource

The new ABPMR MOC Examination Outline not only divides the original group of 16 content areas into 49 unique content specifications, but it also further divides each specification into focused content areas, including:

- Patient Evaluation & Diagnosis
- Electrodiagnosis
- Patient Management
- Equipment & Assistive Technology
- Applied Sciences

For more details about what these focused content areas may include, [check out the headings of the Part I Examination outline's class 2 codes.](#)

Each of these categories and domains is given a weight in the outline, depicted by symbols as follows:

 Will be on the exam	 May be on the exam	 Will not be on the exam
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As the key suggests, any content specification and focus area with a green circle **will definitely** be on the exam; those with a half-yellow circle **may or may not be** on the exam; and those with a red "x" **will definitely not be** on the exam.

Here are a few suggestions to guide your study strategy:

1. Scan the outline and mark the content categories that are both one of your low-knowledge areas and also marked with a green "will be on the exam" circle. Mark those for first-priority studying. **The ABPMR recommends using major PM&R textbooks to study for the MOC Examination.**
2. Once you've reached a comfortable knowledge level in those areas, begin studying your low-knowledge areas marked with a yellow "may or may not be on the exam" half-circle.
3. Use the "Study Tips" sheet offered with this outline for more research-based, effective study tips.

ABPMR Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Examination Outline

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Key

		
Will be on the exam	May be on the exam	Will not be on the exam

For more information on these —> content areas, [view the Part I Exam class 2 codes.](#)

	Patient Evaluation & Diagnosis	Electro-diagnosis	Patient Mgmt	Equipment & Assist Tech	Applied Sciences
NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS					
Stroke					
Spinal Cord Injury					
Acquired Brain Injury					
Mononeuropathies & CTS					
Polyneuropathies					
Multiple Sclerosis					
Motor Neuron Disease					
Guillain-Barré Syndrome					
Cerebral Palsy					
Spina Bifida					
Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy					
Inflammatory Myopathies					
Plexopathy					
Radiculopathy					

MUSCULOSKELETAL MEDICINE					
Rheumatoid Arthritis					
Osteoarthritis					
Collagen Disease					
Spondyloarthropathy					
Acute Trauma (inc sprains/strains)					
Chronic Trauma/Overuse (inc tendinitis/bursitis)					

		
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Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Type 1 (RSD)	●	⊗	●	⊗	◐
Fibromyalgia/Myofascial Pain	●	⊗	●	⊗	⊗
Fractures (acute and chronic)	⊗	⊗	●	◐	◐
Osteoporosis	◐	⊗	◐	⊗	⊗
Spinal Disorders (inc low back pain)	●	⊗	●	◐	◐

AMPUTATION

Upper Extremity Amputation	⊗	⊗	◐	◐	⊗
Lower Extremity Amputation	●	⊗	◐	●	⊗

MEDICAL REHABILITATION

Cardiovascular Disorders (inc venous and arterial)	◐	⊗	●	⊗	◐
Lymphedema	⊗	⊗	◐	⊗	⊗
Asthma, COPD, Pneumonia, Impaired Ventilation	◐	⊗	●	◐	◐
Neurogenic Bowel and Bladder	◐	⊗	●	⊗	◐
Sexuality and Reproductive Issues	⊗	⊗	◐	⊗	⊗
Cancer	◐	⊗	●	⊗	◐

REHABILITATION PROBLEMS AND OUTCOMES

Spasticity	⊗	⊗	●	⊗	◐
Contracture	⊗	⊗	●	⊗	⊗
Hydrocephalus	◐	⊗	◐	⊗	⊗
Seizures	⊗	⊗	◐	⊗	◐
Pressure Ulcer	⊗	⊗	●	⊗	⊗
Abnormal Gait	◐	⊗	◐	⊗	⊗
Dysphagia/Aspiration	◐	⊗	◐	⊗	◐
Bed rest/Deconditioning/Weakness	◐	⊗	●	◐	◐

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Heterotopic Ossification					
Speech and Language Disorders					
Cognitive Disorders (inc dementia/pseudo) and Disorders of Consciousness					
Sleep Disorders					
Depression					
Substance Abuse					
Pain					
BASIC SCIENCES					



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