



First-Time Taker Pass Rates - Maintenance of Certification

Maintenance of Certification Exam Pass Rates* November 1996 - November 2010

Passed on 1st Attempt	Ultimate Pass Rate**
88%	96%

*n = 86,767 exams in 1st MOC cycle.

** Assuming at least three subsequent exam administrations, not necessarily three retakes

ABIM Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2006-2010 First-Time Takers with valid time-limited certificates Pass Rates*

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

Exam Groups	2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	5105	79%	3837	83%	3589	92%	4256	90%	4908	88%
Cardiovascular Disease	262	87%	808	88%	588	87%	697	87%	708	85%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	96	98%	22	91%	79	96%	57	91%	56	91%
Critical Care Medicine	250	94%	528	95%	295	88%	469	93%	406	94%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	52	79%	179	76%	119	86%	142	77%	151	84%
Gastroenterology	168	87%	432	90%	207	85%	288	89%	346	84%
Geriatric Medicine**	208	78%	218	94%	581	92%	319	90%	492	96%
Hematology	201	82%	80	74%	92	84%	148	88%	209	91%
Hospital Medicine†	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	134	84%
Infectious Disease	222	85%	105	87%	147	82%	200	88%	303	94%
Interventional Cardiology	20	100%	68	97%	248	96%	1197	95%	411	94%
Medical Oncology	124	88%	330	89%	200	88%	279	87%	324	94%
Nephrology	284	85%	162	86%	207	86%	266	90%	339	95%
Pulmonary Disease	403	86%	227	89%	315	79%	305	90%	517	90%
Rheumatology	135	85%	86	87%	66	86%	121	87%	191	91%

* 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.

** Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

† Focused Practice. First administered in 2010. Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates