



AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY

COMPLEX GENERAL SURGICAL ONCOLOGY: CONTENT OUTLINE
FOR THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Weight*</u>
I. Head and Neck	5%
A. Salivary Glands	
B. Larynx	
C. Adenopathy/Neoplastic Neck Masses	
II. Breast	15%
A. Breast Cancer Screening	
B. Evaluation of Breast Disorders	
C. Benign Female Breast Disorders	
D. Malignant Neoplasms	
E. Breast Reconstruction	
F. Male Breast Disease	
G. Patient Counseling	
III. Upper Gastrointestinal Tract	15%
A. Esophagus	
B. Stomach/Duodenum	
C. Gastric Outlet Obstruction, Bleeding	
D. Management of Ascites, Bowel Obstruction	
E. Patient Counseling	
IV. Lower Gastrointestinal Tract	10%
A. Small Bowel	
B. Colon and Rectal	
V. Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary	15%
A. Liver	
B. Pancreas	
C. Biliary System	
D. Unresectable Disease	
E. Patient Counseling	
VI. Endocrine	5%
A. Thyroid	
B. Parathyroid	
C. Adrenal	
D. Pancreas (Endocrine)	
E. Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia (MEN)	
F. Neuroendocrine Tumor	
G. Patient Counseling	

VII. Hematologic Oncology	5%
A. Lymphoma	
B. Other	
VIII. Soft Tissue Sarcoma	5%
IX. Melanoma/Other Skin Cancers	5%
A. Melanoma	
B. Basal Cell Carcinoma	
C. Squamous Cell Carcinoma	
D. Patient Counseling	
X. Palliation, Pain Therapy, End-of-Life Issues	5%
A. Palliation	
B. Pain Therapy	
C. End-of-Life Issues	
XI. Community Outreach	1%
A. Genetic Counseling	
B. Workup	
C. Screening Guidelines	
D. Follow-up	
XII. Clinical Research	4%
A. Trials	
B. Ethics of Research	
C. Interpretation of the Surgical Literature	

*Approximate percentage of questions to be included in the Complex General Surgical Oncology QE. Actual percentages may vary slightly from year to year.

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