

Call for Nominations for ABIM's Specialty Boards

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) is currently seeking nominations for the following [Specialty Boards](#), with terms to begin July 1, 2018:

Physician Nominations	Non-Physician Nominations**
Critical Care Medicine Board	Cardiovascular Board
Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Board* (2 seats)	Critical Care Medicine Board
Hematology Board	Gastroenterology Board (2 seats)
Infectious Disease Board (2 seats)	Internal Medicine Board
Medical Oncology Board*	Nephrology Board
Rheumatology Board*	Pulmonary Board
	Rheumatology Board

**These Specialty Boards are seeking physician candidates focusing their practice in community-based settings.*

***For more information about the role of non-physicians on ABIM's Specialty Boards, see the end of this document.*

Serving on a Specialty Board is an important responsibility and we encourage dedicated individuals to submit a nomination.

Specialty Boards play a pivotal role in ABIM's mission to "...enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care". Specialty Boards do the frontline work of setting standards for earning and maintaining certification in their discipline, thereby enhancing the value of ABIM's programs. They incorporate and embody the range of voices in their discipline's community, including patients and non-physician medical professionals. Thus, having broad participation from the practice community is central to the success of this mission. [Specialty Board members](#) for each discipline can be found on our website.

What is the unique role of the Specialty Boards?

Their role is to:

- define, refine and set standards for Certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) in their discipline;
- establish specialty-specific training criteria;
- provide oversight of assessments in the discipline; and

- engage with the physician and patient community through local medical groups, specialty societies and other stakeholders in support of ABIM's mission.

Why Serve?

As an important voice for their discipline, members will:

- be accountable for identifying, developing and defining the standards for the competencies needed by ABIM Board Certified internists specializing in their discipline;
- provide perspective on current and future trends in their discipline;
- represent the voice of practicing physicians in the formation of ABIM's Certification- and MOC-related policies in their discipline;
- assist in harmonizing ABIM's assessment activities with the needs of the patient;
- facilitate bidirectional communication between ABIM, medical specialty societies and other key stakeholders by representing ABIM at medical specialty society and other key stakeholder events and meetings.

What competencies are we seeking?

All Specialty Board members are expected to have:

- strong communication, interpersonal and collaboration skills;
- involvement with stakeholder groups (e.g., medical societies, program directors' associations, community-based physician organizations and other health care associations relevant to their discipline); and
- demonstrated abilities relevant to their discipline and integrity that is recognized by their community

We are looking for physicians who:

- have meaningful current clinical practice experience;
- are currently ABIM Board Certified in their discipline and committed to participating in the MOC program throughout their ABIM governance service;
- demonstrate a willingness to develop a deep understanding of ABIM programs and the activities that support them;
- comply with ABIM's Conflict of Interest Policy; and
- will file an annual disclosure form detailing their financial and leadership relationships beyond their primary employment.

Specialty Board Member Term and Time Commitment

ABIM Specialty Board members generally serve 3-year terms. Contingent upon peer evaluation, initial terms can be renewed once for an additional three years. The maximum term of service is six years.

There are two 1-day meetings in Philadelphia per year as well as several webinars scheduled throughout the year.

Specialty Board Member Expenses

ABIM reimburses Specialty Board members for all reasonable expenses associated with attending in-person meetings.

How can I apply?

Step 1: Write a personal statement. In 200-300 words, tell us your perspective of the ABIM mission, and what contributions you bring to the ABIM Specialty Board.

ABIM actively seeks physician members who are engaged in meaningful clinical practice. Physician candidates are also requested to address how their clinical practice is meaningful.

ABIM Mission:

"ABIM's mission is to enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care."

Step 2: Send your CV and personal statement to SpecialtyBoard@abim.org. Indicate the name of the Specialty Board in the email subject line.

Step 3: Complete the electronic Specialty Board Membership recruitment survey. You'll receive an email link once ABIM receives your nomination materials.

Important Dates

February 8th: Call for nominations closes

March – May 2018: Nominations reviewed and members selected at Specialty Board meetings

March – May 2018: Specialty Board members approved and candidates notified

June 2018: New Specialty Board member orientation

Questions?

Contact SpecialtyBoard@abim.org for assistance with the Specialty Board questions and/or the nomination and election process of Specialty Board members.

AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE (ABIM) Non-Physician Specialty Board Membership

Non-physician members of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Specialty Boards bring important perspectives to governance which support ABIM's accountability to the profession of medicine and to the public. In their Specialty Board roles, they are equal contributors to their physician peers and they:

- ✓ *Function as effective advocates for the ABIM mission:
"To enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care."*
- ✓ *Serve as voting members on their discipline-specific Specialty Board*
- ✓ *Help physician board members understand the role patients and caregivers play in the care team and the importance of collaboration with them*
- ✓ *Integrate patient and inter-professional perspectives and assure that ABIM addresses these priorities in its programs and activities*
- ✓ *Advise on best methods for disseminating information to diplomates, non-physicians and specialty organizations*

Non-physician members are selected for an initial term of three years, and may serve a total of six years, upon the mutual agreement of the Specialty Board and non-physician member. While the demands of participation may vary, the time commitment can be significant. Specialty Boards meet twice a year in Philadelphia for full-day meetings, with added commitments as the workload of the Specialty Board demands. Preparation and participation is expected for all Specialty Board functions. All Specialty Board members receive a modest quarterly honorarium, and all reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

We are looking for the following attributes of at-large non-physician members:

- ✓ *Prior service in roles representing the public interest sought; prior Board experience a plus*
- ✓ *Knowledge and expertise which supplements that already represented on the Specialty Board such as: health policy, health information technology, healthcare management, assessment or quality improvement science, business and finance, etc.*
- ✓ *Ability to interact and collaborate with physicians and individuals from a variety of health care-related backgrounds*
- ✓ *Insight reflecting a firm understanding and support for ABIM's mission*

ABOUT ABIM

Since being established as an independent nonprofit in 1936, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) continues to be dedicated to achieving high standards on which physicians, their peers and the public can rely. For Internal Medicine and 20+ Subspecialties, ABIM Certification has meant that internists have demonstrated – to their peers and to the public – that they have the clinical judgment, skills and attitudes essential for the delivery of excellent patient care. ABIM is a physician-led non-profit, independent evaluation organization. ABIM's Specialty Boards shape its programs and policies for physicians seeking to achieve and maintain certification. [Learn more about ABIM's Specialty Boards.](#)