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PEDIATRIC SURGERY

CONTENT OUTLINE FOR THE IN-TRAINING EXAMINATION (PSITE), QUALIFYING EXAMINATION (QE) AND CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION (CC) READMISSIBILITY EXAMINATION

TOPIC	WEIGHT*
I. General Pediatric Surgery	55%
A. Gastrointestinal	
B. Hepatobiliary	
C. Thoracic/Airway	
D. Cardiovascular	
E. Abdominal Wall, Diaphragm, Peritoneum	
F. Skin and Soft Tissue	
G. Genitourinary Head and Neck	
II. Critical Care, Preoperative and Postoperative Care	12%
A. Fluids and Electrolytes	
B. The Lung	
C. Cardiovascular	
D. Acute Renal Failure	
E. Gastrointestinal	
F. Nutrition	
G. Coagulation	
H. Anesthesia	
I. Patient Safety/Systems of Care	
III. Pediatrics	10%
A. Neonatology	
B. Infection	
C. Immune Deficiency	
D. Hematology	
E. Cystic Fibrosis	
F. Renal	
G. Neurological	
H. Endocrine	
IV. Trauma	11%



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A. Assessment and Resuscitation	
B. Neurological	
C. Cardiovascular	
D. Thoracic	
E. Abdominal	
F. Musculoskeletal	
G. Burns	
H. Soft-Tissue	
I. Non-Accidental Injuries	
J. Injury Prevention	
V. Tumors	12%
A. Renal	
B. Adrenal	
C. Hepatic	
D. Soft Tissue	
E. Teratoma	
F. Lymphoma/Leukemia	
G. Bone	
H. Gonadal	
I. Thyroid	
J. Miscellaneous (e.g., breast, melanoma)	

*Percentage of questions to be included. Actual percentages may vary slightly from year to year.

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