

✓ KEY POINTS ABOUT NPLeX I



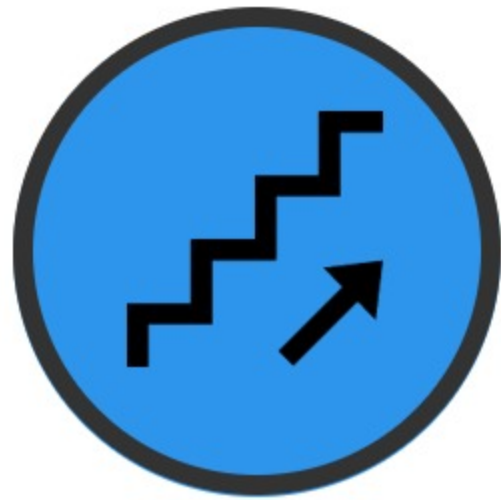
COMMITMENT

Don't underestimate the study time required. Consider 1 month of studying at least 20 hours/week the MINIMUM time commitment for this exam. Don't let a background in biomedical sciences lull you either - there's a lot of detail on this exam that you've probably forgotten!



NO CRAMMING

Even if you've been successful at CCNM through cramming, NPLeX is a different beast. There is much more material on this exam. But consider creating a 2-page study sheet of key but difficult-to-remember items to review the week before the exam so this info will be fresh.



PREP COURSES

Prep courses are great for learning key concepts in new ways, but DON'T STOP THERE. No prep course teaches to the level of detail tested on NPLeX.



BE REALISTIC

NPLeX is an expensive exam. If you can reasonably foresee that you won't be ready for the exam, don't sign up for it. You don't need a trial run of this exam; you do need to put in the time and energy.



REST FOR NPLeX

Be well-rested. Take the day before off. Don't be overstudied or fly back to town the day before. It's a long, rather grueling exam and you will need to be sharp for the whole day.



NO DIAGNOSIS

Unlike NPLeX II, the diagnosis in any question on NPLeX I will be given to you. So study other things, like pathophysiology, symptoms, risk factors, etc.