AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY
2023 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 2023 reference group.

Content Area	Item Count	DRY1 (N=583) Mean	SD
Total	200	80	7
Medical/General Dermatology	96	85	7
Pediatric Dermatology	26	80	11
Dermatopathology	26	76	13
Surgical Dermatology	26	77	10
Basic Science	26	69	15
Visual Recognition	39	85	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 87% then your percentile rank among reference group DRY1s is 83. This means that 83% of first-year dermatology residents who took this examination obtained a score the same or lower than yours. The percent correct score mean, standard deviation, and range of percent correct scores on the total test have been provided at the bottom of the table.

Percent-Correct Score	Reference Group Percentile
97	100
96	99
95	99
94	99
93	98
92	97
91	95
90	93
89	90
88	86
87	83
86	79
85	74
84	70
83	66
82	60
81	54
80	49
79	44
78	38
77	33
76	29
75	25
74	22
73	19
72	14
71	11
70	8
69	7
68	5
67	4
66	3
65	3
64	2
63	2
62	1
61	1
60	1
59	1
58	1
57	1
56	1
55	0
Range	(51 to 97)
Mean	80
Standard Deviation	7