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Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP)

Exam Blueprint and Suggested References

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AMP

Exam Blueprint Overview

AMP Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Head and Neck (15%)
- II. Oral Cavity (25%)
- III. Tooth Anatomy, Morphology and Related Characteristics (20%)
- IV. Tooth Numbering Systems (15%)
- V. Occlusion (15%)
- VI. Oral Pathology (10%)

State Regulations

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Sub-Content Area I: Head and Neck (15%)

- A. Circulatory system
- B. Lymphatic system
- C. Muscular system
- D. Nervous system
- E. Skeletal system
- F. Salivary glands
- G. Sinuses
- H. Temporomandibular joints

Sub-Content Area II: Oral Cavity (25%)

- A. Alveolar process
- B. Frenum
- C. Hard and soft palates
- D. Landmarks (e.g., radiographic, bony, soft tissue)
- E. Oral mucosa
- F. Tongue

Sub-Content Area III: Tooth Anatomy, Morphology and Related Characteristics (20%)

- A. Primary dentition

B. Permanent dentition

C. Anomalies (e.g., fusions, ankylosis, supernumerary)

Sub-Content Area IV: Tooth Numbering Systems (15%)

A. Universal

1. Primary
2. Permanent

B. Palmer

1. Primary
2. Permanent

Sub-Content Area V: Occlusion (15%)

A. Purpose

B. Classification

C. Management

D. Pathology

Sub-Content Area VI: Oral Pathology (10%)

A. Soft tissue

B. Hard tissue

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NELDA component exams

Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP)

Radiation Health and Safety (RHS®)

Infection Control (ICE®)

CRFDA component exams

Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP)

Impressions (IM)

Temporaries (TMP)

Isolation (IS)

Sealants (SE)

Restorative Functions (RF)



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Impressions (IM)

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Exam Blueprint Overview

IM Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Purpose of Impressions (15%)
- II. Taking Impressions (55%)
- III. Patient Management Techniques (10%)
- IV. Bite/Occlusal Registrations (10%)
- V. Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (10%)

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Sub-Content Area I: Purpose of Impressions (15%)

- A. Preliminary**
- B. Final (including CAD/CAM)**
- C. Fixed and removable appliances/prosthetics**

Sub-Content Area II: Taking Impressions (55%)

A. Trays

1. Stock
2. Custom
3. Placement and removal
4. Selection

B. Materials

1. Irreversible hydrocolloids (i.e., alginate)
 - a. Purpose/uses
 - b. Characteristics
 - c. Preparing/mixing
2. Elastomeric
 - a. Purpose/uses
 - b. Types
 - i. Polyether
 - ii. Polyvinyl siloxane
 - iii. Polysulfide
 - iv. Silicone
 - c. Characteristics

d. Preparing/mixing

C. Special considerations in taking impressions

1. Anatomy
2. Pathology

D. Retraction methods

Sub-Content Area III: Patient Management Techniques (10%)

Sub-Content Area IV: Bite/Occlusal Registrations (10%)

Sub-Content Area V: Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (10%)

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CRFDA component exams

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TMP

Exam Blueprint Overview

TMP Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Temporary/Provisional Restorations (65%)
- II. Temporary Cement (20%)
- III. Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (15%)

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Sub-Content Area I: Temporary/Provisional Restorations (65%)

A. Purpose

B. Materials

1. Acrylic
2. Composite
3. Metal (e.g., aluminum, stainless steel)
4. Intracoronaral cement (e.g., zinc oxide-eugenol, glass ionomer)

C. Types of restorations

1. Direct
 - a. Onlay
 - b. Inlay
 - c. Sedative/endodontic
2. Composite
 - a. Crown
 - i. Custom
 - ii. Prefabricated (e.g., stainless steel, polycarbonate, aluminum)
 - b. Bridge
 - c. Veneers

D. Techniques and considerations

1. Fabrication
2. Placement
3. Removal

E. Home-care instructions/patient education

Sub-Content Area II: Temporary Cement (20%)

A. Selection

B. Removal/cleanup

Sub-Content Area III: Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (15%)

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CRFDA component exams

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Impressions (IM)

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Isolation (IS)

Sealants (SE)

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IS

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IS Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Purpose of Isolation (20%)
- II. Types of Attributes/Uses of Various Isolation Systems/Armamentaria (30%)
- III. Placement and Removal Procedures (30%)
- IV. Special Health Considerations (10%)
- V. Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (10%)

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Sub-Content Area I: Purpose of Isolation (20%)

- A. Throat protection
- B. Dental field isolation
 - 1. Vision
 - 2. Moisture control

Sub-Content Area II: Types of Attributes/Uses of Various Isolation Systems/Armamentaria (30%)

- A. Matrices
 - 1. Sectional
 - 2. Retainer
- B. Wedges
- C. Dental dams and clamps
- D. Retraction methods
- E. Additional methods (e.g., cotton/gauze, cheek protectors, suction devices)

Sub-Content Area III: Placement and Removal Procedures (30%)

Sub-Content Area IV: Special Health Considerations (10%)

Sub-Content Area V: Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (10%)

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SE

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SE Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Purpose of Sealants (10%)
- II. Selection Criteria (40%)
- III. Acid Etching (10%)
- IV. Sealant Application (40%)

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Sub-Content Area I: Purpose of Sealants (10%)

- A. Evaluate pit and fissures.
- B. Recognize the types, presence and location of dental caries.
- C. Educate patient on benefits.

Sub-Content Area II: Selection Criteria (40%)

- A. Describe indications for sealant placement in children and adults.
- B. Describe contraindications for sealant placement in children and adults.

Sub-Content Area III: Acid Etching (10%)

Sub-Content Area IV: Sealant Application (40%)

- A. Identify material characteristics.
 - 1. Light-cured/self-cure.
 - 2. Filled/unfilled.
 - 3. Color/tint.
- B. Demonstrate understanding of sealant application.
 - 1. Tooth preparation.
 - 2. Armamentarium.
 - 3. Post-operative care.
- C. Demonstrate understanding of infection control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) protocol.

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CPFDA component exams

Coronal Polish (CP)

Sealants (SE)

Topical Anesthetic (TA)

Topical Fluoride (TF)

CRFDA component exams

Anatomy, Morphology and Physiology (AMP)

Impressions (IMP)

Temporaries (TMP)

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RF Exam Weighting by Sub-Content Area

- I. Cavity Liners and Bases (7%)
- II. Cavity Classifications (7%)
- III. Amalgam Restorations (20%)
- IV. Composite, Glass Ionomer and Compomer Restorations (30%)
- V. Stainless Steel Crowns (12%)
- VI. Procedural Considerations (15%)
- VII. Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (9%)

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Sub-Content Area I: Cavity Liners and Bases (7%)

- A. Purpose
- B. Materials
- C. Application

Sub-Content Area II: Cavity Classifications (7%)

Sub-Content Area III: Amalgam Restorations (20%)

- A. Place, contour, finish, adjust and polish
- B. Materials/physical properties (e.g., mercury)

Sub-Content Area IV: Composite, Glass Ionomer and Compomer Restorations (30%)

- A. Etch and bond
- B. Place, contour, cure, finish, adjust and polish
- C. Materials
 - 1. Classifications
 - 2. Physical properties
 - a. Shrinkage
 - b. Wear resistance
 - c. Polishability
 - 3. Composition
 - 4. Shade selection

Sub-Content Area V: Stainless Steel Crowns (12%)

- A. Size, fit and place (i.e., cement)**
- B. Primary dentition**
- C. Permanent dentition**

Sub-Content Area VI: Procedural Considerations (15%)

- A. Moisture control**
- B. Advantages/disadvantages**
- C. Indications/contraindications**
- D. Homecare instructions/patient education**

Sub-Content Area VII: Infection Control/Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Protocol (9%)

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