

Family Medicine NBME Subject Exam

The Family Medicine Shelf exam differs from other Clerkship exams in that it is difficult to suggest one resource that covers everything that may be on the exam. Family medicine is a broad specialty that encompasses so many different areas. The shelf exam reflects the scope of this specialty, however your studying for other shelf exams will prepare you for this exam.

Students from other medical schools have reported wishing they spent more time studying the following subjects after taking the exam:

Dermatology	Pediatrics
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Common Musculoskeletal Issues
HIV	Renal Issues/Chronic Kidney Failure
Urogenital Issues	Congestive Heart Failure
Headaches	Pharmacology - Antibiotics,
Contraception	Imaging
Histology	Sports Injuries

Study options and material that previous students have suggested to utilize include:

- Family Medicine PreTest Self-Assessment And Review, Author: Doug Knutson
- American Academy of Family Practice practice questions – has free sample questions available at www.aafp.org (note it takes 3-5 days to receive your log in once you register as a medical student)
- Case Files Family Medicine (LANGE Case Files), Authors: Eugene Toy, Donald Briscoe, Bruce Britton
- The Essentials of Family Medicine (Sloane, Essentials of Family Medicine) – focus on algorithms
- Swanson's Family Medicine Review, Authors: Alfred F. Tallia MD MPH, Joseph E. Scherger MD MPH, Nancy Dickey MD
- Step Up to Medicine
- fmCases – offers built in practice exams as you review cases, available through MedU
- Reading about cases seen in the clinic each week