

## Initial Certification Pass Rates

### Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2024

Ultimate Pass Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
98%

<sup>(1)</sup> At least three subsequent exam years

### Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2020-2024 First-Time Taker Pass Rates<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

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

Exam Area <sup>(4)</sup>	2020 <sup>(8)</sup>		2021 <sup>(8)</sup>		2022		2023		2024	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	9019	93%	9506	88%	9868	87%	10003	87%	10533	87%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease <sup>(5)</sup>	--	--	32	91%	--	--	31	81%	--	--
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	210	95%	--	--	191	97%	--	--	165	98%
Cardiovascular Disease	968	91%	1065	86%	1061	86%	1121	86%	1157	85%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	104	93%	127	93%	127	91%	168	95%	157	93%
Critical Care Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	767	95%	853	92%	924	89%	950	85%	963	89%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	312	89%	365	74%	334	74%	347	82%	375	85%
Gastroenterology	554	97%	624	96%	623	95%	639	96%	655	97%
Geriatric Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	250	89%	270	92%	287	94%	301	93%	287	89%
Hematology	495	94%	531	90%	522	94%	592	92%	562	94%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine <sup>(5)</sup>	644	85%	--	--	754	85%	--	--	823	85%
Infectious Disease	364	94%	372	92%	379	94%	407	96%	409	96%
Interventional Cardiology	314	91%	349	88%	324	91%	335	93%	363	88%
Medical Oncology	593	93%	630	91%	678	92%	702	92%	720	90%
Nephrology	363	80%	385	75%	377	82%	397	80%	415	82%
Pulmonary Disease	670	93%	704	95%	732	96%	739	94%	776	93%
Rheumatology	241	95%	254	93%	270	87%	256	88%	304	90%
Sleep Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	--	--	344	88%	--	--	356	94%	195	90%
Transplant Hepatology <sup>(7)</sup>	101	100%	--	--	115	95%	--	--	110	93%

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 "--").

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

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

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes ABIM, qualifying, and/or co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes ABIM co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

<sup>(7)</sup> Includes only ABIM candidates.

<sup>(8)</sup> In light of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on physicians, in 2020, ABIM extended Board Eligibility to 2021 for physicians opting not to test in 2020. The number of examinees and pass rates for 2020 and 2021 may not be perfectly comparable to prior years as a result.