

ANNUAL STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Operational Guideline #5991

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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a written, formal policy to ensure that statistical data on the written exam bank is analyzed annually to determine the quality of the questions.
- 1.2. RESPONSIBILITY: It is the responsibility of the Academy to generate a variety of statistical reports on the exam bank annually. It is the responsibility of the Academy Validation Committee to review the reports and take corrective action where deemed necessary.

2.0 PROCEDURES

- 2.1. January of each year the Academy will generate the following reports:
 - 2.1.1 Average score per question
 - 2.1.2 Point bi-serial correlation per question
 - 2.1.3 Graphical frequency distribution per exam
 - 2.1.4 Highest, lowest, median, mean and standard deviation scores per exam
- 2.2. The Academy Validation Committee, consisting of content experts, will review and analyze the reports.
- 2.3. All exam questions identified as a concern will be reviewed by the Validation Committee within 45 days of the reports being printed.
- 2.4. The review will include analysis of question stem, the question distracters, curriculum, and reference material.
- 2.5. Following the review and recommendation of the Validation Committee the following may occur:
 - 2.5.1. the question may be re-activated with no changes;
 - 2.5.2. the question may be discarded;



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- 2.5.3. the question stem may be modified;
- 2.5.4. the question distracters(s) may be altered;
- 2.5.5. the curriculum may be corrected;
- 2.5.6. formal written documentation will be made of any of the above actions taken; the Academy will be notified and will make the relevant changes to the Academy exam bank;
- 2.5.7. if curriculum has been changed, instructors will be notified and updated immediately.

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