

General Pediatrics Examination Question Categories

The AOBP does not endorse any board review course for use in preparing to take the certification examination in Pediatrics. Many organizations provide intensive board review courses which can be taken in preparation for the boards. The AOBP table of specifications is posted herein and can be used to determine if the content of a board review is sufficient to cover the listed topics.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Percent of Exam</i>	<i>Examples</i>
I. Growth and Development	12.1% (4.4%)	Developmental milestones, developmental delay
a. Genetics	3.5%	Down's Syndrome, Wilson's Disease, chromosome abnormalities
b. Cognition, Language, Learning, Psychosocial Issues	4.2%	ADD, Learning Disabilities
II. Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat Systems (EENT)	4.3%	Otitis media, strep throat
III. Respiratory System	4.3%	Pneumonia, cough, asthma
IV. Cardiovascular System	4.2%	Congenital heart disease, high blood pressure
V. Hematology/Oncology	4.0%	Anemias, Leukemia, Wilm's Tumor
VI. Endocrine Systems/Metabolic Disorders	4.2%	Diabetes, thyroid disease, inborn errors of metabolism
VII. Fetal and Newborn Medicine	4.2%	Premature lung disease, transition problems
VIII. Gastrointestinal System	8.4% (4.2%)	Obstructions, appendicitis, diarrhea
a. Nutrition, Fluids/Electrolytes	4.2%	Dehydration, Electrolyte Imbalances, Obesity
IX. Integument System	4.2%	Eczema, toxic shock syndrome
X. Musculoskeletal System	7.8% (4.2%)	Fractures, muscle/bone diseases, arthritis
a. Osteopathic Principles & Practice	3.6%	Somatic Dysfunction, OMT
XI. Critical Care/Emergency Care	7.5% (3.8%)	Trauma, ventilatory care, PALS
a. Toxicology	3.7%	Poisoning, Substance Abuse, Environmental Exposure
i. Poisoning		
ii. Substance Abuse		
iii. Environmental Exposure		
XII. Pharmacology	4.2%	Drug choices & dosing, side effects
XIII. Preventive Medicine	4.2%	Vaccinations, anticipatory guidance
XIV. Allergy/Immunology	4.1%	Allergic rhinitis, allergic reactions, immune deficiencies, lupus
XV. Renal/Reproductive/Urinary Tract	4.1%	Nephrotic syndrome, menstrual disorders, STD's, urinary tract infection
XVI. General Issues	14.0%	
a. Child Abuse/Sexual Abuse	4.0%	Rape, physical trauma, neglect
b. Ethics	4.0%	End-of-life issues, medical decision making
c. Medical Practice Management Principles	3.2%	Practice management decisions, HMO's
d. Basic Applied Statistics	2.8%	Standard deviation, population studies
XVII. Central Nervous System	4.2%	Seizures, Sturge Weber Syndrome, tuberous sclerosis

IN ADDITION, THE EXAMINATION ADDRESSES PROBLEMS ACROSS ALL THE AGE GROUPS IN PEDIATRICS, WHICH INCLUDE:

Neonates

Infants

Toddlers

School children

Adolescents

Unspecified/non-specific to age