Rubric for Medical Knowledge Grade - Year 3 Clerkships

The **Medical Knowledge Grade** for each clerkship will be assessed by performance on the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Subject Exam in each discipline. The grade will be determined by the Year 3 leadership team using the NBME Subject Exam Score reports and the rubric below to calculate a Medical Knowledge Grade of Honors, High Satisfactory, Satisfactory, or Unsatisfactory.

Honors (H)	Top 20-30% of cohort taking exam using equated percent correct scores and benchmarking against national percentile ranks for 2nd (1st LIC) or 4th (2nd LIC) quarter in most recent academic year norms.
High Satisfactory (HS)	Middle 30-40% of cohort taking exam using equated percent correct scores and benchmarking against national percentile ranks for 2nd (1st LIC) or 4th (2nd LIC) quarter in most recent academic year norms.
Satisfactory (S)	Bottom 30-40% of cohort taking exam using equated percent correct scores and benchmarking against national percentile ranks for 2nd (1st LIC) or 4th (2nd LIC) quarter in most recent academic year norms.
Unsatisfactory (U)	< 5% national percentile rank on second attempt using 2 nd (1 st LIC) or 4 th (2nd LIC) quarter percentile in most recent academic year norms.
Incomplete (I)	Excused by Clerkship Director/Exam not taken

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