



Initial Certification Pass Rates

Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2020

Ultimate Pass Rate ⁽¹⁾
98%

⁽¹⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2016-2020 First-Time Taker Pass Rates⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

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

Exam Area ⁽⁴⁾	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	7853	90%	8262	90%	8697	91%	9033	91%	9019	93%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease	--	--	126	84%	--	--	163	87%	--	--
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	182	93%	--	--	209	95%	--	--	210	95%
Cardiovascular Disease	893	93%	930	93%	931	96%	976	92%	968	91%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	126	90%	112	95%	90	96%	127	92%	104	93%
Critical Care Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	771	95%	700	95%	787	94%	729	93%	767	95%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	293	90%	299	91%	312	91%	348	84%	312	89%
Gastroenterology	492	98%	523	98%	556	99%	558	97%	554	97%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	243	83%	284	90%	247	87%	319	89%	250	89%
Hematology	477	93%	492	92%	470	91%	519	91%	495	94%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	460	92%	--	--	581	91%	--	--	644	85%
Infectious Disease	348	98%	339	97%	338	98%	362	98%	364	94%
Interventional Cardiology	302	90%	326	88%	313	90%	333	87%	314	91%
Medical Oncology	582	98%	597	98%	589	91%	587	91%	593	93%
Nephrology	417	90%	420	83%	365	83%	375	74%	363	80%
Pulmonary Disease	569	98%	612	99%	591	98%	657	94%	670	93%
Rheumatology	232	93%	213	90%	242	91%	258	94%	241	95%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	339	92%	--	--	344	95%	--	--
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁶⁾	92	96%	--	--	90	98%	--	--	101	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⁾ Includes ABIM and co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes only ABIM candidates.