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The ABP in numbers

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
<i>Active Diplomates</i>	<i>1,046</i>
<i>Life Diplomates</i>	<i>501</i>
<i>% Active in Private Practice</i>	<i>47%</i>
<i>% Active in Academics</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>% Active in Federal Services</i>	<i>14%</i>



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Candidates Challenging Exams

Examination	Feb.-Apr. 2022	Nov. 2022	Feb.-Apr. 2023
Section A	149	NA	152
Section B - Part 2	3	2	8
Section B - Part 3	25	32	27
Section B - Part 4	68	22	48
Section C	35	30	35
Section D	4	13	3



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10-Year Pass Rates vs. Recent

<i>Exam Section</i>	<i>Pass Rate (Historic / Recent)</i>
Section-A	90%
Section-B, Part 2	71% / 66%
Section-B, Part 3	81% / 72%
Section-B, Part 4	85% / 82%
Section-C	80% / 37%
Section-D	95% / 75%



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February 2023 Pass Rate

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Section-A	90%		
Section-B, Part 2	71%	/ 66%	/ 63%
Section-B, Part 3	81%	/ 72%	/ 67%
Section-B, Part 4	85%	/ 82%	/ 75%
Section-C	80%	/ 37%	/ 74%
Section-D	95%	/ 75%	/ 100%



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Your residents should know...

- *The ABP wants all candidates to succeed!*
- *All exam results are anonymous, most importantly during the grading process.*
- *The entire group of examiners votes to fail a candidate. Shortcomings are presented by examining pairs, considered by all examiners, then voted on.*
- *If a candidate does not pass an exam section, the candidate's identity is not revealed until all exam sections are completed.*
- *When a candidate must retake an exam section, different examiners conduct exam retakes to avoid possible bias/conflicts.*
- *The ABP constantly reviews all aspects of the examination process.*



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Problems Encountered with Section B

- *Performance on diagnosis and treatment planning.*
 - *Encourage review with Director prior to taking an examination.*
- *Impressions.*
- *Occlusion – Occlusion – Occlusion...*
 - *Non-Working Interferences (Part 2 and Part 3)*
 - *Lack of Balance (in the articulator and images)*
- *Inadequate understanding of protocols and materials.*



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Problems Encountered with Section B

- *Failure to diagnose, recognize, interpret, and understand pathology.*
- *Periodontal (soft tissue) inflammation or concerns (failure to manage).*
- *Inadequate tooth preparation*
 - *Inadequate ferrule*
 - *Unacceptable finish lines and proximity to foundation margins*
 - *Inadequate reduction/wall height with lack of management (concepts/execution)*
- *Occlusal plane disharmonies (in particular with implant rehabilitations).*
- *Removable partial denture design/concepts and treatment.*
- *Patient selection – not all patients satisfy the published guidelines.*



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Problems Encountered with Section C

- *Failure to focus on reading, listening, and responding to questions asked. Candidates lose direction and provide responses with little association to questions.*
- *Assumption that answers carry on to the following questions.*
- *Poor management of time – LACK OF FOCUS.*
- *Quiet (low voice) speaking – LACK OF CONFIDENCE.*
- *Advice: Take notes when questioned, then “check off” answers as provided.*



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Addressing Problems with Section C

- *The Board elected to offer "direction" to candidates during the response component.*
 - *Redirection to help candidates maintain focus.*



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Addressing Problems with Section D

- *The Board elected to change the order of the Section D examination to bring together segments that candidates interpret as being related.*
 - *First 20 minutes → patient treatment presentation*
 - *Second 20 minutes → open questions from the examiners*
 - *Third 20 minutes → standardized questions NOT directly related to the presentation or patient treatment.*



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Future Considerations for Section D

- *The Board is considering options for Section D.*
- *Changes are intended to make requirements less restricted and increase the number of patients that can satisfy guidelines.*



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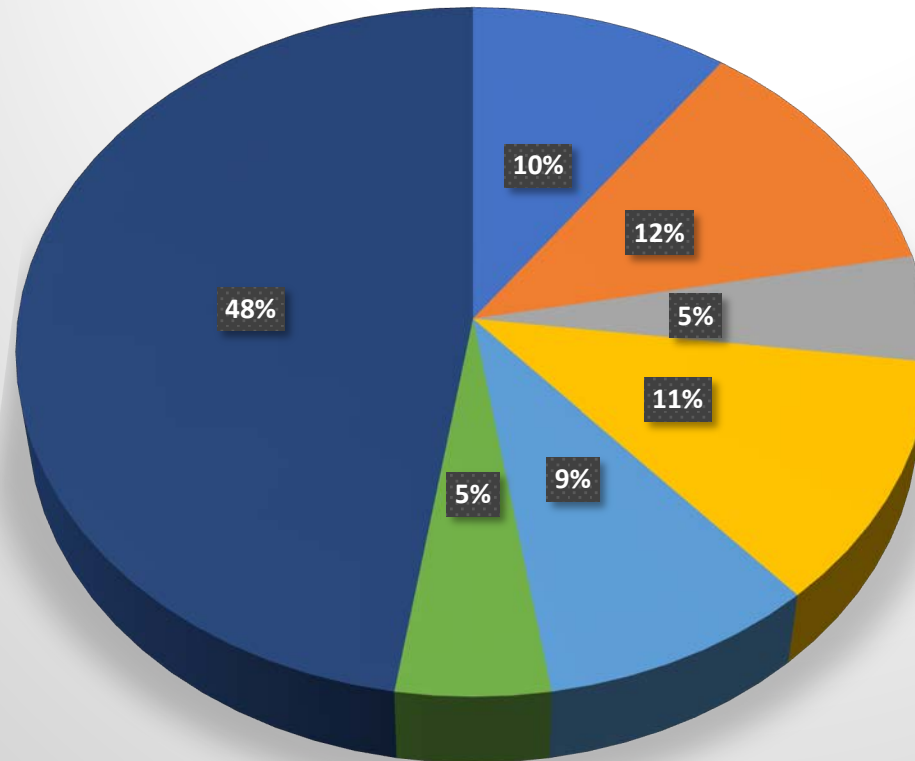
Section A Examination 2023

- *Examination conducted April 4th, 2023 at Pearson Vue Testing Centers.*
- *152 candidates challenged a 4-hour, 200 question examination.*
- *Context-based and video questions.*
- *10-year 90% pass rate.*
- *Feedback*
 - *Too many digital questions!*
 - *Contemporary questions in fixed, removable, materials, occlusion, esthetics realms can be interpreted to be 'digital'.*
- *Examination is formulated according to CODA guidelines.*

Section A Examination 2023

**First Tier
Categories
-- 105/200
Questions**

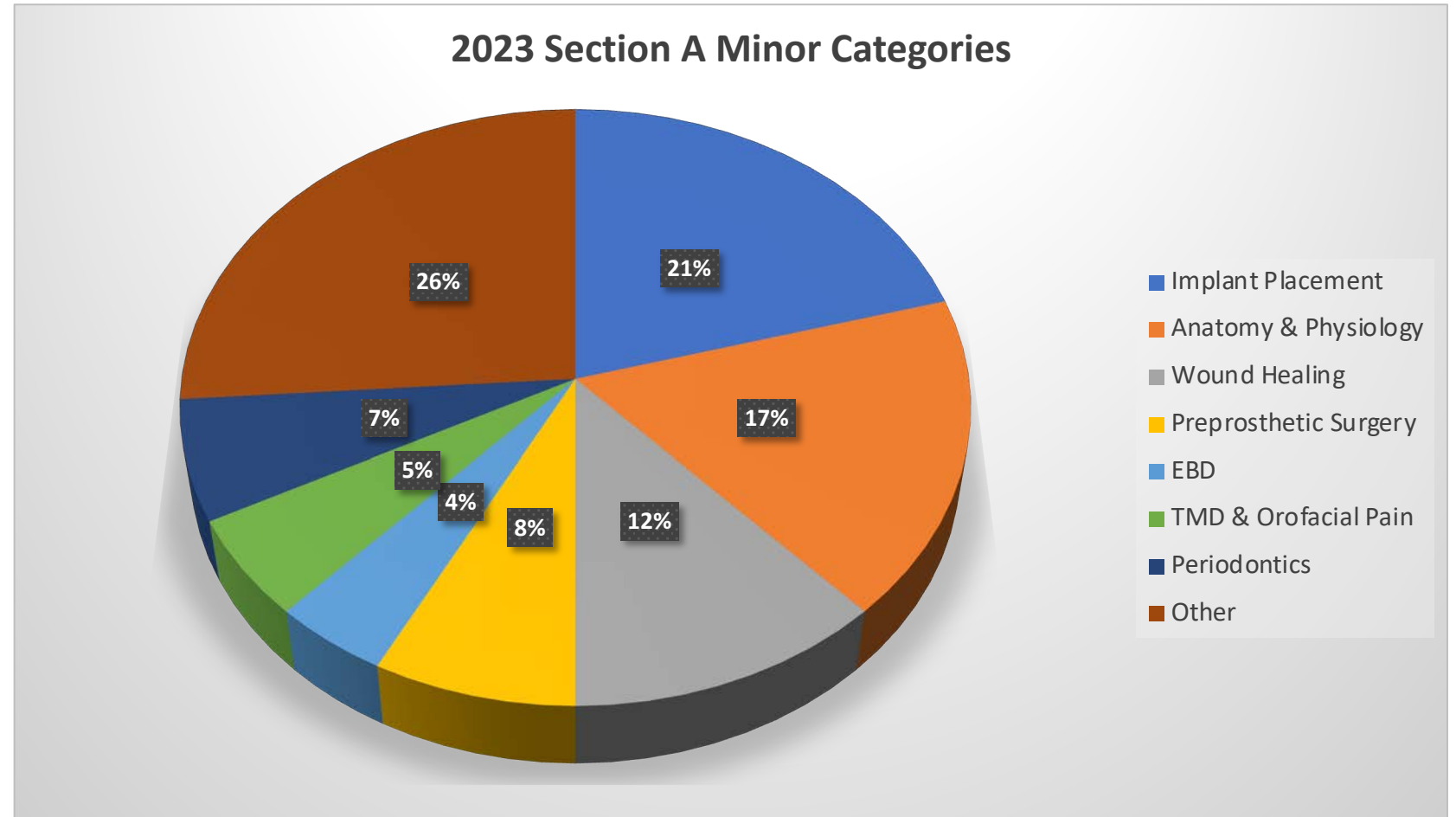
2023 Section A Major Categories



- Dental Biomaterials
- Implant Prosthodontics
- Occlusion
- Removable Prosthodontics
- Fixed Prosthodontics
- Esthetics
- Minor Categories

Section A Examination 2023

**Second
Tier
Categories
-- 95/200
Questions**



Major Categories – n/200 Questions

<i>Major</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Biomaterials</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Removable Pros</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Fixed Pros</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Occlusion</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Implant Pros</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Esthetics</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>TOTAL MAJOR</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>105</i>

Minor Categories – n/200 Questions

<i>Minor</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Implant Placement</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Anatomy and Physiology</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Wound Healing</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Preprosthetic Surgery</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Evidence Based Decision Making</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>TMD/Orofacial Pain</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Pharmacology</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Periodontics</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>TOTAL MINOR</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>71</i>

Minor 'Other' Categories – n/200 Questions

- **Three questions**
 - *Emerging science and technology*
- **Two questions**
 - *Biostatistics, maxillofacial prosthodontics, infection control, research methodology, sleep disorders, laboratory procedures*
- **One question**
 - *Ethics and professionalism, immunology, oral microbiology, diagnostic imaging, oral pathology, intraoral photography, classifications, geriatrics, bio-fixed*
- *TOTAL Minor Other Categories – 24 (consistent with past examination)*
- *MAJOR – 105, MINOR – 71, OTHER – 24* *n=200*

Section A Examination 2023

- **Feedback from Section A Chair**
 - *Five 'digital' questions (emerging technologies, imaging, laboratory procedures)*
 - *Four additional questions contained the word 'digital' in the stem*
 - *Digital dentures (removable), digital scan bodies (fixed, implants), sterilization of digitally designed and printed template (infection control)*
 - *Ten additional questions containing the word 'print' or 'printed'*
 - *Laboratory procedures, implant surgery, dental materials, infection control*
- **No category for 'print' or 'printing' exists, these protocols are part of the broad spectrum of contemporary prosthodontics**

Section A Examination 2023

- ***Faith in the Grading***

- *Statistical evaluation is exhaustive and has resulted in consistent 90% pass rate*
 - *Individual questions are scrutinized for ability to determine*
 - *Probability correct answer chosen by candidate who knows answer*
 - *Probability incorrect answer chosen by candidate who doesn't*
 - *When doubt exists or statistical confidence is low – question is removed*
 - *Statistics provide confidence no candidate who deserves to pass fails, and no candidate who deserves to fail passes*
- *Remember – candidates are challenging a certifying examination. Even the best candidates do not always 'score well' according to traditional scales.*



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Congratulations to New Diplomates & Mentors

November 2022 – 27 New Diplomates!

- Mohammed Alfaifi
- Faisal Al-Hussainy
- Abdullah Alnasser
- Esra Alsarraf
- Majed Altoman
- Mohammed Alyami
- Konstantina Angelara
- Tintu Chandy
- Xiao Chun Li
- Shayla My Hoang Dang
- Russell Deal
- Andrea Gagnon-Audet
- Eric Hu
- Sindhu Kanikicharla
- Hee Kim
- Susun Kim
- Ahmet Orgev
- Michelle Ruse
- Berna Saglik
- William Slack
- Stella Stavrou
- Shivani Suvarna
- Sharon Vincenty-Flores
- Michael Wanserski
- Geoffrey Ward
- Tiffany Wendt-Aquino
- Jonathan Winfield

February 2023 – 22 New Diplomates!

- Zainab Ajeeb
- Maha Alenzi
- Amal Alfaraj
- Abdulrahman Almalki
- Bashayer Altaefi
- Rula Amarin
- Caitlin Campbell
- Chin Chun Peng
- Maryam Gheisarifar
- Tala Ghishan
- Natalie Inoue
- Yi-Cheng Lai
- Ahmad Majeed-Saidan
- Leen Musharbash
- Olivia Nguyen
- Sohyun Park
- Akshay Parmar
- Sara Satin
- Marwa Shembesh
- Jun Soo Shin
- Harrison Spatz
- Ryushiro Sugita

For comparison, 27 after February 2017 exam, 24 after November 2018 exam, 23 after February 2019 exam, 26 after February 2020, 17 after October 2020...



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We recommend residents should.....

- *Following graduation, immediately forward a notarized copy of their certification to exams@abpros.org.*
- *Complete two examinations in November after graduation if possible. **Candidates will NOT be permitted to register for these examinations without a notarized copy of their institution's OFFICIAL Certificate (in Prosthodontics).***
- **IMPORTANT:**
 - *Complete only 1 (one) application.*
 - *Upon relocation after graduation, update online profile (very important).*
 - *Do NOT submit a new application to complete the certification process.*



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2023-24 Examination Schedule

<i>Section</i>	<i>Date of Exams</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
<i>Sections B/D</i>	<i>Oct. 29-30, 2023</i>	<i>Sept. 5, 2023</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Oct. 31, 2023</i>	<i>Sept. 5, 2023</i>
<i>Section A</i>	<i>April 8, 2024</i>	<i>Jan. 31, 2024</i>
<i>Sections B/D</i>	<i>Feb. 25-26, 2024</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Section C</i>	<i>Feb. 27, 2024</i>	<i>TBD</i>



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February 2024 Exam Schedule & Venue

- *The February 2024 examinations will be conducted one week later than usual (**February 25-27, 2024**). This change is limited to 2024.*
- *The February examinations in 2024 and 2025 will be conducted at the **Hyatt Regency O'Hare**. Continued use of this venue is pending experience.*
- *This venue proved to be an excellent option when utilized during the pandemic (good room layout, excellent room sizes, more affordable guest room prices, easier travel to-from the airport, etc.)*



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Questions.....