Test Development Process



Item writers receive item-writing assignments created and sent by ABPN staff and write and submit items to ABPN.









Staff performs editorial reviews of approved exam.



Committee reviews draft exam and items for pretesting.



Staff select items for draft exam and pretesting.



Chair reviews and approves the finalized exam.



Exams are administered.



Test scoring and reporting see next page

Test Scoring and Reporting Process

Examination data imported for preliminary scoring.



ABPN staff review item statistics and examinee comments to identify problematic items.



Committee chair reviews flagged items to decide if any should be deleted.



Equating procedures are applied to set the pass/fail standard (completed 2-4 weeks after rescoring). Periodically (every 7-8 years) a standard setting study is conducted.



Examination is rescored (completed 4-6 weeks after administration).



Score reports are generated and checked (completed 2 weeks after standard setting).



Score reports posted electronically to individual Physician Portal accounts or mailed to examinees.