

Preparing for the Exam

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EXAMINATION PREPARATION SUGGESTIONS

Laboratory experience is the single most important way to prepare for the examination. It is important to become familiar with all areas of the laboratory, including administrative functions, serology, flow cytometry, molecular diagnostics, and laboratory instrumentation. In addition, past examinees have identified the following activities as beneficial for examination preparation:

- Studying clinical and basic immunology textbooks and reference manuals such as *Manual of Clinical Immunology* (published by ASM Press)
- Reviewing recent articles in clinical immunology- and laboratory-oriented journals, CAP inspection checklists, manufacturer's technical manuals and procedures, and laboratory procedural manuals
- Working in or visiting those areas of the laboratory (e.g., flow cytometry, autoimmunity, infectious disease serology, electrophoresis, administration) with which the candidate is less familiar
- Attending rounds in immunology, flow cytometry, tumor, transplantation, transfusion, infectious disease, etc.

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The resources listed are NOT meant to be comprehensive guides to the examination. They are merely suggestions.