

ABMS Board Certification Highlights

Source: ABMS certification database, June 30, 2019.

Board certified physicians per Member Board

The numbers represent distinct counts. A physician is counted once per Member Board.

Colon and Rectal Surgery	2,421
Medical Genetics and Genomics	2,630
Nuclear Medicine	4,285
Thoracic Surgery	5,732
Allergy and Immunology	5,834
Neurological Surgery	6,207
Plastic Surgery	8,214
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	11,813
Preventive Medicine	11,906
Urology	12,883
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	14,612
Dermatology	15,131
Ophthalmology	25,035
Orthopaedic Surgery	28,941
Pathology	30,827
Emergency Medicine	38,126
Surgery	41,611
Obstetrics and Gynecology	51,584
Anesthesiology	55,116
Radiology	59,525
Psychiatry and Neurology	71,561
Family Medicine	91,208
Pediatrics	105,685
Internal Medicine	238,913



More than
900,000
board certified physicians

ABMS Member Boards certify in

40 specialties | **87** subspecialties



In 2018 ABMS Member Boards awarded

30,408
new specialty certificates and
13,800
new subspecialty certificates

Percentage of ABMS board certified physicians by specialty group

59% Medical

27% Surgical

14% Hospital

The Member Boards and Associate Members of ABMS

ABMS works with its Member Boards and Associate Members to improve the quality of graduate medical education, the standards of medical practice, and the physician certification process.

ABMS MEMBER BOARDS

Includes the year approved as an ABMS Member Board

- 1933** Founding Member Boards:
 - American Board of Dermatology
 - American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - American Board of Ophthalmology
 - American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- 1935** American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
 - American Board of Pediatrics
 - American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
 - American Board of Radiology
 - American Board of Urology
- 1936** American Board of Internal Medicine
 - American Board of Pathology
- 1937** American Board of Surgery
- 1940** American Board of Neurological Surgery
- 1941** American Board of Anesthesiology
 - American Board of Plastic Surgery
- 1947** American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- 1949** American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery
 - American Board of Preventive Medicine
- 1969** American Board of Family Medicine
- 1971** American Board of Allergy and Immunology
 - American Board of Nuclear Medicine
 - American Board of Thoracic Surgery
- 1979** American Board of Emergency Medicine
- 1991** American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF ABMS

- Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)** National organization that evaluates and accredits institutions and organizations offering Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the United States, accme.org.
- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)** National organization that evaluates and accredits post-MD medical residency programs in the United States, acgme.org.
- American Hospital Association (AHA)** National membership organization representing members' perspectives and needs in national health policy development, legislative and regulatory debates, and judicial matters, aha.org.
- American Medical Association (AMA)** National membership organization uniting physicians in the United States to focus on professional and public health issues, ama-assn.org.
- Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)** National membership organization for enhancing the effectiveness of academic medicine, aamc.org.
- Council of Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS)** National membership organization providing an independent forum for discussion by medical specialists on issues of national interest and mutual concern, cmss.org.
- Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)** Organization that evaluates whether international medical graduates (IMGs) are ready to enter United States graduate medical programs, and offers a variety of other programs for IMGs and the entities worldwide that educate, train register/license, and employ them, ecfmg.org.
- Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)** Policy-focused organization promoting best practices in medical regulation and encouraging uniformity in how states license and discipline physicians. It collaborates with NBME to provide the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), fsmf.org.
- National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME)** Assessment organization that, along with FSMB, co-sponsors the USMLE, which is accepted by medical licensing authorities as the standard by which to judge candidates for medical licensure, nbme.org.