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MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION  
IN GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY  
2010 Content Outline

120 questions	Percent
<b>I. Clinical science of aging</b>	<b>10%</b>
A. Life course	
B. Demography and epidemiology	
C. Culture and gender	
D. Family and community	
E. Genetics	
F. Other biological aspects of aging	
G. Functional assessment	
<b>II. Diagnosis and evaluation of psychopathology</b>	<b>32.5%</b>
A. Cognitive disorders	
1. Cortical dementias	
2. Subcortical dementias	
3. Mild cognitive impairment	
4. Traumatic brain injuries	
5. Other (e.g. delirium)	
B. Mood disorders	
1. Major depression	
2. Bipolar disorder	
3. Minor depression/sub-syndromal	
4. Other mood disorders	
C. Sleep disorders	
D. Psychotic disorders	
E. Substance use disorders	
F. Anxiety disorders	
G. Sexual disorders	
H. Somatoform disorders	
I. Adjustment disorders	
J. Personality disorders	
<b>III. Treatment and management issues</b>	<b>32.5%</b>
A. Somatic treatments	
1. Pharmacology/psychopharmacology	



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2.	Electroconvulsive therapy	
B.	Psychotherapy	
C.	Special issues	
1.	Behavioral problems	
2.	Suicidal ideation and behavior	
3.	Palliative Care	
4.	Dangerousness	
5.	Treatment adherence	
6.	Caregiver issues	
7.	Care models (e.g., collaborative care)	
8.	Chronic pain	
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Practice-related policy and legal issues</b>	<b>5%</b>
A.	Role of geriatric psychiatrist in health care systems	
B.	Medico-legal	
C.	Ethics	
D.	Treatment-setting regulations	
<b>V.</b>	<b>Medical and neurologic aspects of geriatric psychiatry</b>	<b>20%</b>
A.	Geriatric medical syndromes (e.g. falls, incontinence, failure to thrive, chronic pain, etc.)	
B.	Care of patients with neurologic disease	
C.	Psychiatric disorders due to a general medical condition	
D.	Psychiatric complications of medical treatment	
E.	Psychological factors affecting medical illness	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>