



WREB

A National Dental and Dental Hygiene Testing Agency

2020 Updates

Online Clinical Examination Review Presentations

In addition to the Candidate Guide, WREB provides an online clinical exam review for each examination type. Viewing these presentations will further enable your students to be well prepared for their exam. These will be available in January for students to view at their convenience.

Student Pre-Exam Webinars

In 2019, WREB hosted countless local anesthesia, dental hygiene and restorative pre-exam webinars for students. The feedback regarding these webinars has been extremely positive from both the faculty and students. If your school is interested in a 2020 student webinar, please contact me at ryeager@wreb.org to schedule.

Educator Webinars

The educator webinars are very similar to the student webinars. The faculty webinars also include a few statistics and are a safe place for instructors to ask questions they may not feel comfortable asking in front of students and assist those faculty who may need to answer questions from students regarding 2020 exam content as well as help with mock boards. If your faculty would be interested in a 2019 educator webinar, please contact me at ryeager@wreb.org to schedule.

Hands-on Workshops for Dental Hygiene Clinical Instructors

Over the last two years WREB has provided a hands-on workshop prior to each clinical exam. We anticipated that after (2) years, all clinical instructors who were interested would have had the opportunity to attend our workshops. That proved correct with many hosts no longer needing the educator workshop. Therefore, in 2020, WREB will provide the educator workshop at select, centrally located exam sites throughout each state. In addition, if your site would still like to host the hands-on workshop for your instructors prior to your exam, please contact me at ryeager@wreb.org.

Dental Hygiene Clinical Examination

Periodontal Assessment

For the exam year 2020, we have made minor changes to the 4 Periodontal Assessment questions and incorporated language that is more consistent with the new AAP guidelines. We have deleted the question identifying the classification of mobility. We will address both the type and severity of bone loss, but the classification of disease will not incorporate full staging or grading. Listed below are the 4 questions and the accompanying instructions.

1. What type of Radiographic Bone Loss is present? Evaluate the interproximal surfaces for the presence of bone loss and select the correct answer.
 - None **OR** if bone loss is present, select all types that apply
 - Horizontal Vertical

2. What is the extent of interproximal Radiographic Bone Loss? Evaluate the interproximal surfaces and select the correct answer for the greatest percentage of bone loss on the assigned tooth.
 - None
 - Coronal 1/3 < 15%
 - Coronal 1/3 15-33%
 - Extends to middle 1/3 of root and/or beyond

3. What is the classification of furcation on the **facial aspect**?
 - None
 - Class I
 - Class II or greater

4. What is the Classification of Periodontal Disease?

Using all recorded measurements and radiographs, classify the disease for the **assigned tooth** by the most severe condition present.

 - Gingivitis (No Clinical Attachment Loss)
 - Slight
 - Moderate
 - Severe

WREB has also revised the Reference Chart below to assist Candidates with the completion of the Periodontal Assessment section of the Candidate Assignment Form.

Guidelines for Determining Classification of Periodontal Disease				
	Gingivitis	Slight	Moderate	Severe
Probing Depths	1-3mm	≤ 4mm	≤ 5mm	≥ 6mm
Bleeding on Probing	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Severity of Radiographic bone loss	None	Coronal 1/3 < 15%	Coronal 1/3 15-33%	Extends to middle 1/3 of root and/or beyond
Clinical Attachment Loss	None	1-2mm	3-4mm	5+mm

Recession Scoring: One (1) point will be deducted for each gingival recession error up to a maximum of 3.00 points. (In years previous, a maximum of 3.00 points was deducted for one or more gingival recession error.)

Tissue Management (Trauma) Scoring: Six and one-half (6.50) points will be deducted for each tissue trauma error and four or more tissue trauma errors constitutes failure of the exam. Completion of remedial education and WREB Board approval are required prior to application to reattempt the exam. (Previously, six (6.00) points was deducted for each TT error, five or more errors constituted remedial education and Board approval.)

Local Anesthesia Written Examination

WREB added Demetra Logothetis' textbook, *Local Anesthesia for the Dental Hygienist*, as a reference for 2020. WREB will continue to use Malamed's 6th edition of *Handbook of Local Anesthesia* for 2020 and will not be updating the current dosage charts. Both will be updated for the 2021 season.

Local Anesthesia Clinical Examination

New Patient Criteria

3. IA – At least one mandibular premolar present on the contralateral side of the submitted quadrant.

PSA – Second molar in the submitted quadrant

7. No intraoral sores or puncture marks in any of the two (2) potential penetration sites. (In years previous, Examiners checked four (4) penetration sites.)

Reasons for Stop and Hold verbiage updated to reflect the error

- Small window is toward the Candidate (upon aspiration). (Previously, we stated it as "Large window is not toward the Candidate".)

Restorative Clinical Examination

No changes to the Restorative examination criteria or procedures.

Examination Forms

Copies of all 2020 forms that students/instructors need to become familiar with will be available to download via the WREB website in January. Original exam forms will be included in the exam packet each student receives onsite during the Q & A session, held prior to each exam.

Become a WREB Host Site

Talk to your faculty and consider inviting WREB to administer a WREB exam at your school. I would be happy to discuss with you.

Questions or Concerns

Contact me at ryeager@wreb.org or call (623) 209-5408.