

Fellowship Examination Blueprint: Oral Medicine

Blueprint

Competency Domain	Percentage
1. Patient Assessment and Diagnosis	30 – 40%
2. Treatment Planning and Management	20 – 30%
3. Treatment Evaluation and Modification	30 – 40%
4. Communication	5 – 15%

Competencies

1. Assessment, Diagnosis, and Prognosis

- 1.1 Obtain and interpret a comprehensive medical, dental, and social history.
- 1.2 Assess and critically evaluate, and obtain a patient's chief complaint and thorough, relevant history of chief complaint
- 1.3 Conduct comprehensive extraoral and intraoral examinations and differentiate between normal and abnormal findings, including interpretation and correlation of all relevant findings
- 1.4 Order, interpret and correlate diagnostic imaging
- 1.5 Order and interpret appropriate investigations, including blood tests, salivary tests and microbiological investigations.
- 1.6 Perform medical risk assessments for medically complex patients.
- 1.7 Recognize, assess, and interpret oral manifestations of systemic disease.
- 1.8 Diagnose developmental abnormalities, acquired syndromes, infectious, immunologic, mucosal, dermatologic, salivary gland, hematologic, bone, soft tissue and odontogenic diseases.
- 1.9 Diagnose orofacial pain and neurosensory conditions.
- 1.10 Correlate data from clinical, radiographic, laboratory, and histopathological sources.
- 1.11 Establish differential and final diagnoses.
- 1.12 Recommend additional investigations or referral when needed.

2. Treatment Planning and Management

- 2.1 Develop individualized, evidence-based treatment plans that incorporate patient values, medical status, and psychosocial factors.

- 2.2 Prescribe and manage topical and systemic medications safely.
- 2.3 Describe the management approach, including rationale, alternative therapies, and potential complications for oral and maxillofacial diseases and conditions, including orofacial pain and TMJ disorders.
- 2.4 Manage oral complications of systemic diseases and therapies.
- 2.5 Coordinate care with other dental and medical providers.
- 2.6 Identify indications for surgical vs. non-surgical management.

3. Treatment Evaluation and Modification

- 3.1 Discuss criteria and methods for assessing treatment outcomes, complications, and strategies for modifying treatment.
- 3.2 Identify and manage adverse effects or complications.
- 3.3 Modify or adjust treatment plans based on evolving patient needs.
- 3.4 Establish follow-up plans that are condition-specific and patient-centered.
- 3.5 Understand and describe appropriate responses and management strategies for medical emergencies encountered in oral medicine practice.

4. Communication

- 4.1 Communicate effectively with patients, their families, and other healthcare professionals.
- 4.2 Adapt communication based on the patient's age and stage of development.
- 4.3 Obtain informed consent from patients and/or their parents, guardians or substitute decision makers.
- 4.4 Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team.
- 4.5 Demonstrate collegiality when discussing differing opinions with other healthcare professionals.
- 4.6 Ensure the continuity and coordination of patient care through the appropriate transfer of information.
- 4.7 Consistently apply accurate, discipline-specific terminology when communicating clinical reasoning and decisions.
- 4.8 Communicate in a structured, clear, concise, and logical manner.
- 4.9 Clearly and transparently articulate clinical reasoning and decision-making processes.