

**AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY
2024 BASIC EXAMINATION
Performance Interpretation Guidelines**

To see how your performance compares to others within your dermatology residency year, refer to the Total Test Scores and Content Area Subscores table below and the Norm Table on the following page. DRY1 refers to first-year dermatology residents. The data shown on these pages are for the “reference group” consisting of US residents in ACGME-accredited programs and Canadian residents in RCPSC-accredited programs. Other individuals taking this exam are excluded from the reference group reports.

Total Test Scores and Content Area Subscores: Percent correct scores are the percentages of scored items answered correctly on the total examination or within each content area. The number of items and the percent correct score means and standard deviations for the total examination and for the content areas are listed below for the 2024 reference group.

| Content Area | Item Count | DRY1 (N=601) | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|----|
| | | Mean | SD |
| Total | 200 | 79 | 7 |
| Medical/General Dermatology | 99 | 80 | 7 |
| Pediatric Dermatology | 24 | 78 | 11 |
| Dermatopathology | 26 | 76 | 12 |
| Surgical Dermatology | 25 | 79 | 11 |
| Basic Science | 26 | 75 | 12 |
| Visual Recognition | 41 | 79 | 8 |

Norms Table: The norm table listed on the following page enables you to see how your overall performance compares with others in your DRY cohort. To use this table, locate your overall percent correct score in the first column and then find the corresponding percentile rank in the column to the right. For example, if your overall percent correct score is 81% then your percentile rank among reference group DRY1s is 62. This means that 62% of first-year dermatology residents who took this examination obtained a score the same or lower than yours. The range, mean, and standard deviation of percent correct scores on the total test are provided at the bottom of the table.

| <i>Percent Correct Score</i> | <i>Reference Group Percentile</i> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 95 | 100 |
| 94 | 99 |
| 93 | 99 |
| 92 | 98 |
| 91 | 98 |
| 90 | 96 |
| 89 | 94 |
| 88 | 91 |
| 87 | 88 |
| 86 | 86 |
| 85 | 82 |
| 84 | 78 |
| 83 | 73 |
| 82 | 67 |
| 81 | 62 |
| 80 | 58 |
| 79 | 53 |
| 78 | 46 |
| 77 | 40 |
| 76 | 36 |
| 75 | 30 |
| 74 | 26 |
| 73 | 23 |
| 72 | 19 |
| 71 | 17 |
| 70 | 14 |
| 69 | 10 |
| 68 | 9 |
| 67 | 7 |
| 66 | 5 |
| 65 | 4 |
| 64 | 4 |
| 63 | 3 |
| 62 | 2 |
| 61 | 2 |
| 60 | 1 |
| 59 | 1 |
| 58 | 0 |
| Range | (52 to 98) |
| Mean | 79 |
| Standard Deviation | 7 |