



General Surgery End of Rotation™ EXAM TOPIC LIST

GASTROINTESTINAL/NUTRITIONAL

Abdominal pain	Heartburn/dyspepsia
Acute/chronic cholecystitis	Hematemesis
Acute/chronic pancreatitis	Hemorrhoids
Anal disease (fissures, abscess, fistula)	Hepatic carcinoma
Anorexia	Hernias (inguinal, femoral, incisional)
Appendicitis	Hiatal hernia
Bariatric surgery	Inflammatory bowel disease
Bowel obstruction (small, large, volvulus)	Jaundice
Cholangitis	Melena/hematochezia
Cholelithiasis/choledocholithiasis	Nausea/vomiting
Colorectal carcinoma	Pancreatic carcinoma
Diarrhea/constipation/obstipation/change in bowel habits	Pancreatic pseudocyst
Diverticular disease	Peptic ulcer disease
Esophageal cancer	Pyloric stenosis
Esophageal strictures	Small bowel carcinoma
Gastric cancer	Toxic megacolon

PREOPERATIVE/POSTOPERATIVE CARE

Acid/base disorders	Metabolic disease (history of diabetes, adrenal insufficiency)
Cardiac disease (history of myocardial infarction, unstable angina, valvular disease, hypertension, arrhythmias, heart failure)	Pulmonary disease (history of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
Deep venous thrombosis	Risk assessment
Electrolyte disorders	Substance use disorder
Hematologic disease (history of clotting disorders, anticoagulant use)	Tobacco use/dependence
Fluid/volume disorders (volume overload/depletion)	Postoperative fever
	Wounds/infections

CARDIOVASCULAR

Aortic aneurysm/dissection	Dyspnea on exertion
Arterial embolism/thrombosis	Peripheral arterial disease



Arterial/venous ulcer disease
Chest pain; history of angina
Claudication

Syncope
Varicose veins

ENDOCRINOLOGY

Adrenal carcinoma
Fatigue
Heat/cold intolerance
Hyperparathyroidism
Hyperthyroidism

Palpitations
Pheochromocytoma
Thyroid carcinoma
Thyroid nodules
Tremors

DERMATOLOGY

Basal cell carcinoma
Burns
Cellulitis
Discharge
Drug eruptions (postoperative)
Melanoma

Pressure ulcers
Rash
Redness/erythema
Squamous cell carcinoma
Urticaria (postoperative)

NEUROLOGY

Change in speech
Change in vision
Epidural hematoma
Motor and/or sensory loss

Subarachnoid hemorrhage
Subdural hematoma
Vascular disorders (carotid disease)

UROLOGY/RENAL

Acid/base disorders
Bladder carcinoma
Chronic renal failure (shunts/access)
Dysuria
Edema
Fluid and electrolyte disorders
Nephrolithiasis

Orthostatic hypotension
Renal cell carcinoma
Renal vascular disease
Testicular carcinoma
Urinary retention
Wilms tumor



HEMATOLOGY

Anemia
Easy bruising/bleeding

Fatigue

PULMONOLOGY

Hemoptysis
Lung carcinoma
Pleural effusion
Pneumonia (postoperative)

Pneumothorax
Shortness of breath
Weight loss, fatigue

OBSTETRICS/GYNECOLOGY

Adenopathy
Benign breast disease (fibroadenomas, fibrocystic breast disease)
Breast carcinoma

Nipple discharge
Pain
Skin changes

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