



## First-Time Taker Pass Rates - Initial Certification

### Certification Examination in Internal Medicine: 2004-2008 First-Time Taker Pass Rates

Key: # - Number of first-time takers; % - Percent Passing

Exam Area	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total First Takers	7056	92%	7051	92%	7007	91%	7090	94%	7194	91%

### Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2004-2008 First-Time Taker Pass Rates\*

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Exam Area	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cardiovascular Disease	746	84%	762	84%	767	86%	783	88%	759	87%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	97	80%	122	86%	120	85%	153	83%	145	78%
Critical Care Medicine	464	84%	423	90%	471	92%	488	91%	549	88%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	248	89%	228	87%	270	90%	230	87%	283	85%
Gastroenterology	419	86%	401	93%	421	95%	440	95%	446	94%
Geriatric Medicine**	356	85%	310	78%	325	82%	319	83%	331	82%
Hematology	315	86%	301	88%	330	84%	380	83%	384	80%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine <sup>††</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1454	87%
Infectious Disease	301	85%	331	85%	311	91%	315	90%	338	86%
Interventional Cardiology	228	90%	219	86%	277	88%	270	90%	272	94%
Medical Oncology	464	86%	473	83%	468	86%	502	90%	518	90%
Nephrology	377	91%	395	92%	421	93%	399	92%	402	91%
Pulmonary Disease	410	94%	442	92%	435	93%	461	95%	460	86%
Rheumatology	183	90%	160	96%	201	84%	194	89%	188	89%
Sleep Medicine <sup>†</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	1882	73%	--	--
Transplant Hepatology***	--	--	--	--	214	88%	--	--	127	94%

\*Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 100 takers should be interpreted cautiously.

\*\* Includes both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

\*\*\* First administered in 2006. Includes only ABIM candidates.

<sup>†</sup> First administered in 2007. Includes American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and ABIM candidates.

<sup>††</sup> First administered in 2008. Includes American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Emergency Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, American Board of Radiology, American Board of Surgery and ABIM candidates.