

Preparing for the Exam

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EXAMINATION PREPARATION SUGGESTIONS

Past examinees have identified the following activities as beneficial for examination preparation:

- Studying clinical microbiology textbooks and reference manuals such as those listed in the “Suggested References” list below.
- Reviewing clinical case studies and reports from various sources (journals, textbooks, and Web sites)
- Reviewing the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)
- Reviewing Web sites such as <http://www.cdc.gov> (for information about infectious diseases, immunizations, and susceptibility testing), <http://www.nccls.org/>, <http://www.doctorfungus.org/>, and <http://www.emedicine.com/infectiousdiseases/>

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ABOUT THE REFERENCES

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