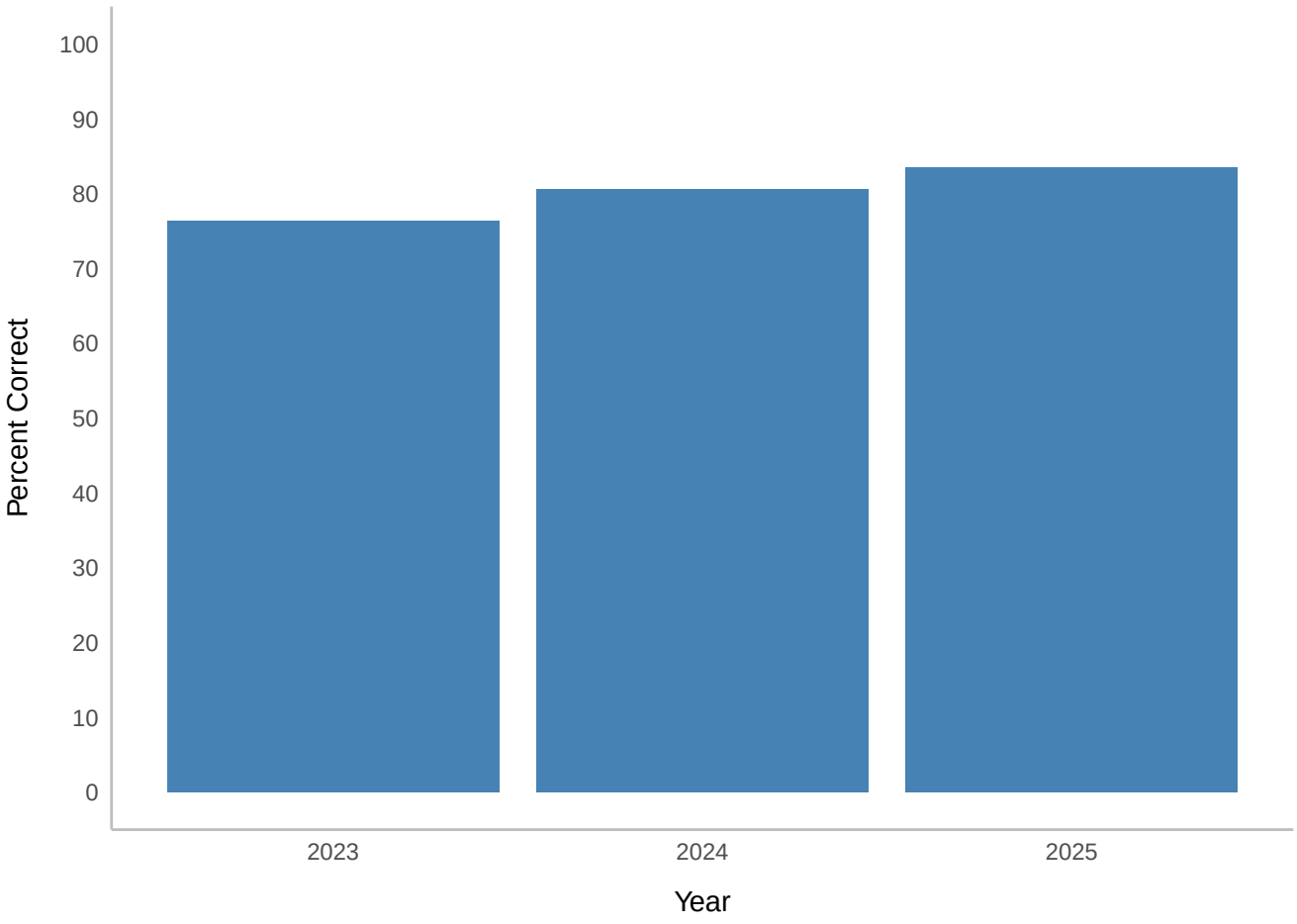
American Board of Surgery
2025 Continuous Certification Knowledge Gaps Report
Pediatric Surgery

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 Pediatric 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.

First Attempt Percent Correct by Year



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 years.

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Topic Areas for Improvement/Knowledge Reinforcement

The table below includes keywords for items that had lower diplomate performance. In addition to the keywords, PubMed IDs and/or links for the key reference for each item are included.

Year	Keywords	Reference
2023	Perioperative management/coagulopathy	32099331
2023	Skin and soft tissue	32838413
2023	Exposure for vascular injury	34930597
2023	Perioperative management/COVID	Reference
2024	Risk factors for thyroid cancer	27128740
2024	Indication for emergency department thoracotomy	37337331
2025	Gynecomastia	38712491