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COMPLEX GENERAL SURGICAL ONCOLOGY
CONTENT OUTLINE FOR THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (QE)

TOPIC	WEIGHT*
<i>I. Head and Neck</i>	5%
A. Salivary glands	--
B. Larynx	--
C. Adenopath/Neoplastic Neck Masses	
<i>II. Breast</i>	15%
A. Breast Cancer Screening	--
B. Evaluation of Breast Disorders	--
C. Benign Female Breast Disorders	--
D. Malignant Neoplasms	--
E. Breast Reconstruction	--
F. Male Breast Disease	--
G. Patient Counseling	--
<i>III. Upper Gastrointestinal Tract</i>	15%
A. Esophagus	--
B. Stomach/Duodenum	--
C. Gastric Outlet Obstruction, Bleeding	--
D. Management of Ascites, Bowel Obstruction	--
E. Patient Counseling	--
<i>IV. Lower Gastrointestinal Tract</i>	10%
A. Small Bowel	--
B. Colon and Rectal	--
<i>V. Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary</i>	15%
A. Liver	--
B. Pancreas	--
C. Biliary System	--
D. Unresectable Disease	--
E. Patient Counseling	--



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VI. Endocrine	5%
A. Thyroid	--
B. Parathyroid	--
C. Adrenal	--
D. Pancreas (Endocrine)	--
E. Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia (MEN)	--
F. Neuroendocrine Tumor	--
G. Patient Counseling	--
VII. Hematologic Oncology	5%
A. Lymphoma	--
B. Other	--
VIII. Soft Tissue Sarcoma	5%
IX. Melanoma/Other Skin Cancers	5%
A. Melanoma	--
B. Basal Cell Carcinoma	--
C. Squamous Cell Carcinoma	--
D. Patient Counseling	--
X. Palliation, Pain Therapy, End-of-Life Issues	5%
A. Palliation	--
B. Pain Therapy	--
C. End-of-Life Issues	--
XI. Community Outreach	1%
A. Genetic Counseling	--
B. Workup	--
C. Screening Guidelines	--
D. Follow-up	--
XII. Clinical Research	4%
A. Trials	--
B. Ethics of Research	--
C. Interpretation of the Surgical Literature	--

*Approximate percentage of questions to be included in the Complex General Surgical Oncology QE. Actual percentages may vary slightly from year to year.

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