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1936 - 1940

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>					<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1936</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>1938</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	27	209	90	227	255	808

1941 - 1950

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>										<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1941</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>1943</i>	<i>1944</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1947</i>	<i>1948</i>	<i>1949</i>	<i>1950</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	242	204	342	271	314	473	654	486	335	705	4,024
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	50	34	38	15	13	18	20	28	8	29	253
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	7	17	22	5	10	13	24	15	6	20	139
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	17	11	7	6	9	14	14	6	4	10	98

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1951 - 1960

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	<i>1951</i>	<i>1952</i>	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>1955</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1957</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1960</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	667	718	641	665	804	663	751	700	544	336	6,489
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	24	14	16	13	26	15	17	17	33	22	197
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	16	14	12	30	15	11	21	17	17	20	173
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	18	1	5	10	13	8	6	6	7	4	78

1961 - 1970

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>										<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1961</i>	<i>1962</i>	<i>1963</i>	<i>1964</i>	<i>1965</i>	<i>1966</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1970</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	683	930	938	747	776	657	873	1,012	973	1,193	8,782
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	24	26	21	30	49	65	63	61	65	94	498
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	14	26	15	17	18	18	18	21	25	50	222
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	4	10	3	5	8	17	24	25	43	37	176

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1971 - 1980

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	<i>1971</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>1973</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1980</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	1,216	4,388	3,292	3,051	3,325	3,970	4,208	4,567	4,365	4,460	36,842
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	83	121	369	323	1,056	20	1,015		1,100		4,087
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>		248	197		293		323		261		1,322
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	25	253	215		450		557		563		2,063
<i>Hematology</i>		374		481		345		338		323	1,861
<i>Infectious Disease</i>		88		171		181		236		274	950
<i>Medical Oncology</i>			351		376		508		554		1,789
<i>Nephrology</i>		212		390		339		392		351	1,684
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	39	163		363		368		556		689	2,178
<i>Rheumatology</i>		154		240		189		263		330	1,176

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1981 - 1990

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	<i>1981</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>1983</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	4,413	4,355	4,573	4,635	4,623	4,892	5,171	5,005	5,408	4,679	<i>47,754</i>
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	1,265		1,226		1,347		1,465		1,588		<i>6,891</i>
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽¹⁾</i>							1,729		1,115		<i>2,844</i>
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	354		247		286		255		296		<i>1,438</i>
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	666		681		693		692		792		<i>3,524</i>
<i>Geriatric Medicine^(1,2)</i>								1,659		1,204	<i>2,863</i>
<i>Hematology</i>		265		291		308		340		311	<i>1,515</i>
<i>Infectious Disease</i>		303		281		318		395		391	<i>1,688</i>
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	646		543		682		585		605		<i>3,061</i>
<i>Nephrology</i>		386		377		340		354		332	<i>1,789</i>
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>		658		627		635		666		692	<i>3,278</i>
<i>Rheumatology</i>		341		346		269		282		258	<i>1,496</i>

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1991 - 2000

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	<i>1991</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1993</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	5,036	4,762	5,283	5,395	6,671	9,012	7,822	7,019	7,263	6,944	65,208
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Adolescent Medicine</i> ⁽²⁾				26			23		5		54
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	1,492		1,068		1,600		1,376	902	796	732	7,966
<i>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology</i> ⁽¹⁾		386		225		187		122	67	77	1,064
<i>Critical Care Medicine</i> ⁽¹⁾	1,310		588		702		614	364	384	348	4,310
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	264		247		332		386	161	183	190	1,763
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	848		1,003		813		835	315	354	315	4,483
<i>Geriatric Medicine</i> ^(1,2)		1,254		1,568		291		337	183	200	3,833
<i>Hematology</i>		239		326		453	155	220	204	185	1,782
<i>Infectious Disease</i>		454		480		545	223	246	241	205	2,394
<i>Interventional Cardiology</i> ⁽¹⁾									2,115	753	2,868
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	604		500		597		735	337	377	331	3,481
<i>Nephrology</i>		401		431		564	280	323	304	323	2,626
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>		758		802		732	453	467	350	419	3,981
<i>Rheumatology</i>		308		328		251	134	107	133	106	1,367
<i>Sports Medicine</i> ⁽²⁾			32		25		37		33		127

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2001 - 2010

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	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	6,774	6,977	7,167	7,026	7,066	6,774	7,306	6,913	6,818	7,019	69,840
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Adolescent Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	4		7		7			3		3	24
<i>Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</i>										239	239
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	727	693	672	742	745	772	794	762	910	805	7,622
<i>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology⁽¹⁾</i>	75	90	102	91	125	120	146	130	122	130	1,131
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽¹⁾</i>	301	393	409	448	430	474	488	516	459	548	4,466
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	180	228	203	243	213	271	224	270	266	273	2,371
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	323	326	419	382	424	436	453	438	439	426	4,066
<i>Geriatric Medicine^(1,2)</i>	193	270	262	256	212	242	202	221	185	200	2,243
<i>Hematology</i>	200	229	273	323	290	298	344	339	387	379	3,062
<i>Hospice and Palliative Medicine</i>								788		1,061	1,849
<i>Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice⁽²⁾</i>										58	58
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	230	261	255	308	309	329	310	317	366	360	3,045
<i>Interventional Cardiology⁽¹⁾</i>	521	489	636	287	225	288	291	288	279	286	3,590
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	372	413	448	492	467	488	535	512	528	540	4,795
<i>Nephrology</i>	309	359	403	372	400	417	390	398	449	445	3,942
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	398	383	466	408	430	437	464	407	486	499	4,378
<i>Rheumatology</i>	119	162	182	185	173	177	190	186	208	210	1,792
<i>Sleep Medicine⁽²⁾</i>							916		1,230		2,146
<i>Sports Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	15	9	9	19	13	7	9	9	11	9	110
<i>Transplant Hepatology⁽²⁾</i>						197		126		107	430

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2011 – 2020

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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	6,740	6,969	7,380	7,439	7,776	7,857	8,154	8,773	9,003	9,058	79,149
Subspecialties											
<i>Adolescent Medicine⁽²⁾</i>		4		3		8		2		4	21
<i>Adult Congenital Heart Disease⁽²⁾</i>					195		113		147		455
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology		249		334		187		209		202	1,181
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	845	889	857	799	929	896	934	980	933	932	8,994
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	131	160	150	109	122	145	126	99	126	104	1,272
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	509	576	553	564	525	740	682	746	678	733	6,306
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	283	256	284	299	307	289	302	312	317	318	2,967
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	459	464	488	477	509	517	533	561	551	551	5,110
Geriatric Medicine ⁽²⁾	169	165	178	163	144	143	196	152	219	160	1,689
<i>Hematology</i>	352	395	418	392	397	496	492	463	512	488	4,406
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽²⁾		2,127		225		249		302		309	3,212
<i>Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice⁽²⁾</i>	126	145	154	171	379	201	404	244	237	143	2,204
Infectious Disease	363	343	330	341	367	373	340	344	368	346	3,515
<i>Interventional Cardiology</i>	278	289	303	288	282	308	304	316	317	323	3,008
Medical Oncology	525	507	560	538	582	609	612	542	568	598	5,641
<i>Nephrology</i>	365	434	421	381	487	438	377	353	322	353	3,931
Pulmonary Disease	492	517	481	484	641	597	628	597	628	653	5,718
<i>Rheumatology</i>	203	188	197	202	210	230	204	244	260	240	2,178
Sleep Medicine ⁽²⁾	1,175		320		204		187		191		2,077
<i>Sports Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	12	20	9	17	12	15	18	20	14	16	153
Transplant Hepatology ⁽²⁾		68		74		88		93		103	426

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2021 – 2030

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>			
	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>Decade Total</i>
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	8,855	9,466	9,748	28,069
<i>Subspecialties</i>				
<i>Adolescent Medicine⁽²⁾</i>		2		2
<i>Adult Congenital Heart Disease⁽³⁾</i>	29		25	54
<i>Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</i>		191		191
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	987	1,035	1,076	3,099
<i>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology</i>	122	121	173	416
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	775	816	813	2,404
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	299	322	368	989
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	616	612	641	1,869
<i>Geriatric Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	177	202	185	564
<i>Hematology</i>	514	521	561	1,596
<i>Hospice and Palliative Medicine⁽³⁾</i>		405		405
<i>Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice⁽²⁾</i>	142	116	33	291
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	359	382	410	1,151
<i>Interventional Cardiology</i>	338	334	333	1,005
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	604	664	686	1,953
<i>Nephrology</i>	355	388	379	1,122
<i>Neurocritical Care</i>	264	204		468
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	705	739	720	2,164
<i>Rheumatology</i>	245	250	248	743
<i>Sleep Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	177		208	385
<i>Transplant Hepatology⁽²⁾</i>		109		109

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