

Welcome to Brain byte 4!

Hello Brainiacs

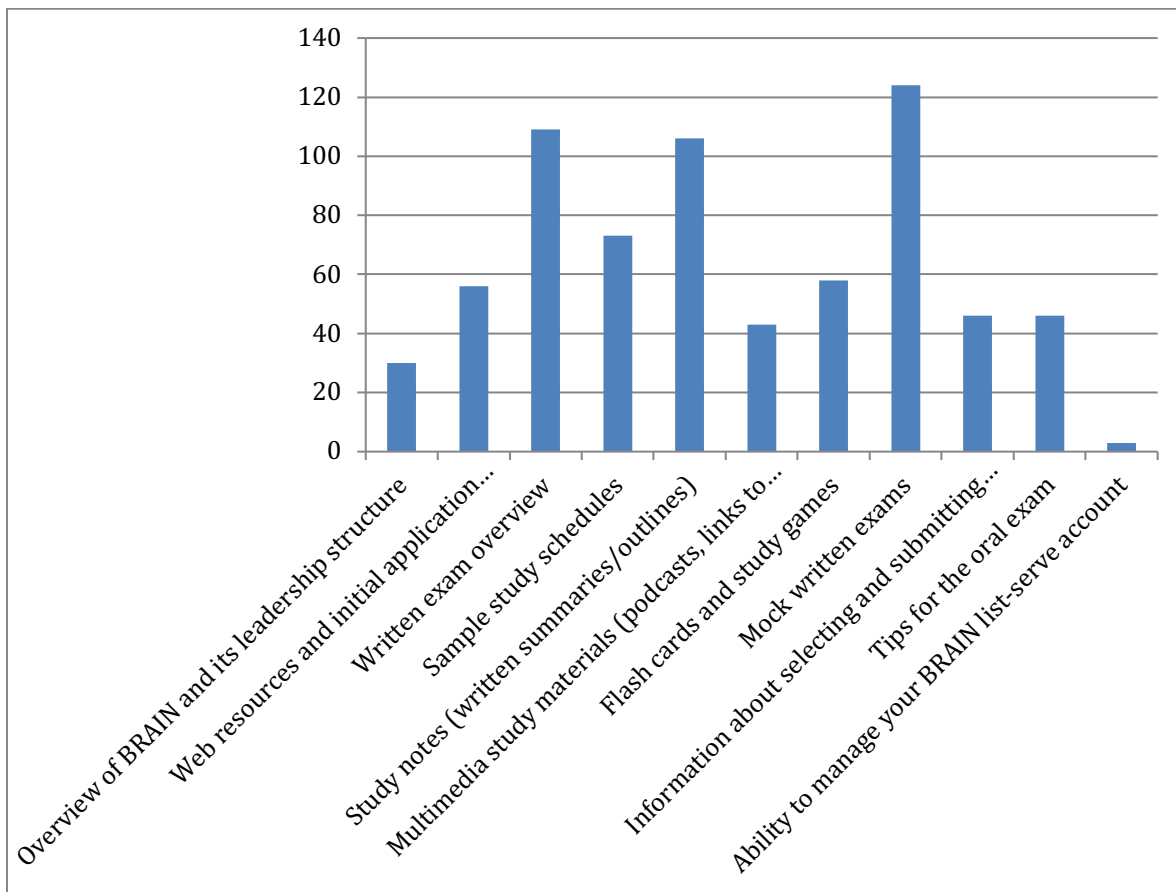
Our progress to roll out results of our survey last year in a series of BRAIN bytes continues. In this section, we cover responses on the usefulness of our former website on Wiki.

Q8. What elements of the Wiki website have you found useful/helpful? (Check all that apply)

The top five list of things that were most useful about the Wiki website were as follows:

1. Mock written exams
2. Written exam overview
3. Study notes and outlines
4. Sample study schedules
5. Flash cards and study games

The full list of things that survey respondents found useful are included in Figure 1 (the Y axis reflects number of respondents endorsing each option).



Q9. What would you like to see changed or added to the Wiki website?

The most common comments for improvements included:

1. A section on tips and strategies from those who were successful in achieving board certification
2. Questions/details on practice sample preparation and examples
3. More commentary/ tutorials on integrative thinking: how systems connect, interrelate, with clinical presentation.
4. More tutorials / material
5. Update of written exam content

Table 2 includes the full list of comments for question 10.

Index	Comment	Number	Additional comments
1.	Updated notes /More (full length) practice exams	8	It may also be nice to have a section that allows those that have gone through the process to provide tips and strategies that worked well for them. This info occasionally comes across on the Listserve, but it would be nice to have a section on the Wiki website with people's experiences with the process.
			Good question. I'm not really sure. I feel like there are questions/details about practice sample preparation that are missing. I understand that those are to be done entirely independent but there are still details that come up in doing one's raw data prep for example.
			More links to worthwhile resources online. I found a few in my studies that would be worth sharing. More pointed opportunities for neuro anatomy and neuro radiology review on site (maybe even more mock questions that test anatomy knowledge).
2.	Mock Written exams/ mock exams	3	Update of written exam content as needed
3.	More organization / make website more user friendly	2	
4.	Nothing/ No complaint/ N/A	6	
5.	More rigorous editing/ consistent updates, refining, maintaining website	2	
6.	Flash cards need revision/ hard to follow / more consistent with written exam	2	
7.	I don't use it often so hard to say	1	
8.	Content (flash cards, podcasts suggestions, study notes) is too much	1	It's good to have a variety based on different people's learning styles and

			lives (podcasts for people with long commutes)...
9.	Incorrect information	2	The study notes were a bit too broad, in my opinion, and I found intermittent incorrect information.
			Found wrong answers in mock written exam that need correction.
10.	Computer assisted format for written exam	1	An updated timed computer assisted format for the written exam questions would provide a more realistic experience to prepare for the actual written exam.
11.	List of mentors by geographical area who are willing to provide support	1	
12.	More support for applicants who do not pass different stages of the process	1	
13.	More statistics on study times, pass rates, outcome stats on (practice vs. real exam)/ (what may be asked on exam)	2	
14.	Love it/ New changes appreciated/ useful	3	
15.	More tutorials / material	4	More commentary/ tutorials on integrative thinking: how systems connect, interrelate, with clinical presentation. Mock case studies with step by step queries. Rationale behind questions. Presentation of test data. Interpretive significance. Finally revealing the case's actual situation/ pathology.
			See previous. Study notes are also uninformative and so specific as to be useful only to a very few
			MUCH more concise study materials
			Material for the peds subspecialty board
16.	Clear outline of ABPP process	1	Clear step by step outline of the ABPP process with deadlines and links as this is not always easy to find or clear through the AACN website.
17.	Add a Forum to website	1	
18.	Other Suggestions	3	Format for submitting potential test questions generated by study groups and/or submitting potentially incorrect answers on already developed sample test questions (then the group can decide which answer is best).
			Need assistance in organizing and sifting through study materials.
			More links to worthwhile resources online. I found a few in my studies that would be worth sharing.