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Family Medicine SAMP Blueprint Overview

How SAMP questions are developed

The SAMP Blueprint outlines the principles and structure used to guide the development of SAMP questions. These principles already guide how exam questions are written and reviewed, and are now brought together in a publicly available document to support transparency and understanding of the exam development process. This document does not introduce changes to the exam format or expectations for candidates.

The Assessment Objectives for Certification in Family Medicine – Priority Topics and Key Features

The priority topics and key features detailed in the Assessment Objectives remain the basis for the development of each SAMP case.

A sampling of cases across the 105 priority topics is used for each SAMP Exam. It is important to note that family medicine practice is evolving, and topics or issues of importance to the practice of family medicine not yet published in the Assessment Objectives may occasionally be used to develop SAMP cases.

The clinical encounter and context of care two-dimensional assessment table

		The Clinical Encounter				
		History, physical examination, and problem identification	Differential diagnosis, investigation, and diagnosis	Management and follow-up	Disease prevention and health promotion	
Context of Care	Office and clinic					55 ±5%
	Hospital care					15 ±5%
	Emergency department and urgent centre care					15 ±5%
	Care in the home and long-term care settings					15 ±5%
	100%	20 ±5%	35 ±5%	30 ±5%	15 ±5%	100%

Social and developmental context

- Patients from across the life-cycle spectrum
- Acuity of care
- Genders and sexual identities
- Case complexity
- Geographical setting
- Encounters occurring in virtual settings
- Indigenous health
- Health equity deserving groups
- Procedural knowledge and skills
- Maternity care
- End-of-life care