



AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY

COMPLEX GENERAL SURGICAL ONCOLOGY: CONTENT OUTLINE  
FOR THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

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

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