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1) Overview & Exam Philosophy

The ABAGD examination is designed to evaluate competence in advanced general dentistry. It emphasizes evidence-based practice, clinical judgment, diagnosis, treatment planning, and professional ethics. Successful candidates will demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge across specialties and manage patients comprehensively.

2) Exam Blueprint & Weighting

Domain	Weight
Basic Sciences	8–10%
Dental Anatomy & Occlusion	5–7%
Pharmacology & Local Anesthesia	8–10%
Radiology / Imaging	8–10%
Operative Dentistry & Materials	14–16%
Endodontics	10–12%
Periodontology	10–12%
Prosthodontics	14–16%
Oral Surgery & Emergencies	8–10%
Oral Pathology & Medicine	6–8%
Ethics, Practice, Infection Control	5–7%

- Basic Sciences: Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Pathology, Microbiology.
- Operative Dentistry: Adhesion, restorative materials, caries management.
- Endodontics: Diagnosis, root canal therapy, retreatment, trauma.
- Periodontology: Classification, surgery, implants, maintenance.
- Prosthodontics: Fixed, removable, implants, occlusion.
- Oral Surgery: Extractions, surgical techniques, emergencies.
- Oral Pathology: Lesions, biopsy, oral cancer.
- Radiology: Safety, interpretation, CBCT.
- Ethics & Practice: Consent, confidentiality, professionalism.

4) Core Textbooks & References

- Carranza's Clinical Periodontology & Implant Dentistry – Newman, Takei, Klokkevold, Carranza.
- Pathways of the Pulp – Cohen & Hargreaves.
- Ingle's Endodontics – Ingle & Bakland.
- Oral Radiology: Principles and Interpretation – White & Pharoah.
- Sturdevant's Art & Science of Operative Dentistry – Roberson, Heymann, Swift.
- Summitt's Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry – Summitt, Robbins, Hilton.
- Contemporary Fixed Prosthodontics – Rosenstiel, Land, Fujimoto.
- Stewart's Clinical Removable Partial Prosthodontics – Stewart, Rudd, Kuebker.
- Textbook of Complete Dentures – Sheldon Winkler.
- Phillips' Science of Dental Materials – Anusavice, Shen, Rawls.
- Oral Pathology: Clinical Pathologic Correlations – Regezi, Sciubba, Jordan.
- Handbook of Local Anesthesia – Stanley Malamed.
- Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office – Stanley Malamed.
- Netter's Head and Neck Anatomy for Dentistry – Netter, Machado.
- Ten Cate's Oral Histology – Antonio Nanci.
- Dentistry for the Child and Adolescent – McDonald, Avery, Dean.
- Contemporary Orthodontics – Proffit, Fields, Larson, Sarver.
- Regional Ethics & Jurisprudence – Official country-specific guidelines.



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5) Recommended Journals

- Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA).
- Journal of Prosthodontics.
- Periodontology 2000.
- International Endodontic Journal.
- Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
- Journal of Dental Research.

6) Suggested Study Timelines

- 3-Month Intensive: Daily 6–8 hours. Month 1: Basic sciences. Month 2: Clinical subjects. Month 3: Mock exams & oral prep.
- 6-Month Balanced: Daily 3–4 hours. Months 1–2: Basics. Months 3–4: Clinical disciplines. Month 5: Mock exams. Month 6: Oral prep & review.

7) Exam Tips & Strategies

- Use active recall and spaced repetition.
- Simulate timed exam conditions.
- Understand rationale for correct and incorrect answers.
- Practice with radiographs and clinical cases.
- Prepare oral exam responses aloud with peers.
- Balance study with rest and wellness.

8) Oral Exam Preparation

- Structure answers: History → Exam → Diagnosis → Plan.
- Use professional terminology, evidence-based reasoning.
- Discuss risks, alternatives, and informed consent.
- Expect ethical dilemmas and complication scenarios.
- Review common prosthodontic, endodontic, periodontic, surgery cases.