

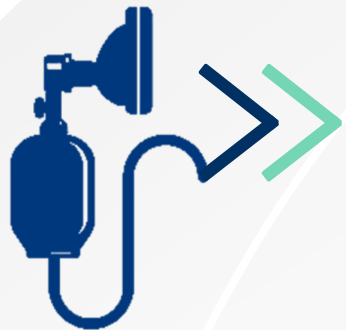


# ABA Update

**SAAA-PM 2023 Annual Meeting**

**Mohammed Minhaj, M.D., MBA, ABA Director**

**Vivek Moitra, M.D., ABA Director**



## Our Mission

To advance the highest standards of the practice of anesthesiology



## Our Vision

To be a highly effective and respected medical specialty certifying board that instills confidence and trust

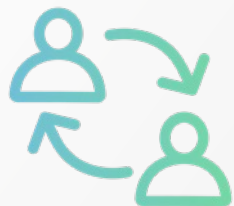


# Our Director Values



**Serve the Specialty**

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**Listen and Engage**

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**Lead the Way to Elevate Standards**

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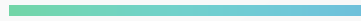


**MOHAMMED MINHAJ, M.D., MBA**



**VIVEK MOITRA, M.D.**

**Thank You**



# RTID Updates

SOE & OSCE Expanded Pass/Fail Report – coming soon

- Report will include:
  - Names of candidates
  - If they are a first-time taker
  - Pass/fail for both SOE and OSCE



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**2023 Annual Report- ADVANCED Exam Results Exam Results of Residency Graduates**

10/25/2023

| Program ID | Grad Class Year | Result | Name | First Attempt |
|------------|-----------------|--------|------|---------------|
|            | 2023            | Pass   |      | Yes           |
|            | 2023            | Pass   |      | Yes           |
|            | 2023            | Fail   |      | Yes           |
|            | 2023            | Pass   |      | Yes           |
|            | 2023            | Pass   |      | Yes           |
|            | 2023            | Pass   |      | Yes           |



# 2024 & 2025 In-Training-Exam Registration Dates

| Exam Name | Code                         | Exam Date(s) | Registration Window | Late Registration Window |                         |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2024      | ITE-Anesthesiology           | ITE-A        | Feb. 1 - 5          | Nov. 1 - 29, 2023        | Nov. 30 - Dec. 13, 2023 |
|           | ITE-Pediatric Anesthesiology | ITE-Peds     | Feb. 15 -17         | Dec. 5 - 22, 2023        | -                       |
|           | ITE-Pain Medicine            | ITE-PM       | March 14 - 16       | Jan. 17 - Feb. 14, 2024  | -                       |
|           | ITE-Critical Care Medicine   | ITE-CCM      | April 18 - 20       | Feb. 21 - March 13, 2024 | -                       |
| 2025      | ITE-Anesthesiology           | ITE-A        | Feb. 6 - 10         | Nov. 1 - 30, 2024        | Dec. 1 -13, 2024        |
|           | ITE-Pediatric Anesthesiology | ITE-Peds     | Feb. 20 - 22        | Dec. 2 - 19, 2024        | -                       |
|           | ITE-Pain Medicine            | ITE-PM       | March 20 - 22       | Jan. 20 - Feb. 21, 2025  | -                       |
|           | ITE-Critical Care Medicine   | ITE-CCM      | April 24 - 26       | Feb. 17 - March 14, 2025 | -                       |

# 2023 Program Director Meeting

- Program Director Meeting held in February 2023
- 89 Program Directors in attendance
- Topics of discussion:
  - RTID redesign
  - Review of 2022 exam results
  - Upcoming OSCE changes
  - Policy updates
  - Future of anesthesiology training
  - Pain points for residents regarding certification
  - Absence from Training Program
- Exploring opportunities for a resident MOCA Minute application



**THANK  
YOU!**







# Alternate Entry Pathway Updates

- AEP-Fellowship – effective July 2023
  - Provides a subspecialty certification pathway for outstanding internationally trained medical graduates
  - Accepting applications year-round on the website
- Fast Track Pathway for AEP – effective Jan. 1, 2024
  - Participants who score 46 or above on ITE
  - Credentialing finalizing logistics
- AEP Program Expansion – effective Jan. 1, 2024
  - Increased maximum AEP slots per program from four to eight
  - Approval with program director's letter of justification



# New ABMS Standards for Continuing Certification

|  | 10-YEAR CYCLE  | 5-YEAR CYCLE   |
|--|--|--|
|  <b>Medical License</b> | Maintain an active, unrestricted medical license annually                              | Maintain an active, unrestricted medical license annually                              |
|  <b>CME Credits</b>     | Earn 250 CME credits   | Earn 125 CME credits   |
|  <b>QI Points</b>      | Earn & attest to 50 QI points  | Earn & attest to 25 QI points  |
|  <b>MOCA Minute</b>   | Answer 120 MOCA Minute questions annually and/or maintain a MDT p-value of $\geq 0.10$ | Answer 120 MOCA Minute questions annually and/or maintain a MDT p-value of $\geq 0.10$ |

# Join ABA PrePay



With ABA PrePay, programs prepay their board-certified anesthesiologists' annual MOCA program fee, reducing the burden on physicians by ensuring they do not have to pay their annual MOCA program fee during registration.



Simplify and streamline your finances by eliminating reimbursement requests from physicians and accurately allocating your budget for board certification.



Streamline credit for your physician's annual MOCA registration. Show your appreciation for board certification and continuous learning to the anesthesiologists in your department.



- Enrollment period extended through Nov. 14
- You will complete registration and upload your roster Nov. 15
- Your physicians will receive credit in their ABA GO portal once 2024 MOCA registration opens

# Assessments Update

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# Three-Option Multiple Choice Question (MCQ)

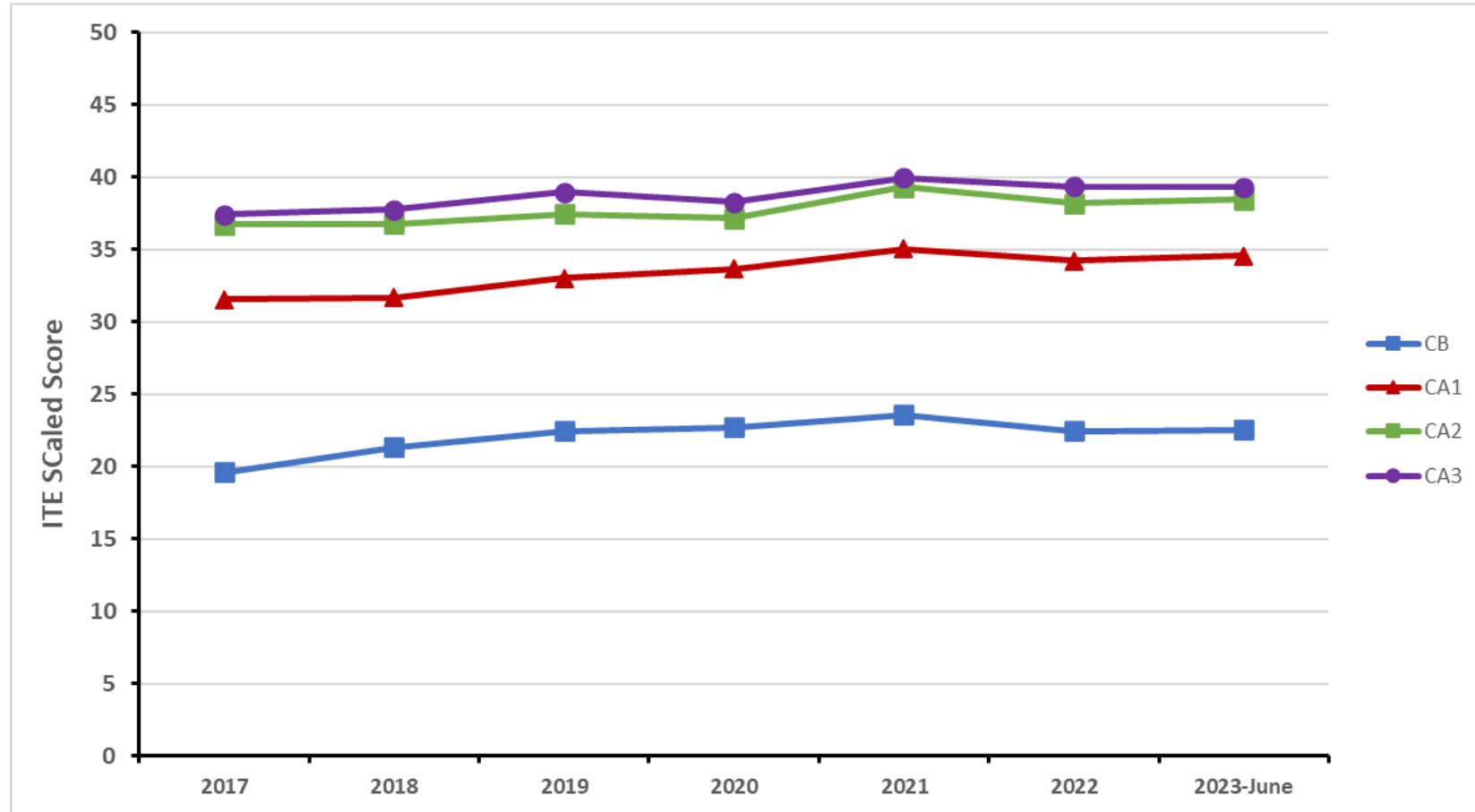
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- A study conducted by the ABA concluded that there were minimal changes in physician performance and psychometric properties when changing MCQs from 4- to 3-option
  - In 2020, we piloted the 3-option MCQs for subspecialty in training examinations (ITE-CCM and ITE-PA)
  - The 3-option MCQs were transformed from their 4-option counterparts (administered in 2019) by removing the least effective distractor
- 3-option MCQs have the added benefit of efficiency in item development and administration

We successfully transitioned:

- Critical Care Medicine and Pediatric Anesthesiology Exams in 2020
- Pain Medicine Exam in 2022
- ITE-Anes, BASIC and ADVANCED Exams in 2023

# ITE Performance By Training Level & Exam Year



# June 2023 BASIC Exam Results

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- New Standard Setting: 67.5% (Scale Score = 184)
- Key validation eliminated six items from Form A and four items from Form B
- Reliability: 0.81 (Form A) & 0.84 (Form B)
- Pass rate breakdown:

First time-takers' pass rate: **91.4%**

Second time-takers' pass rate: **88.0%**

Third time-takers' pass rate: **87.5%**

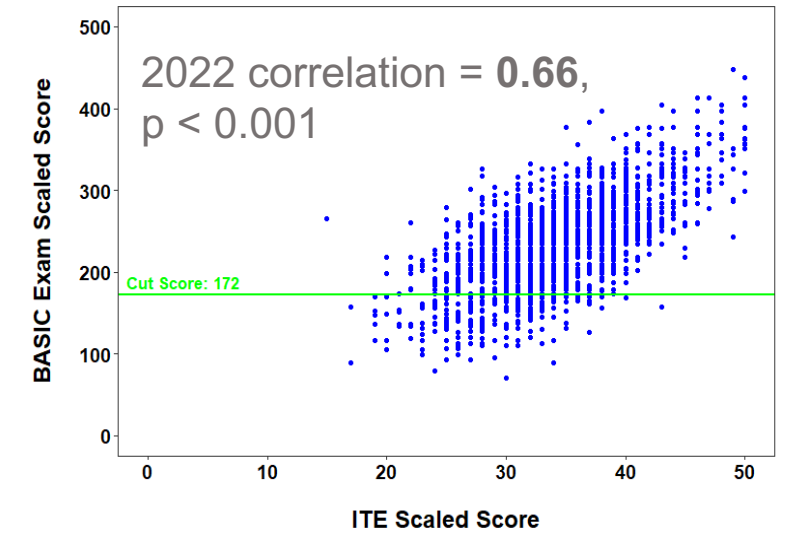
Fourth time-takers' pass rate: **66.7%**

**1,972**  
residents examined

**91.2%**  
of residents  
passed

# Relation of Scores

## 2023 ITE to 2023 June BASIC Exam



The correlation between the 2023 ITE scale scores and 2023 June BASIC Exam scale scores is 0.61,  $p < 0.001$



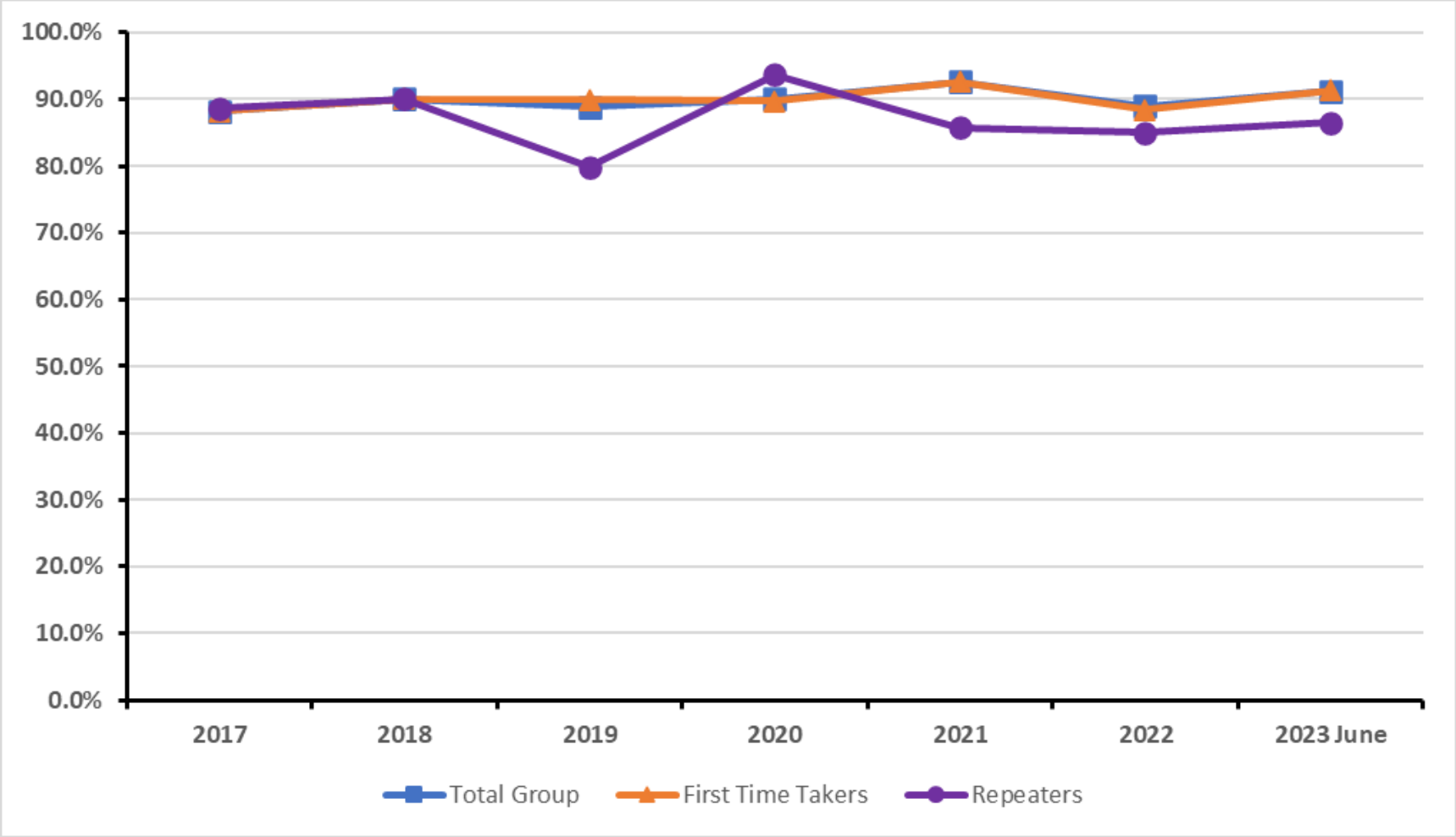
# Relation of Scores

## 2023 ITE Through June 2023 BASIC Exam

| 2023 ITE Scaled Score | 2023 ITE Percentile Rank in CA-1 | N   | June 2023 BASIC Scaled Score Mean (S.D.) | BASIC Pass Rate |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|--|-----------------|
| ≤ 25                  | ≤ 5                              | 88  | 198(42)                                  | 64.8%           |
| 26-30                 | 7-23                             | 371 | 216(37)                                  | 82.5%           |
| 31-35                 | 28-53                            | 635 | 236(40)                                  | 92.4%           |
| 36-40                 | 61-82                            | 525 | 258(43)                                  | 96.6%           |
| 41-45                 | 86-95                            | 220 | 294(41)                                  | 98.6%           |
| ≥ 46                  | ≥ 96                             | 74  | 333(45)                                  | 100.0%          |

# BASIC Exam

## Success Rates (through June 2023)



# 2023 July ADVANCED Exam Results

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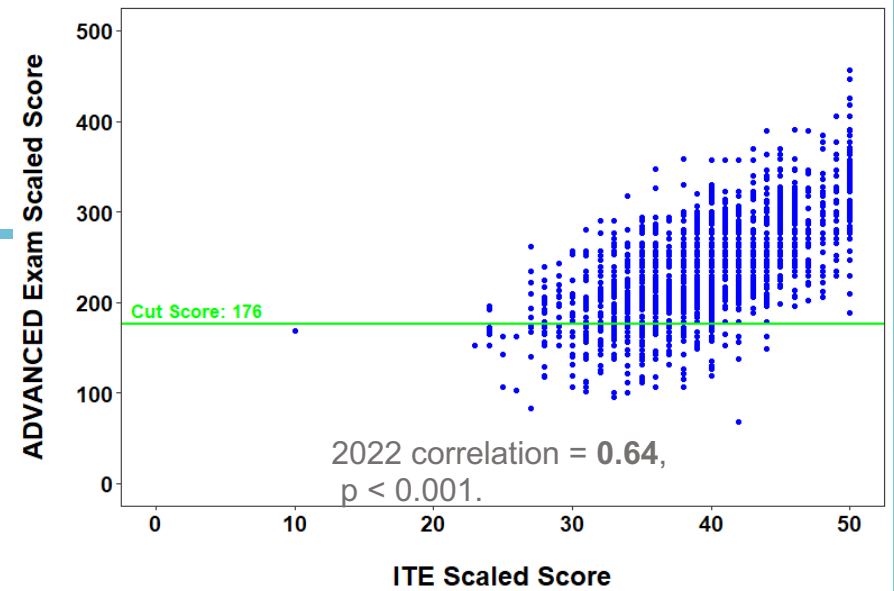
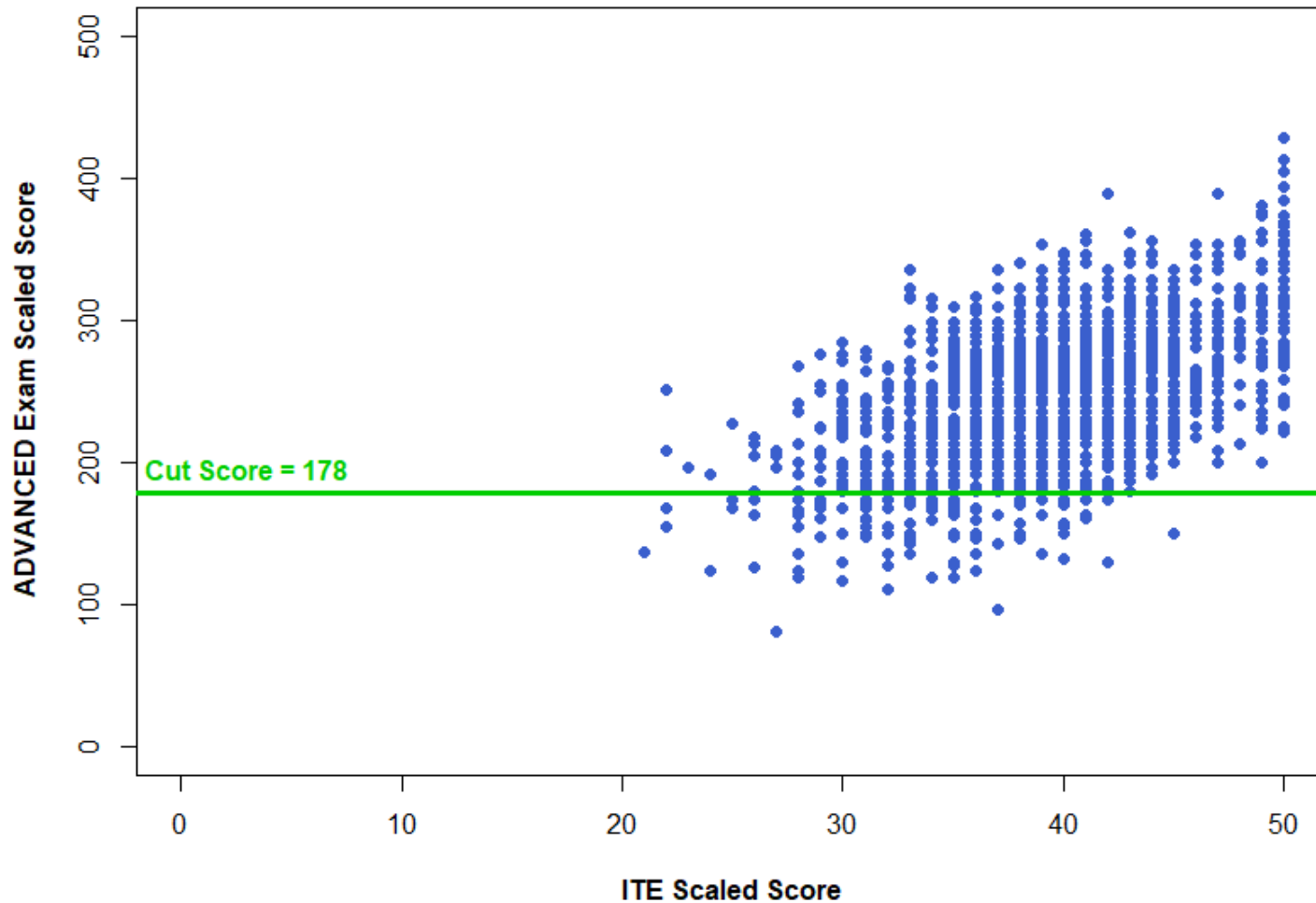
- New Standard Setting: 66.0% (Scale Score = 178)
- Candidates were assigned to examine Friday or Saturday
- Key validation eliminated eight items in Form A and five items in Form B
- Reliability: 0.77 (Form A) & 0.74 (Form B)

**1,898**  
candidates  
examined

**91.1%**  
of candidates  
passed

# Relation of Scores

## 2023 ITE Through July 2023 ADVANCED Exam



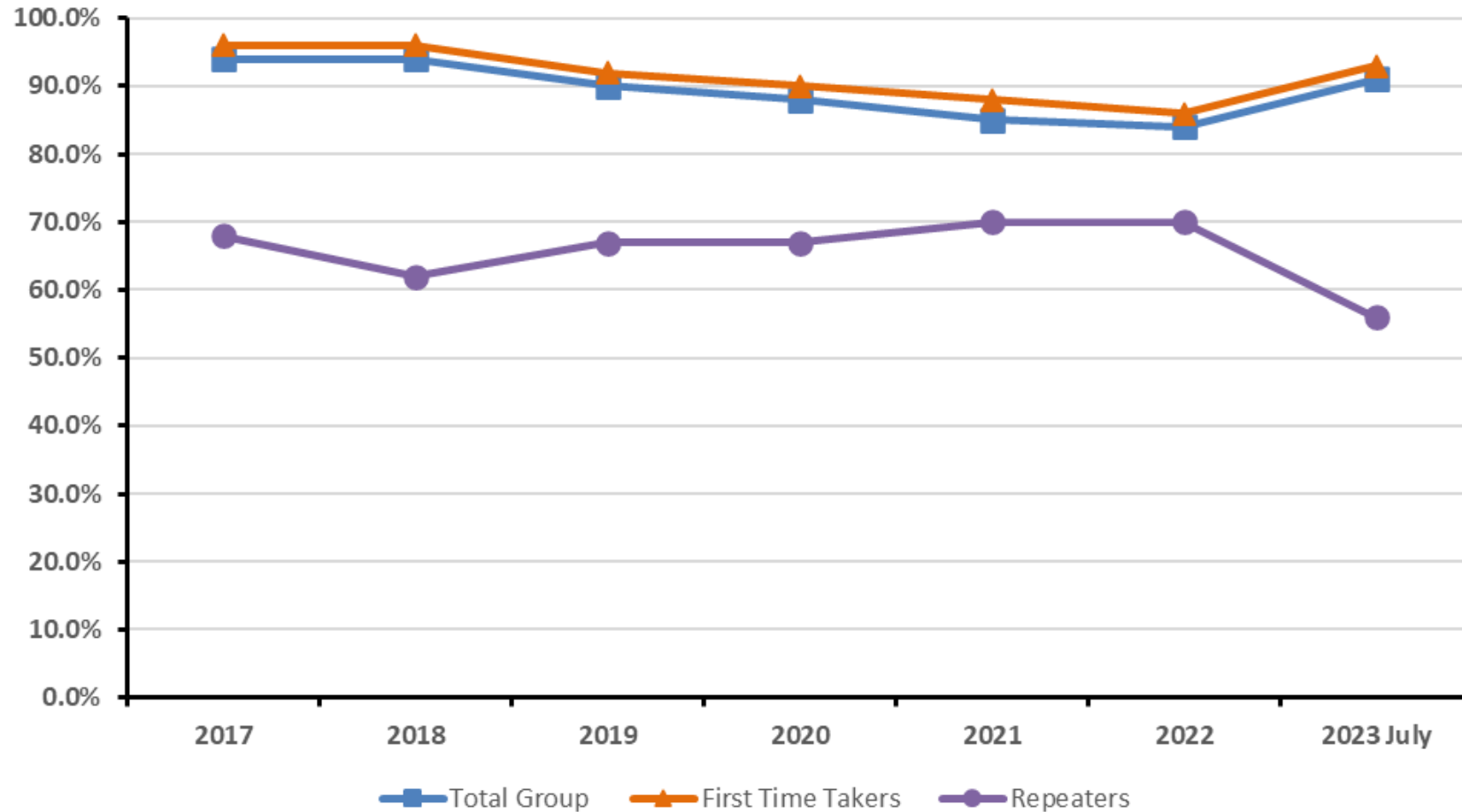
The correlation between the 2023 ITE scaled scores and 2023 July ADVANCED Exam scaled Scores is 0.57,  $p < 0.001$

# Relation of Scores

## 2023 ITE Through July 2023 ADVANCED Exam

| 2023 ITE Scaled Score | 2023 ITE Percentile Rank in CA-3 | N   | July 2023 ADVANCED Scaled Score Mean (S.D.) | ADVANCED Pass Rate |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----|---|--------------------|
| ≤ 25                  | ≤1                               | 11  | 181(38)                                     | 45.5%              |
| 26-30                 | 1-6                              | 81  | 201(42)                                     | 70.4%              |
| 31-35                 | 8-21                             | 292 | 216(41)                                     | 83.2%              |
| 36-40                 | 28-55                            | 596 | 240(41)                                     | 95.0%              |
| 41-45                 | 62-84                            | 479 | 261(41)                                     | 98.7%              |
| ≥ 46                  | ≥87                              | 242 | 298(46)                                     | 100.0%             |

# ADVANCED Exam Success Rates (through July 2023)



# APPLIED Exam



# 2024 APPLIED Exam Registration

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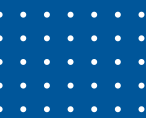
- Registration issues stemmed from a recent upgrade to our system
- We appreciate the significance of achieving board certification for professional advancement
- Exploring new registration models to accommodate all candidates in the year after they pass the ADVANCED Exam
- We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience



# Update: COVID-19 Protocols

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- Rescinded current COVID-19 safety protocols for the APPLIED Exams beginning in 2024
- Masks will be optional and a personal choice for candidates
- COVID-19 vaccinations are no longer required, including proof of vaccination and attestation prior to the Exam



# OSCE Structure

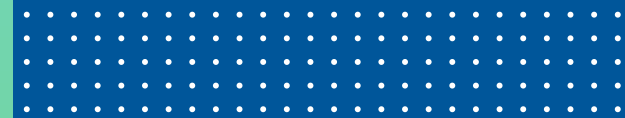
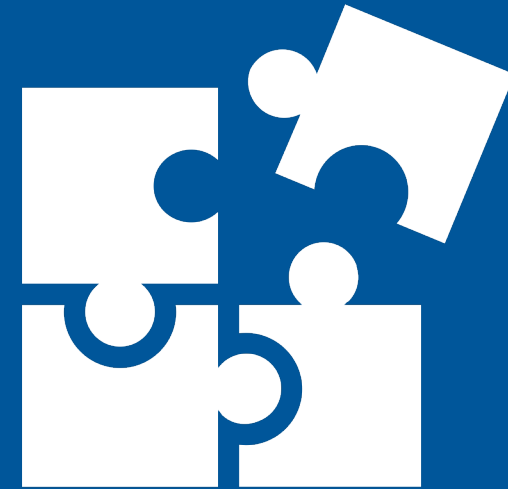
- Seven station circuit
  - Five communication & professionalism skills
  - Three technical skills
- Each station: 8 minutes long; 4 minutes between stations to review next scenario
- Candidates interact with either a standardized patient/clinician actor or directly with an examiner



# DEI OSCE Topics

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- The OSCE Committee added diversity dimensions to future scenarios
- The committee developed four related cases that include elements related to diversity, equity and inclusion:
  - Ethical issues
  - Communication with other professionals
  - Periprocedural complications
  - Treatment option and informed consent case
- Interpretation of Monitors and Echocardiograms scenarios now include patient demographic information when relevant to several scenarios
- 2024: Expected scenario launch



# 2023–24 APPLIED EXAM: OSCE Updates

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1

## Application of Ultrasonography (Point-of-Care Ultrasound)

- Heart (2022)
- Lung (2024)
- Abdomen (no sooner than 2024)

2

## Interpretation of Echocardiogram & Surface Ultrasound of Lung

- Transthoracic echocardiography images (2022)
- Lung and diaphragm ultrasound images (2023)

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**Off-site scoring  
continues to be  
effective**

# 2023 APPLIED Exam Results (Weeks 1-6)

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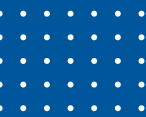
**396** examiners delivered exam



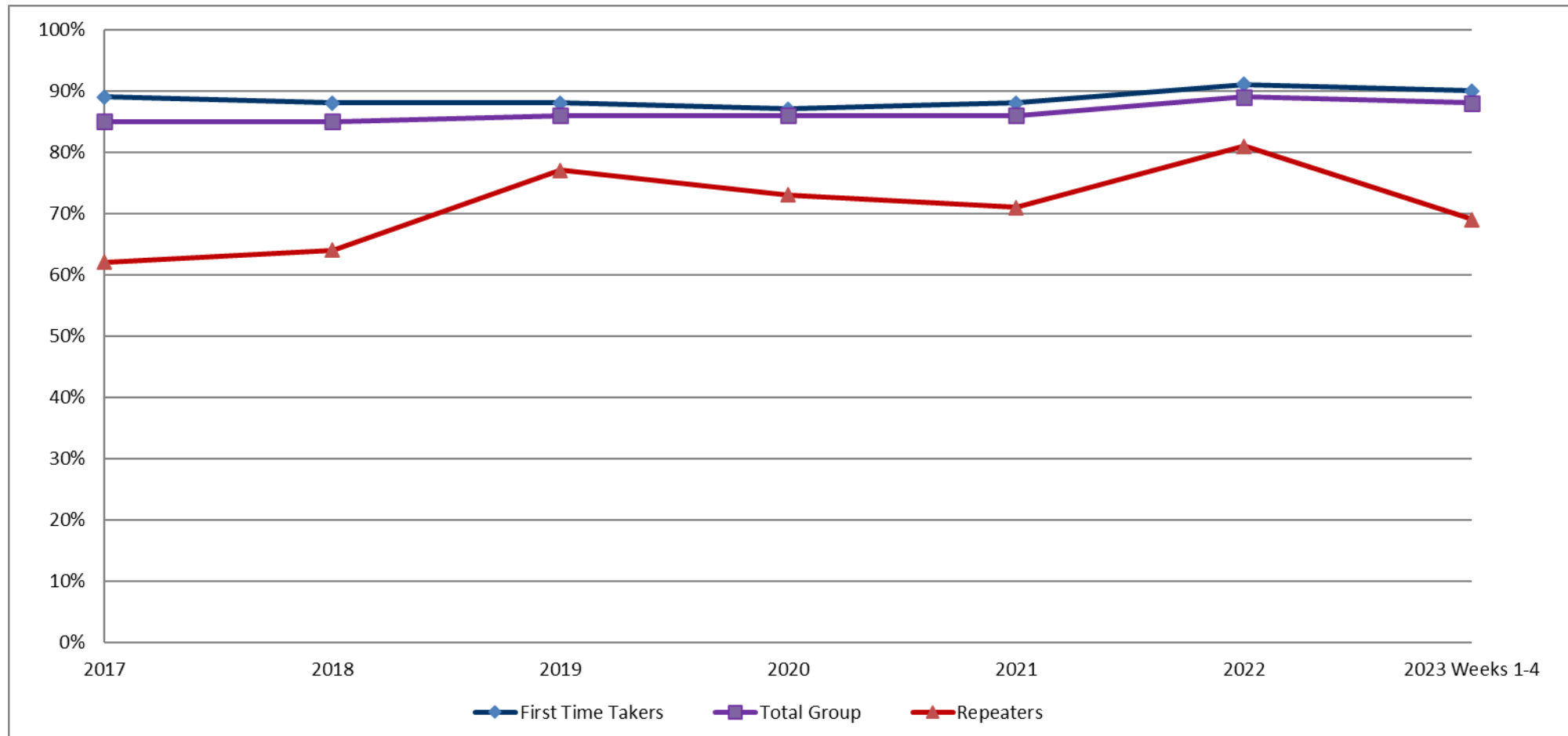
**2,067** candidates completed exam



**1,700** achieved certification

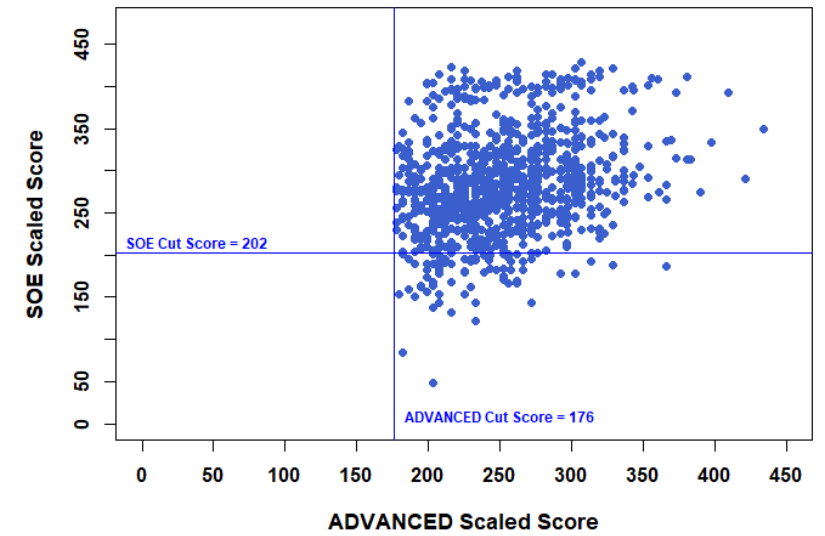
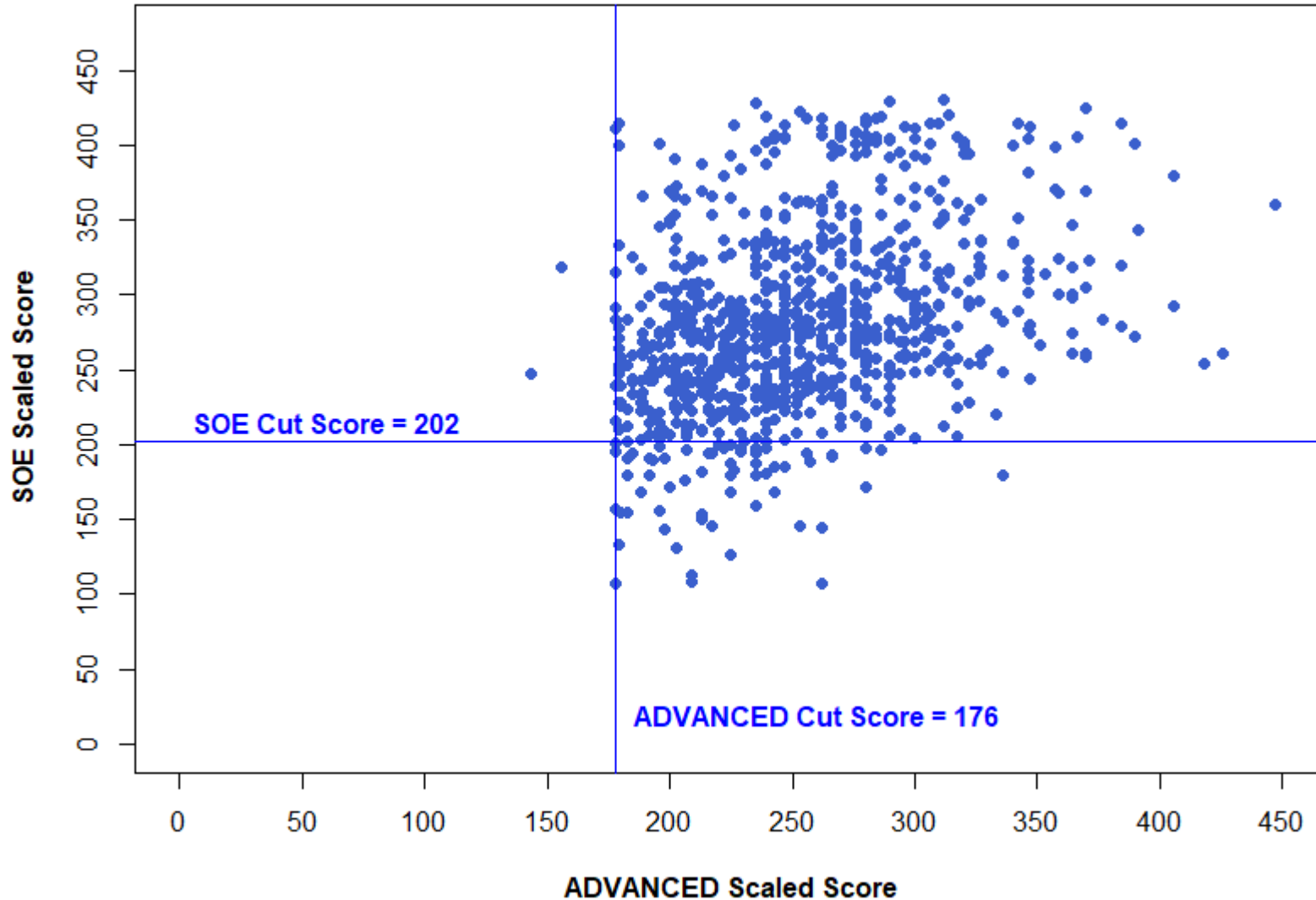


# Standardized Oral Exam Success Rates



# Relation of Scores

Spring 2023 SOE to First Attempt on July 2022  
ADVANCED Exam



Spring 2022 SOE and first attempt  
on July 2022 ADVANCED  
correlation = 0.27,  $p < 0.001$

**The correlation  
between the spring  
2023 SOE scaled  
scores and first  
attempt on the July  
2022 ADVANCED  
Exam scaled scores  
is 0.36,  $p < 0.001$**

# 2023 OSCE & SOE Results (Weeks 1-6)

- 1,823 candidates took both SOE and OSCE in the spring

|           | OSCE: Fail  | OSCE: Pass    | Total         |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| SOE: Fail | 69 (3.8%)   | 117 (6.4%)    | 186 (10.2%)   |
| SOE: Pass | 133 (7.3%)  | 1,504 (82.5%) | 1,637 (89.8%) |
| Total     | 202 (11.1%) | 1,621 (88.9%) | 1,823 (100%)  |

1,894

candidates took  
OSCE component

88.7%

of candidates passed  
OSCE component

1,967

candidates took SOE  
component

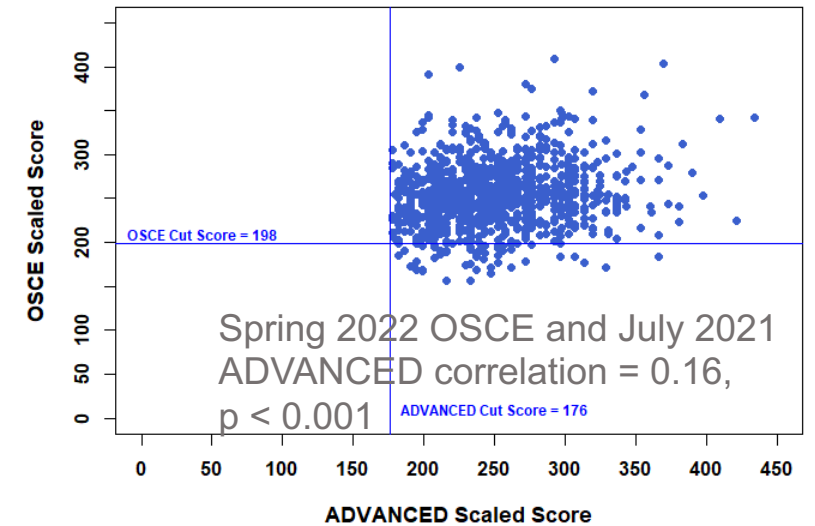
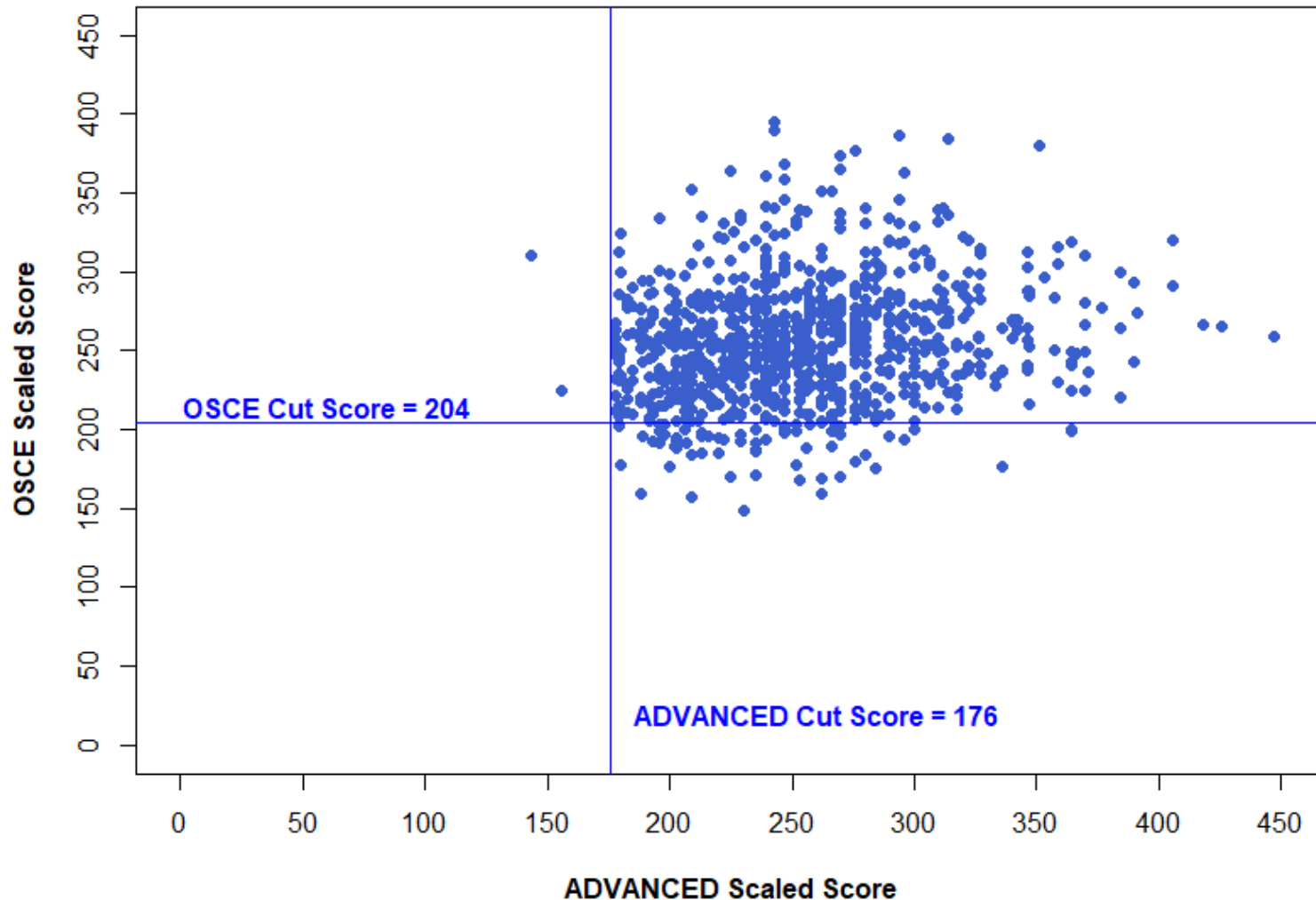
87.6%

of candidates passed  
SOE component



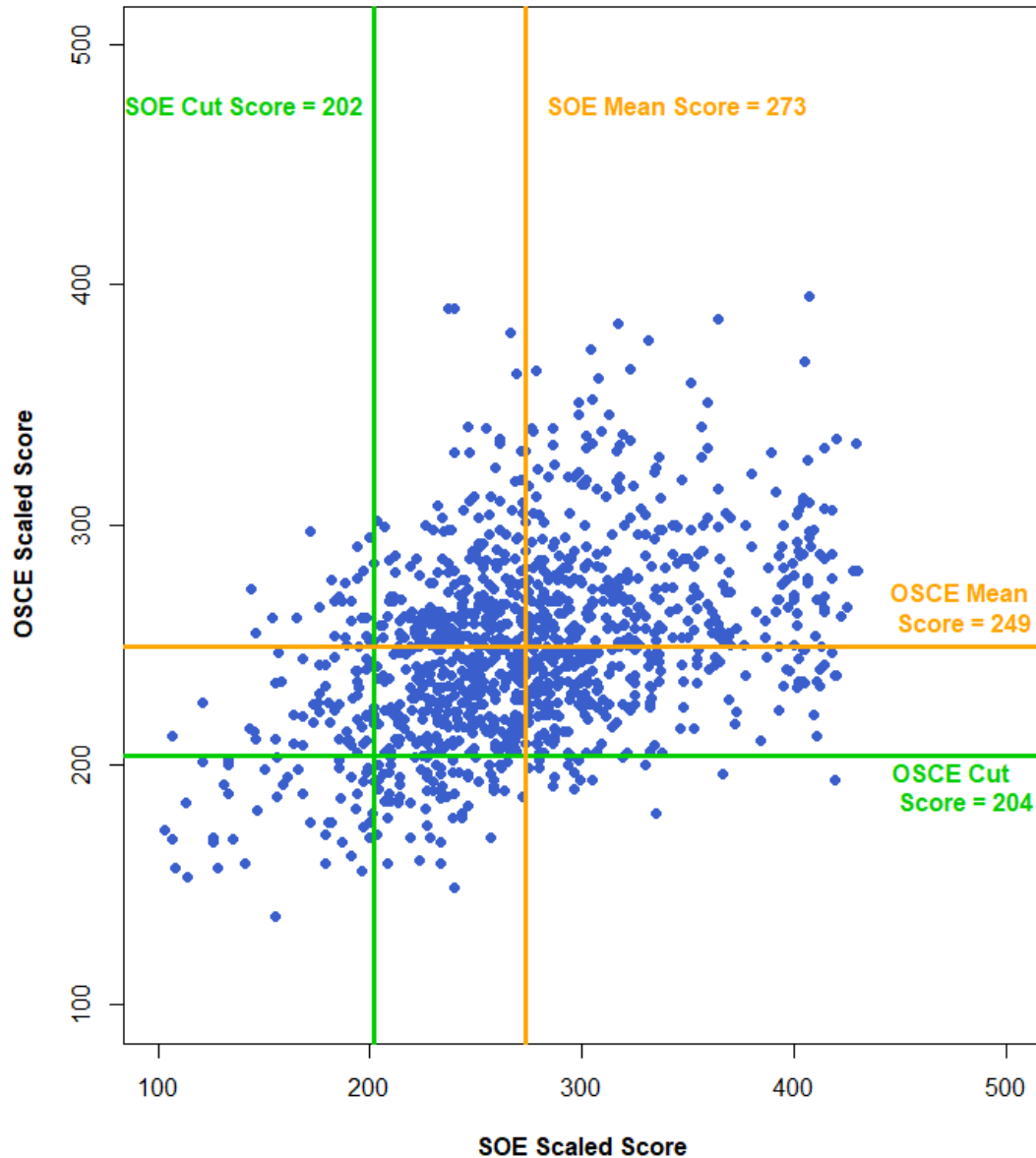
# Relation of Scores

## Spring 2023 OSCE to First Attempt on July 2022 ADVANCED Exam



The correlation between the spring 2023 OSCE scaled scores and first attempt on July 2022 ADVANCED Exam scaled scores is 0.19,  $p < 0.001$

# Relation of Scores Between the OSCE and SOE Components



The correlation between the spring 2023 OSCE scaled scores and spring 2023 SOE scaled scores is 0.41,  $p < 0.001$



Spring 2022 OSCE and spring 2022 SOE correlation = 0.41,  $p < 0.001$

**Questions?**



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