Supplemental Information: Understanding the Content Areas

The information below is a visual representation of the content weighting on this examination that may be informative in guiding remediation. Descriptions of the topics covered in these content areas, as well as other topics covered on USMLE Step 1, can be found in the information materials on the USMLE website (https://www.usmle.org). Please use the contact form on the USMLE website (https://www.usmle.org/contact/) if you have additional questions.

Physician Task	(% Items Per Test)	
MK: Applying Foundational Science Concepts	(52 - 62%)	
PC: Diagnosis	(20 - 30%)	
PC: Management	(7 - 12%)	
PBLI: Evidence-Based Medicine	(5 - 7%)	

Abbreviations: MK, Medical Knowledge; PC, Patient Care; PBLI, Practice-based Learning and Improvement.

System	(% Items Per Test)	
General Principles	(13 - 17%)	
Behavioral Health & Nervous Systems/Special Senses	(9 - 13%)	
Reproductive & Endocrine Systems	(9 - 13%)	
Respiratory & Renal/Urinary Systems	(9 - 13%)	
Blood & Lymphoreticular/Immune Systems	(7 - 11%)	
Multisystem Processes & Disorders	(7 - 11%)	
Cardiovascular System	(6 - 10%)	
Musculoskeletal, Skin & Subcutaneous Tissue	(6 - 10%)	
Gastrointestinal System	(5 - 9%)	
Biostatistics & Epidemiology/Population Health	(5 - 7%)	

Discipline	(% Items Per Test)	
Pathology	(45 - 52%)	
Physiology	(26 - 34%)	
Pharmacology	(16 - 23%)	
Biochemistry & Nutrition	(12 - 15%)	
Gross Anatomy & Embryology	(11 - 15%)	
Microbiology	(11 - 15%)	
Histology & Cell Biology	(9 - 13%)	
Behavioral Sciences	(8 - 12%)	
Immunology	(7 - 11%)	
Genetics	(5 - 9%)	