

Maintenance of Certification Pass Rates

Maintenance of Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2020

Ultimate Pass Rate⁽¹⁾

97%

⁽¹⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

ABIM Traditional Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2016-2020 First-Time Takers with Valid Time-limited Certificates Pass Rates⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

Key: # - Number of Physicians; % - Pass Rate

Exam Area ⁽⁴⁾	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020 ⁽⁵⁾	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	6255	91%	6472	92%	3186	93%	5125	95%	2879	95%
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	--	--	--	--	6	*	9	*	58	100%
Cardiovascular Disease	755	90%	1275	92%	1137	90%	645	90%	429	84%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	183	92%	121	89%	180	88%	148	85%	44	95%
Critical Care Medicine	443	86%	714	92%	669	90%	644	91%	304	92%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	249	94%	352	92%	338	92%	210	93%	141	96%
Gastroenterology	513	87%	859	92%	633	92%	446	91%	306	95%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	335	79%	306	88%	461	92%	400	87%	227	95%
Hematology	354	90%	299	95%	302	94%	243	92%	188	95%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	21	81%	137	82%	658	88%	119	83%	534	90%
Hospital Medicine ⁽⁷⁾	268	90%	269	88%	164	97%	208	96%	76	97%
Infectious Disease	467	94%	350	90%	367	93%	296	91%	216	89%
Interventional Cardiology	211	90%	232	83%	334	86%	785	90%	192	92%
Medical Oncology	458	87%	705	89%	623	91%	602	87%	231	90%
Nephrology	596	89%	521	93%	249	95%	464	96%	338	95%
Pulmonary Disease	696	90%	599	94%	572	96%	481	95%	421	93%
Rheumatology	274	92%	236	92%	212	89%	147	94%	130	95%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	161	84%	818	91%	194	88%	1176	86%	120	89%
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁷⁾	129	95%	7	*	75	100%	3	*	51	100%

⁽²⁾ Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 200 takers should be interpreted cautiously. Pass rates for examinations with less than 10 takers are not reported (indicated with "**").

⁽³⁾ Examinations that are not administered in a specific year are indicated with "--".

⁽⁴⁾ For information on exam administration history, please visit our website at: <https://www.abim.org/about/exam-information/exam-administration-history.aspx>

⁽⁵⁾ Physicians who are currently certified and have a Maintenance of Certification requirement due in 2020 will have until the end of 2021 to complete the requirement. Therefore, the number of examinees and/or pass rates for 2020 may not be representative.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes ABIM and co-sponsoring board(s) diplomates.

⁽⁷⁾ Includes only ABIM diplomates.

**ABIM Maintenance of Certification Knowledge Check-In and Collaborative Maintenance Pathway Examinations
2018-2020 Number of First-Time Takers with Valid Time-limited Certificates⁽⁸⁾**

Key: # - Number of Physicians

		2018	2019	2020 ⁽⁵⁾
Exam Area	Exam	#	#	
Internal Medicine	KCI	6015	--	4373
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	KCI	--	--	23
	ABIM/ACC CMP	--	--	64
Cardiovascular Disease	KCI	--	416	--
	ABIM/ACC CMP	--	1082	791
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	KCI	--	--	32
	ABIM/ACC CMP	--	--	108
Critical Care Medicine	KCI	--	--	129
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	KCI	--	242	--
Gastroenterology	KCI	--	440	--
Geriatric Medicine	KCI	--	154	--
Hematology	KCI	--	203	--
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	KCI	--	--	161
Hospital Medicine	KCI	--	--	95
Infectious Disease	KCI	--	309	--
Interventional Cardiology	KCI	--	--	55
	ABIM/ACC CMP	--	--	260
Medical Oncology	KCI	--	--	249
	ABIM/ASCO Learning & Assessment – Breast Cancer	--	--	150
	ABIM/ASCO Learning & Assessment – Hematologic Malignancies	--	--	66
Nephrology	KCI	510	--	312
Pulmonary Disease	KCI	--	355	--
Rheumatology	KCI	--	194	--
Sleep Medicine	KCI	--	--	105
Transplant Hepatology	KCI	--	--	14

⁽⁸⁾ Knowledge Check-In and Collaborative Maintenance Pathway examination takers with two consecutive fails may maintain their certification by passing the Traditional Maintenance of Certification Examination.