



First-Time Taker Pass Rates - Maintenance of Certification

Maintenance of Certification Exam Pass Rates* November 1996 - November 2009

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

*n = 78,584 exams in 1st MOC cycle.

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

ABIM Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2005-2009 First-Time Takers with valid time-limited certificates Pass Rates*

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

Exam Groups	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	4242	84%	5105	79%	3837	83%	3589	92%	4256	90%
Cardiovascular Disease	879	87%	262	87%	808	88%	588	87%	697	87%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	47	96%	96	98%	22	91%	79	96%	57	91%
Critical Care Medicine	275	90%	250	94%	528	95%	295	88%	469	93%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	143	82%	52	79%	179	76%	119	86%	142	77%
Gastroenterology	452	93%	168	87%	432	90%	207	85%	288	89%
Geriatric Medicine**	101	79%	208	78%	218	94%	581	92%	319	90%
Hematology	99	87%	201	82%	80	74%	92	84%	148	88%
Infectious Disease	101	85%	222	85%	105	87%	147	82%	200	88%
Interventional Cardiology	14	100%	20	100%	68	97%	211	97%	860	94%
Medical Oncology	301	93%	124	88%	330	89%	200	88%	279	87%
Nephrology	133	88%	284	85%	162	86%	207	86%	266	90%
Pulmonary Disease	154	88%	403	86%	227	89%	315	79%	305	90%
Rheumatology	44	91%	135	85%	86	87%	66	86%	121	87%

* 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.