

ACMPE Board Certification Examinations Guide:

DOMAIN 1: OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

SWOT Analysis	Market Forecasting
Strategic Initiatives	Master Service Agreement
Lean	Artificial Intelligence
Gantt Chart	Board of Directors
Business Plan	Data conversion
ROI Assessment	Process of care measures
Key performance indicator (KPI)	Multi-disciplinary team
GPO	Value based purchasing
IPA	Types of leases
CAP Formula	Inventory Control

A. GENERAL PRACTICE OPERATIONS

1. Industry benchmarks
2. Total quality management techniques (Six Sigma, Lean)
3. Policies and Procedures

B. STRATEGIC PLANNING

1. Role of mission and vision in the strategic management process
 - a. Tools and methodology in strategic planning
 - b. Identifying strategic objectives
 - c. Implementation
 - d. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation

C. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

1. Tactics
2. Resources
3. Timeline
4. Implementation
5. Evaluation

D. SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

1. Equipment purchase vs. lease options
2. Group purchasing organizations
3. Inventory Control Systems

E. FACILITY MANAGEMENT

1. Maintenance, safety, and security
2. Real estate management (e.g., leasing, design, location selection)
3. Compliance with laws and regulations

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F. BUSINESS VENTURES

1. Types (e.g., joint ventures, service agreements, ACO, IPA, MSO, mergers/acquisitions)
2. Regulatory issues

G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

1. Evaluating and selecting IT to support operations including implementation plans
 - a. Hardware
 - b. Software
2. Data Capture, Aggregation, and Analytics

H. COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLANS

1. Local market environment
2. Referral analysis
3. Legislative awareness and advocacy
4. Marketing Strategy (e.g., Digital, Print, community engagement)

I. PRODUCTIVITY, COMPENSATION, AND MONITORING OF BENCHMARKS FOR PROVIDERS

1. Compensation Plans, Productivity, and Monitoring (e.g., individual, team-oriented, base salary plus incentive models)
2. Revenue allocation methods (e.g., collections, gross or net charges, work RVUs, hybrid measures)
3. Expense allocation methods (e.g., collections, gross or net charges, work RVUs, hybrid measures)
4. Providers' employment contracts
5. Credentialing
6. Patient Relations
 - a. Service Recovery
 - b. Patient Experience

J. QUALITY INITIATIVES

1. Utilization Management
2. Patient education
3. Quality Incentives (e.g., HEDIS Measures, Pay-for-Performance)
4. Coordination of care (e.g., ancillary service, specialist encounters, home health, therapy, education, hospitalization)

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DOMAIN 2: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

Benchmarks	Reimbursement rate
Bundled Payments	Net collection rate
RVU's	Claim Adjudication
Types of Revenue	Payer Types
Standardized credentialing applications	Insurance payment process
Accounts Payable	Credentialing
Ratios and Financial Analysis	CAQH
Cost Allocation	Elements of financial statements
Types of Financial Statements	Variance Analysis
Audit process review	Payroll

A. REVENUE CYCLE

1. Lifecycle of a claim (e.g., registration, charge entry, payment posting, insurance follow-up, collections)
2. Payer reimbursement policies
3. Payer types
4. Revenue cycle metrics
5. Payer contracting/credentialing
6. Revenue cycle regulations
7. In-house billing vs. Outsourcing
8. Billing/Coding Audits
9. Segregation of duties in the revenue cycle

B. CASH FLOW MANAGEMENT

1. Monitoring bank balance
2. Projecting cash flows
3. Bank reconciliation
4. Petty cash reconciliation
5. Cash receipt process
6. Segregation of duties over cashflow

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANAGEMENT

1. Basic bookkeeping (e.g., Accounts Payable Cycle)
2. Segregation of duties and other internal controls

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D. PAYROLL MANAGEMENT

1. Payroll Lifecycle
2. Employment and payroll regulatory requirements
3. Payroll liabilities
 - a. Payroll withholdings (e.g., taxes, retirement plan contributions, health insurance, other benefits, and garnishments)
 - b. Accrual for employer responsibilities (e.g., taxes, retirement plan contributions)
4. Payroll tax depositing and reporting
5. Segregation of Duties

E. BUDGET CREATION AND MANAGEMENT

1. Budget Lifecycle
2. Types of budgets (e.g., Capital, Operational, Cash)

F. FINANCIAL REPORTING

1. Accounting systems and software
2. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
3. Chart of accounts
4. Cash and accrual accounting and modified accrual accounting
5. Elements of financial statements, including balance sheet, assets, liabilities, equity, investments, distributions, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, and income
6. Projections and proforma financial statements
7. Ad-hoc and management reporting
8. Management, oversight, and distribution of financial reports

G. AUDIT MANAGEMENT

1. Types of audits (e.g., Financial, Operational, Regulatory, Billing)
2. Financial statement reports (e.g., Audit, Compilation, Review)

H. CORPORATE TAX REPORTING

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DOMAIN 3: HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

Employee engagement
Culture
FTE
FFCRA
Essential Business
Unsanctioned compensation

A. CLINICAL AND NONCLINICAL STAFFING PLANS

1. Staffing Needs Assessment
2. Position Descriptions

B. CLINICAL AND NONCLINICAL STAFF RECRUITMENT

1. Recruitment Activities
2. Interviewing
3. Pre-employment and onboarding activities

C. LABOR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT LAW (FEDERAL AND STATE)

1. Regulatory compliance (e.g., FMLA, ADA, Wage and Hourly, Exempt vs. Non-exempt)
2. Company policies and procedures

D. STAFF COMPENSATION AND BENEFIT PLANS

1. Benefit selections

E. TALENT MANAGEMENT

1. Succession Planning
2. Staff development
3. Staff training
4. Performance Evaluations
5. Staff Retention

F. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

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DOMAIN 4: RISK AND COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

Ransomware	Release of Information
Adverse Events	Stark Law
Personal protective equipment	OSHA
Fraud and abuse	Medicare sanctions
Privacy	Disaster Planning
Security	Infection control
Lab controls	Antitrust
CLIA	Informed consent
CAP	Business Interruption
Whistleblower	Claims made policy
BAA	

A. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. Risk prevention and mitigation (e.g., risk identification, analysis, corrective action, decision support tools)
2. Adverse events
3. Internal controls and audits
4. Media relations

B. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

1. Federal and state requirements and reporting (e.g., HIPAA, OSHA, fraud and abuse, biohazard, documentation and reporting standards, epidemic response requirements)
2. Compliance Plans

C. ACCREDITATION, CREDENTIALING, AND LICENSING (INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS)

D. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

E. CYBERSECURITY

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DOMAIN 5: TRANSFORMATIVE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

Population Health	Remote monitoring
Care coordinator	Patient portal
Correct coding initiative	Scribes
BPCI	Telehealth
MIPS, MACRA, MSSP	Accountable care organizations
ACO	Information technology
Value-based contracts (cost and quality)	Pay for performance
Payment reform	Social determinants
Health disparities	Health equity
Alternative payment models	Continuity of care

A. CARE MODELS (E.G., E-HEALTH, CLINICAL INTEGRATION, PCMH)

B. PAYMENT MODELS (E.G., BUNDLED, VALUE-BASED CARE, ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT, MACRA, MIPS)

C. ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS (E.G., VERTICAL INTEGRATION, ACO)

D. INNOVATION AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

DOMAIN 6: ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE

KEY WORDS/AREAS:

Legal Structures	Robert's Rule of Order
Exclusion Statuses	Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure
Federal Health programs	

A. CORPORATE MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

1. Organizational Culture

B. ORGANIZATION'S LEGAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

1. Implications of the legal structure
2. Organizational management structure
 - a. Organizational Structure
 - b. Articles of incorporation and bylaws
- C. Organizational policy and procedures

REVIEW – ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE