

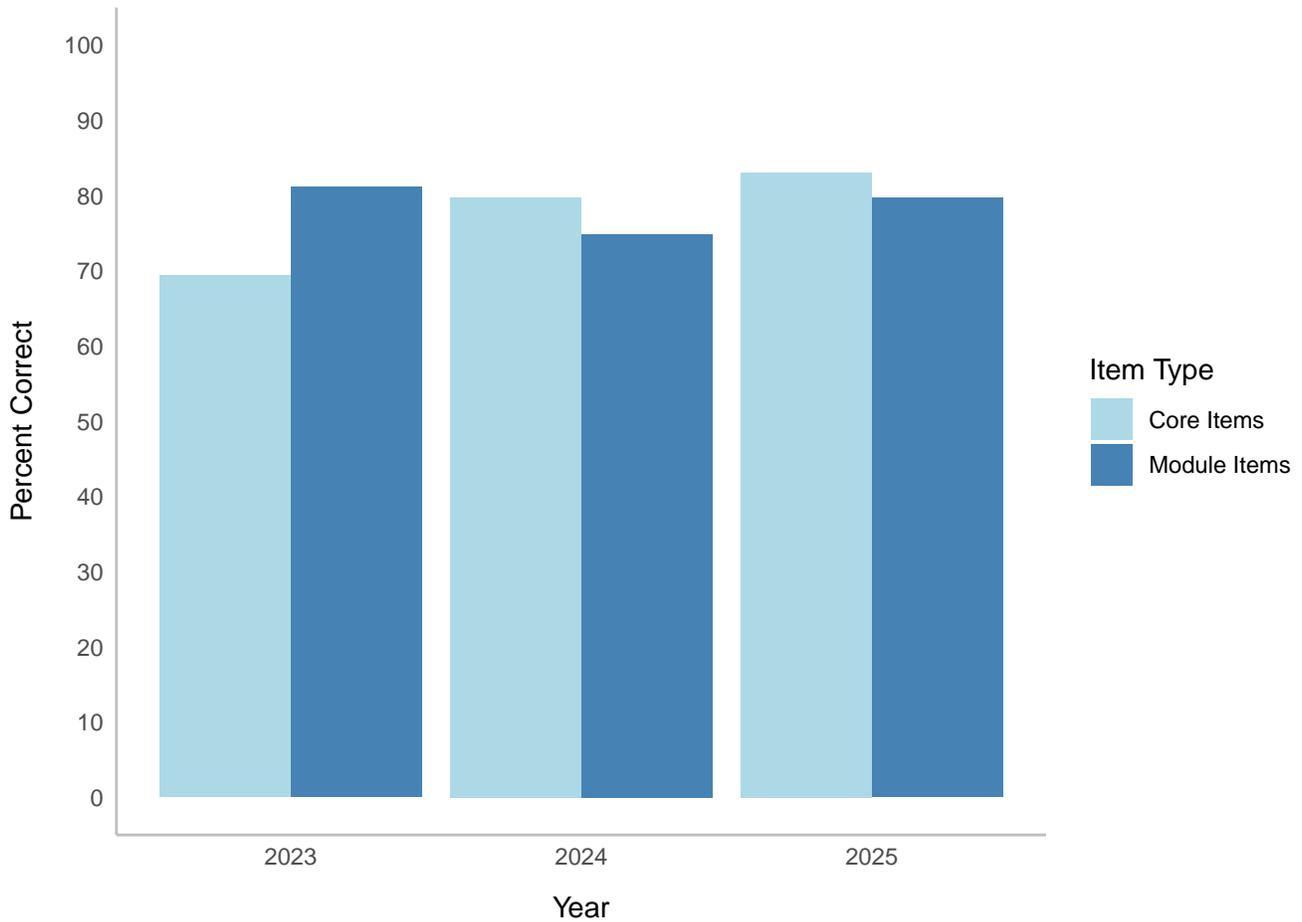
American Board of Surgery
2025 Continuous Certification Knowledge Gaps Report
General Surgery

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of specialty-specific knowledge gaps identified through diplomate performance on the American Board of Surgery General Surgery Continuous Certification Assessment (CCA). The CCA contains 40 items developed using references from an ABS partner journal or open-access article, and diplomates have up to two attempts to answer each item. A first attempt score of 40% is required to receive a second attempt, and a score of 80% correct is required to pass the assessment. The figures below present data on first-attempt exam performance over the past three years, including average percent correct values, keywords for items with lower diplomate performance, and item reference links.

The General Surgery CCA is structured in a modular format, with 20 items on core surgical principles (Core items) and 20 items on a practice-related area of the diplomate's choosing (Module items).

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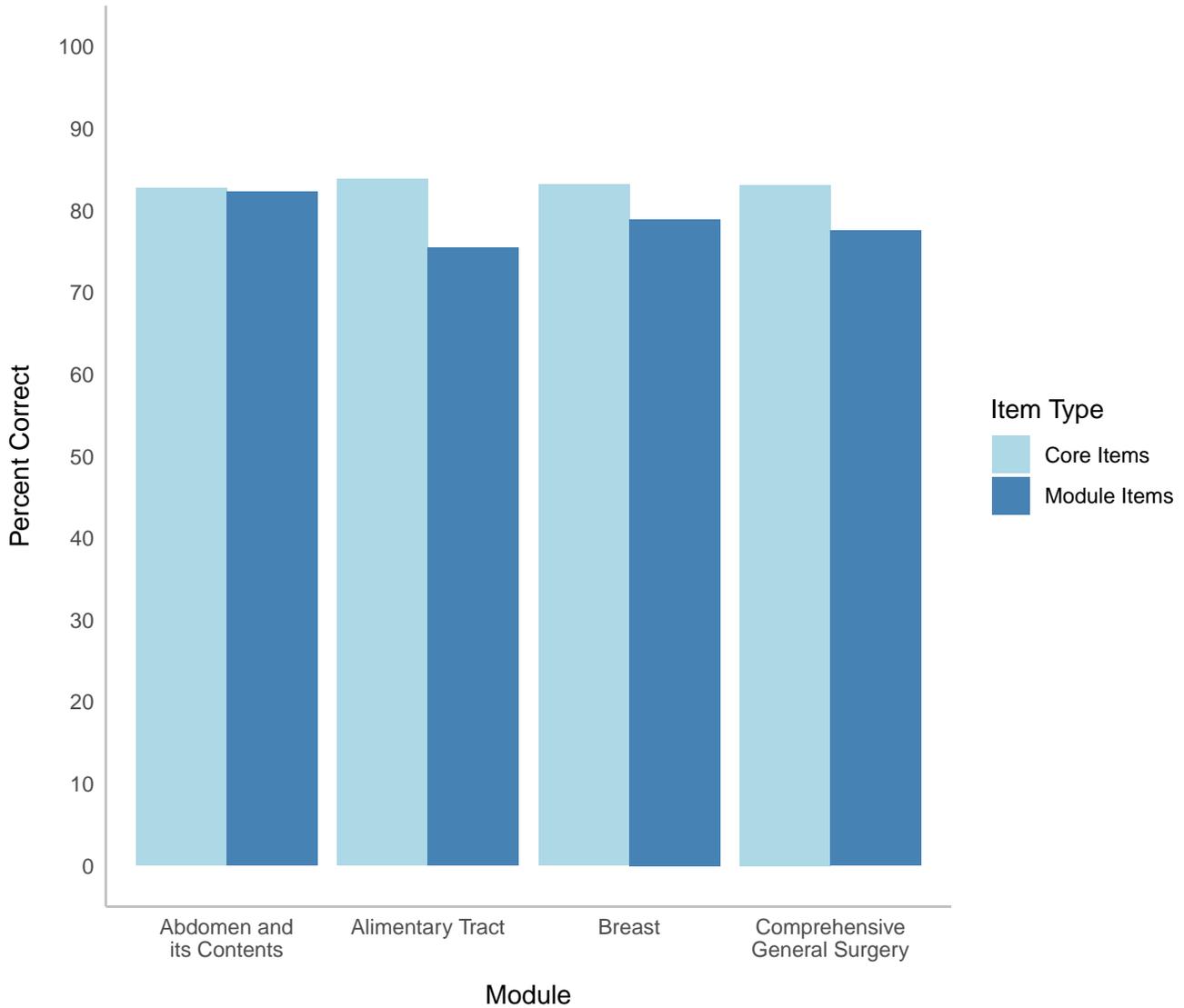
First Attempt Percent Correct by Year



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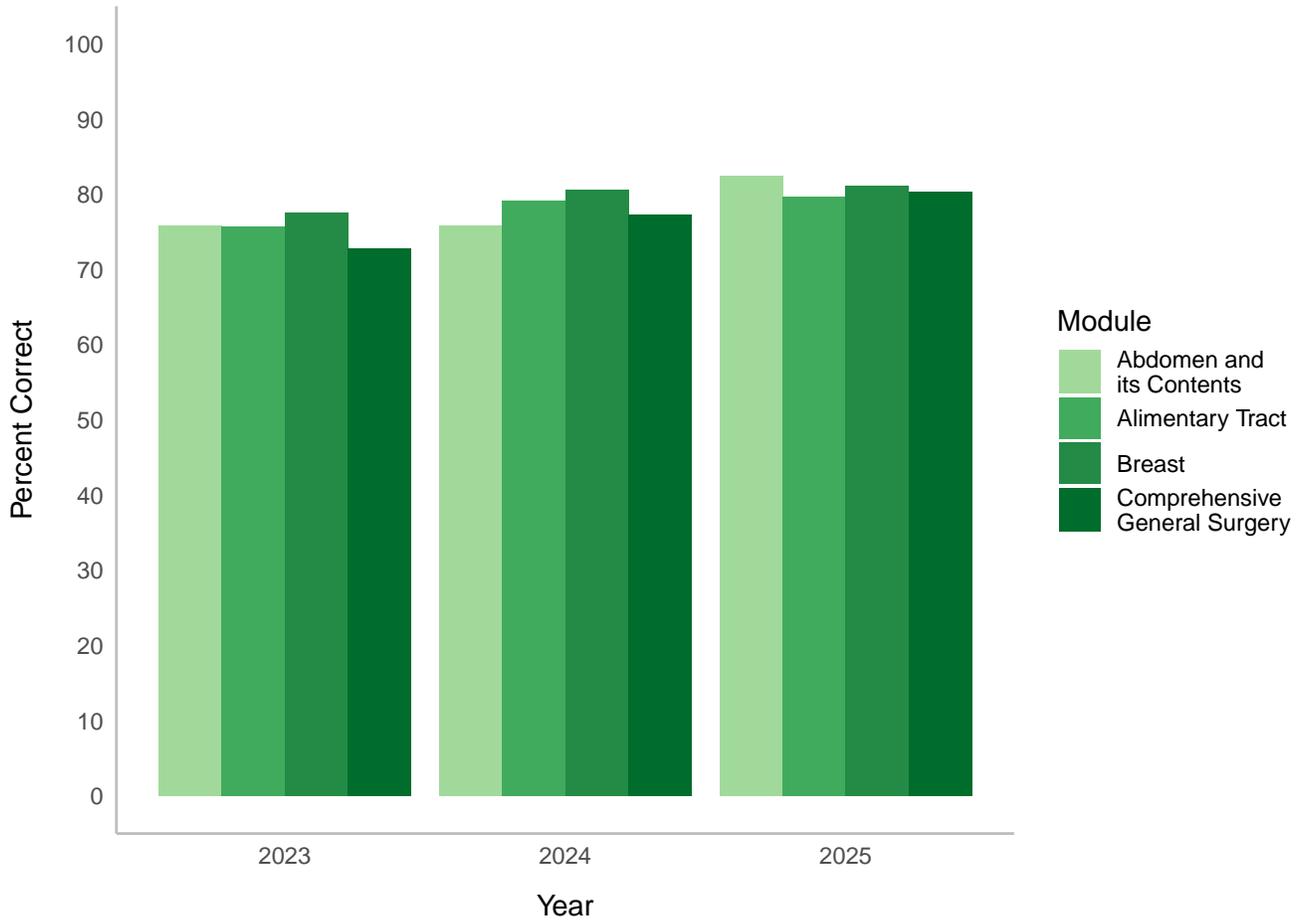
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First Attempt Percent Correct by Module - 2025



Note: Percent correct may not necessarily be a reflection of better or worse performance by diplomates and may reflect variation in the difficulty of the items when making comparisons across modules.

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First Attempt Percent Correct for All Items by Module



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Topic Areas for Improvement/Knowledge Reinforcement

The table below includes keywords for items that had lower diplomate performance. Some items may appear on multiple Modules, and the items below had lower performance on one or more Modules (indicated with an X). In addition to the keywords, PubMed IDs and/or links for the key reference for each item are included.

Year	Keywords	Reference	Module			
			Abdomen and its Contents	Alimentary Tract	Breast	Comprehensive General Surgery
2023	Perioperative Management of the Patient on Corticosteroids	25208109	X	X	X	X
2023	Goal Setting With Elderly Patients and Families	35641700	X	-	X	-
2023	Perioperative Management of the Therapeutically Anticoagulated Patient	32505262	X	X	X	X
2023	Levels of Evidence	18467413	X	X	X	X
2023	Peptic Ulcer Disease	17212889	-	X	-	-
2023	Colonoscopy	Reference	-	-	-	X
2023	Vena Cava Filter - Insertion	32919823	-	-	-	X
2024	Diaphragmatic Hernia - Repair	29613959	X	-	-	-
2024	Common Bile Duct Exploration - Laparoscopic	29847616	X	-	-	-
2024	Preoperative Assessment and Management of Coexisting Infection (HIV, Hepatitis)	29878949	X	X	X	X
2024	Intra-abdominal Abscess - Drainage	32381121	X	-	-	-
2024	Central Venous Catheter Placement	28844205	-	-	-	X
2024	Small Intestinal Adenocarcinoma	37433437	-	-	-	X
2025	Abdomen - Biliary	36257874	X	-	-	-
2025	Nervous System	29330835	X	X	X	X
2025	Hepatic Neoplasms - Benign	24909909	X	-	-	-
2025	Rectal Prolapse - Repair	28991074	-	X	-	-
2025	Ileostomy Closure	37788345	-	X	-	-
2025	Esophageal Caustic Ingestion and Foreign Bodies	34878529	-	X	-	-
2025	Benign Breast Disease - Galactocele	35168772	-	-	X	-
2025	Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia and Lobular Carcinoma In Situ of the Breast	29413653	-	-	X	-

X indicates the item had lower performance.

- indicates that the item did not have low performance in this Module or did not appear in this Module.