#### **APDR/A3CR2/APCR Core Exam Survey**



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1. Please indicate	our result for the 2013	ABR Core Examination.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Pass	90.5%	239
Condition	0.8%	2
Fail	8.7%	23
	answered question	264
	skipped question	2

### 2. Please identify the factor or tool most helpful in helping you prepare for the ABR Core Exam.

Response	
Count	

247

answered question	247
skipped question	19

### 3. Please identify the factor(s) that created the most difficulty in preparing for the ABR Core Exam.

Response
Count

answered question	248
skipped question	18

# 4. Please rate the following preparatory study materials for the ABR Core Exam (1-5 where 1=least helpful, 5=most helpful)

	1 (Least helpful)	2	3	4	5 (Most helpful)	N/A	Rating Count
RSNA/AAPM online physics modules	5.7% (15)	10.9% (29)	18.9% (50)	28.7% (76)	33.6% (89)	2.3% (6)	265
Case Review Series books	4.2% (11)	9.1% (24)	25.3% (67)	30.6% (81)	21.9% (58)	9.1% (24)	265
Rad Cases books	2.3% (6)	5.3% (14)	14.1% (37)	24.3% (64)	15.2% (40)	38.8% (102)	263
Journal review articles	19.7% (52)	18.2% (48)	21.6% (57)	17.4% (46)	4.2% (11)	18.9% (50)	264
ACR Contrast Manual	11.7% (31)	19.7% (52)	24.2% (64)	12.9% (34)	6.8% (18)	24.6% (65)	264
ACR Appropriateness Criteria	22.8% (60)	21.7% (57)	22.4% (59)	14.1% (37)	1.9% (5)	17.1% (45)	263
ACR Case-in-Point cases	15.2% (40)	23.1% (61)	19.7% (52)	6.8% (18)	0.4% (1)	34.8% (92)	264
Daily case conferences	8.0% (21)	12.5% (33)	35.2% (93)	28.4% (75)	12.9% (34)	3.0% (8)	264
Daily didactic conferences	7.6% (20)	12.5% (33)	34.8% (92)	30.3% (80)	12.5% (33)	2.3% (6)	264
Internal board review sessions	5.3% (14)	6.1% (16)	15.5% (41)	31.1% (82)	26.9% (71)	15.2% (40)	264
Internal physics review sessions	15.8% (42)	17.4% (46)	17.7% (47)	17.4% (46)	18.1% (48)	13.6% (36)	265
External physics board review course	2.7% (7)	3.0% (8)	9.8% (26)	17.0% (45)	34.8% (92)	32.6% (86)	264
External general board review course	4.9% (13)	4.5% (12)	15.9% (42)	14.4% (38)	10.2% (27)	50.0% (132)	264
AIRP iPad app	21.4% (56)	20.6% (54)	14.1% (37)	6.5% (17)	3.1% (8)	34.4% (90)	262
ABR Core Exam Study Guide	63.9% (168)	15.6% (41)	9.9% (26)	5.7% (15)	1.5% (4)	3.4% (9)	263

ABR Core Exam Sample Category Content	33.2% (88)	22.6% (60)	22.6% (60)	12.5% (33)	3.0% (8)	6.0% (16)	265
ABR Blueprints	39.4% (104)	12.5% (33)	6.1% (16)	3.0% (8)	0.4% (1)	38.6% (102)	264
ABR Practice Questions	14.0% (37)	18.6% (49)	24.2% (64)	23.9% (63)	9.8% (26)	9.5% (25)	264
ABR Noninterpretive Skills Resource Guide	23.8% (63)	16.2% (43)	17.0% (45)	12.5% (33)	6.4% (17)	24.2% (64)	265
RadPrimer questions	2.3% (6)	6.8% (18)	17.0% (45)	29.5% (78)	31.8% (84)	12.5% (33)	264
Prerecorded DVD review lectures from other institutions	3.4% (9)	6.8% (18)	16.0% (42)	24.7% (65)	19.0% (50)	30.0% (79)	263
					Other (plea	ase specify)	34

answered question 266

skipped question 0

### 5. Regarding regular case-based conferences (NOT BOARD REVIEW) (check all that apply):

	Respons Percen	
We use the same format that we used for Oral Board review	65.2	% 167
We use a modified format with greater emphasis on multiple choice questions	56.6	% 145
We use an audience response system	41.4	% 106
We include clinical physics discussions in our case-based conferences	23.4	% 60
We include patient safety discussions in our case-based conferences	10.9	% 28
	Other (please specif	y) 22
	answered question	on 256
	skipped question	on 10

# 6. The ideal number of cases to show during a one-hour case-based conference (NOT BOARD REVIEW) attended by all residents (R1-R4) is:

	Response Percent	Response Count
<10 cases	11.0%	29
10-15 cases	53.4%	141
16-20 cases	25.0%	66
21-25 cases	4.2%	11
>25 cases	6.4%	17
	answered question	264
	skipped question	2

### 7. Regarding didactic conferences (check all that apply):

We use the same format that we used for Oral Board review  We use a modified format with greater emphasis on multiple choice questions  We use an audience response system  We include clinical physics discussions in our didactic conferences  We include patient safety discussions in our didactic conferences  We include patient safety discussions in our didactic conferences  We include patient safety discussions in our didactic conferences  We include patient safety discussions in our didactic conferences  Augustion  Other (please specify)  answered question			
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answered question	32	13.2%	discussions in our didactic
<u> </u>	17	Other (please specify)	
skipped question	242	answered question	
	24	skipped question	

#### 8. Regarding internal board review sessions for the ABR Core Exam:

	Response Percent	Response Count
No internal board review was offered	18.9%	48
Case-based reviews were offered in the same format as Oral Board reviews	43.7%	111
Case-based reviews were offered in a modified format which included multiple choice questions	37.4%	95
	Other (please specify)	43
	answered question	254

# 9. The ideal number of cases to show during a one-hour BOARD REVIEW session (for R3/R4 residents is:

skipped question

	Response Percent	Response Count
<10 cases	1.9%	5
10-15 cases	11.0%	29
16-20 cases	28.9%	76
21-25 cases	28.1%	74
>25 cases	30.0%	79
	answered question	263
	skipped question	3

#### 10. Did you attend an external general board review course (not limited to physics)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	47.9%	127
No	52.1%	138
	answered question	265
	skipped question	1

# 11. If you attended a general external board review course, did you find it helpful? If not applicable, leave blank.

	Response Percent	Response Count
The external board review was not as helpful as our internal review	13.4%	17
The external board review was about as helpful as our internal review	23.6%	30
The external board review was more helpful than our internal review	40.2%	51
No internal board review was offered; the external review was helpful	9.4%	12
No internal board review was offered; the external review was somewhat helpful	7.9%	10
No internal board review was offered; the external review was not helpful	5.5%	7
	answered question	127
	skipped question	139

### 12. Regarding the physics curriculum at your program (check all that apply):

	Response Percent	Response Count
We do not have access to an in- house physicist	12.9%	31
Our residents must complete the RSNA/AAPM online physics modules	44.2%	106
We have an in-house physics curriculum repeated every year for all residents	52.5%	126
We have an in-house physics curriculum spread over 36 months, with content matched to resident level	25.8%	62
We were offered a focused physics review in the 6 months preceding the Core Exam	32.9%	79
	Other (please specify)	44
	answered question	240
	skipped question	26

#### 13. If an internal physics review was offered, what was the format? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Condensed/focused version of your standard physics curriculum	36.8%	64
Tailored to resident preferences for the Core Exam	34.5%	60
Didactic	68.4%	119
Case-based	7.5%	13
Included multiple choice questions	26.4%	46
	answered question	174
	skipped question	92

#### 14. If an internal physics review was offered, what was the quantity?

	Response Percent	Response Count
# Hours	97.9%	138
# Sessions	93.6%	132
	answered question	141
	skipped question	125

15. Did you attend an external physics review course?			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Yes	60.8%	161	
No	39.2%	104	
	answered question	265	
	skipped question	1	

# 16. If you attended an external physics review course, did you find it helpful? If not applicable, leave blank.

		sponse ercent	Response Count
The external physics review was not as helpful as our internal physics review		5.6%	9
The external physics review was about as helpful as our internal physics review		10.5%	17
The external physics review was more helpful as our internal physics review		59.3%	96
No internal physics review was offered; the external review was helpful		19.8%	32
No internal physics review was offered; the external review was somewhat helpful		2.5%	4
No internal physics review was offered; the external review was not helpful		2.5%	4
	answered qu	estion	162
	skipped qu	estion	104

### 17. Did you use any resources besides the ABR Noninterpretive Skills Resource Guide to study for the non-interpretive skills portion of the ABR Core Exam?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.7%	49
No	81.3%	213
	answered question	262
	skipped question	4

## 18. Regarding noninterpretive skills and patient safety, what resources did you find useful in your preparation?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Noninterpretive Skills	91.7%	121
Patient Safety	92.4%	122
	answered question	132
	skipped question	134

### 19. On average, how many multidisciplinary conferences do you attend while on regular clinical rotations?

	Response Percent	Response Count
None	17.9%	47
1-4 per month	71.0%	186
5-10 per month	7.3%	19
>10 per month	3.8%	10
	answered question	262
	skipped question	4

## 20. Many programs invite external lecturers specifically for board review. How many did your program invite for this year's ABR Core Exam review?

	Response Percent	Response Count
# Lecturers	100.0%	238
	answered question	238
	skipped question	28

### 21. Regarding the answer you provided to question 15, how was this different from previous years?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Far fewer guest lecturers	41.1%	97
Slightly fewer guest lecturers	14.4%	34
No significant change	43.2%	102
Slightly more guest lecturers	1.3%	3
Far more guest lecturers	0.0%	0
	answered question	236
	skipped question	30

### 22. What advice would you offer to R1-R3 residents regarding strategies for Core Exam preparation?

Response Count

208

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skippe	d question 58

## 23. What advice would you offer to R1-R3 residents regarding strategies for success during residency?

Response Count

answered question	188
skipped question	78

# 24. Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the ABR Core Exam score report sent to residents and program directors?

Response
Count

answered question	191
skipped question	75