



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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SUBSPECIALTY CONTINUING CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. (ABPN) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to serving the public interest and the professions of psychiatry and neurology by promoting excellence in practice through certification and continuing certification processes.

The ABPN designs and develops the geriatric psychiatry continuing certification examination to assess the knowledge and reasoning skills needed to provide high quality patient care in the broad domain of the subspecialty.

Candidates should use the detailed content outline as a guide to prepare for the examination. Please note that no single examination tests everything on the content outline.

For more information, please contact us at questions@abpn.org or visit our website at www.abpn.org.



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Number of questions: 150	Percent
01. Clinical science of aging	8-12%
02. Diagnosis and evaluation of psychopathology	30-35%
03. Treatment and management issues	30-35%
04. Practice-related policy and legal issues	4-6%
05. Medical and neurologic aspects of geriatric psychiatry	18-22%
TOTAL	100%

Note: A more detailed content outline is shown below



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01. Clinical science of aging
A. Life course
B. Demography and epidemiology
C. Culture and gender
D. Family and community
E. Genetics
F. Other biological aspects of aging
G. Functional assessment
02. Diagnosis and evaluation of psychopathology
A. Neurocognitive disorders
1. Cortical dementias
2. Subcortical dementias
3. Mild cognitive impairment
4. Traumatic brain injuries
5. Other (e.g. delirium)
B. Depressive disorders and bipolar and related disorders
1. Major depressive disorder
2. Bipolar disorder
3. Minor depression/subsyndromal
4. Other mood disorders
C. Sleep-wake disorders
D. Schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders
E. Substance-related and addictive disorders
F. Anxiety disorders and obsessive-compulsive and related disorders
G. Sexual dysfunctions, gender dysphoria/paraphilic disorders
H. Somatic symptom and related disorders
I. Trauma- and stressor-related disorders
J. Personality disorders
03. Treatment and management issues
A. Somatic treatments
1. Pharmacology/psychopharmacology



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	2. Electroconvulsive therapy
B.	Psychotherapy
C.	Special issues
	1. Behavioral problems
	2. Suicidal ideation and behavior
	3. Palliative care
	4. Dangerousness
	5. Treatment adherence
	6. Caregiver issues
	7. Care models (e.g., collaborative care)
	8. Chronic pain
04.	Practice-related policy and legal issues
A.	Role of geriatric psychiatrist in health care systems
B.	Medico-legal
C.	Ethics
D.	Treatment-setting regulations
05.	Medical and neurologic aspects of geriatric psychiatry
A.	Geriatric medical syndromes (e.g. falls, incontinence, failure to thrive, chronic pain, etc.)
B.	Care of patients with neurologic disease
C.	Psychiatric disorders due to a general medical condition
D.	Psychiatric complications of medical treatment
E.	Psychological factors affecting medical conditions