



## First-Time Taker Pass Rates - Maintenance of Certification

### Maintenance of Certification Exam Pass Rates 2008 - 2016

Passed on 1st Attempt <sup>(1)</sup>	Ultimate Pass Rate <sup>(2)</sup>
85%	96%

<sup>(1)</sup> n = 110,221 exams

<sup>(2)</sup> At least three subsequent exam years

### ABIM Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2012-2016 First-Time Takers with valid time-limited certificates Pass Rates<sup>(3)</sup>

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

Exam Area	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	5746	84%	5772	78%	5607	80%	5984	88%	6255	91%
Cardiovascular Disease	896	82%	1133	87%	868	90%	1183	88%	755	90%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	188	87%	152	84%	140	85%	130	89%	183	92%
Critical Care Medicine	452	89%	550	89%	440	84%	576	91%	443	86%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	211	82%	313	86%	232	87%	282	89%	249	94%
Gastroenterology	536	85%	881	84%	502	87%	778	88%	513	87%
Geriatric Medicine <sup>(4)</sup>	549	95%	468	91%	572	91%	290	89%	335	79%
Hematology	240	87%	258	80%	311	82%	213	79%	354	90%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine <sup>(5)</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	81%
Hospital Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	151	86%	152	86%	239	85%	265	85%	268	90%
Infectious Disease	393	94%	332	91%	433	91%	301	89%	467	94%
Interventional Cardiology	343	89%	357	86%	191	88%	162	93%	211	90%
Medical Oncology	437	90%	595	91%	477	83%	549	89%	458	87%
Nephrology	469	85%	490	87%	445	84%	395	84%	596	89%
Pulmonary Disease	613	91%	540	81%	636	79%	412	88%	696	90%
Rheumatology	304	91%	208	85%	278	87%	165	88%	274	92%
Sleep Medicine <sup>(7)</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	95%	161	84%
Transplant Hepatology <sup>(8)</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	12	100%	129	95%

<sup>(3)</sup> 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.

<sup>(4)</sup> Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

<sup>(5)</sup> First administered in 2016 –contains American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Emergency Medicine, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Board of Surgery and ABIM candidates

<sup>(6)</sup> Focused Practice. First administered in 2010. Includes only ABIM candidates.

<sup>(7)</sup> First administered in 2015. Includes American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and ABIM candidates.

<sup>(8)</sup> First administered in 2015. Includes only ABIM candidates.