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1936 - 1940

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>					<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1936</i>	<i>1937</i>	<i>1938</i>	<i>1939</i>	<i>1940</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	27	209	90	227	255	808

1941 - 1950

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>										<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1941</i>	<i>1942</i>	<i>1943</i>	<i>1944</i>	<i>1945</i>	<i>1946</i>	<i>1947</i>	<i>1948</i>	<i>1949</i>	<i>1950</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	242	204	342	271	314	473	654	486	335	705	4,024
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	50	34	38	15	13	18	20	28	8	29	253
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	7	17	22	5	10	13	24	15	6	20	139
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	17	11	7	6	9	14	14	6	4	10	98

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1951 - 1960

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	<i>1951</i>	<i>1952</i>	<i>1953</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>1955</i>	<i>1956</i>	<i>1957</i>	<i>1958</i>	<i>1959</i>	<i>1960</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	667	718	641	665	804	663	751	700	544	336	6,489
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	24	14	16	13	26	15	17	17	33	22	197
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	16	14	12	30	15	11	21	17	17	20	173
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	18	1	5	10	13	8	6	6	7	4	78

1961 - 1970

	<i>Number of certificates issued by year</i>										<i>Decade Total</i>
	<i>1961</i>	<i>1962</i>	<i>1963</i>	<i>1964</i>	<i>1965</i>	<i>1966</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1970</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	683	930	938	747	776	657	873	1,012	973	1,193	8,782
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	24	26	21	30	49	65	63	61	65	94	498
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	14	26	15	17	18	18	18	21	25	50	222
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	4	10	3	5	8	17	24	25	43	37	176

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1971 - 1980

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	<i>1971</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>1973</i>	<i>1974</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>1977</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>1980</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	1,216	4,388	3,292	3,051	3,325	3,970	4,208	4,567	4,365	4,460	36,842
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	83	121	369	323	1,056	20	1,015		1,100		4,087
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>		248	197		293		323		261		1,322
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	25	253	215		450		557		563		2,063
<i>Hematology</i>		374		481		345		338		323	1,861
<i>Infectious Disease</i>		88		171		181		236		274	950
<i>Medical Oncology</i>			351		376		508		554		1,789
<i>Nephrology</i>		212		390		339		392		351	1,684
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	39	163		363		368		556		689	2,178
<i>Rheumatology</i>		154		240		189		263		330	1,176

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1981 - 1990

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	<i>1981</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>1983</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1986</i>	<i>1987</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1990</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	4,413	4,355	4,573	4,635	4,623	4,892	5,171	5,005	5,408	4,679	47,754
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	1,265		1,226		1,347		1,465		1,588		6,891
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽¹⁾</i>							1,729		1,115		2,844
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	354		247		286		255		296		1,438
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	666		681		693		692		792		3,524
<i>Geriatric Medicine^(1,2)</i>								1,659		1,204	2,863
<i>Hematology</i>		265		291		308		340		311	1,515
<i>Infectious Disease</i>		303		281		318		395		391	1,688
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	646		543		682		585		605		3,061
<i>Nephrology</i>		386		377		340		354		332	1,789
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>		658		627		635		666		692	3,278
<i>Rheumatology</i>		341		346		269		282		258	1,496

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1991 - 2000

	Number of certificates issued by year										Decade Total
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	
General Internal Medicine	5,036	4,762	5,283	5,395	6,671	9,012	7,822	7,019	7,263	6,944	65,208
Subspecialties											
Adolescent Medicine ⁽²⁾				26			23		5		54
Cardiovascular Disease	1,492		1,068		1,600		1,376	902	796	732	7,966
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology ⁽¹⁾		386		225		187		122	67	77	1,064
Critical Care Medicine ⁽¹⁾	1,310		588		702		614	364	384	348	4,310
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	264		247		332		386	161	183	190	1,763
Gastroenterology	848		1,003		813		835	315	354	315	4,483
Geriatric Medicine ^(1,2)		1,254		1,568		291		337	183	200	3,833
Hematology		239		326		453	155	220	204	185	1,782
Infectious Disease		454		480		545	223	246	241	205	2,394
Interventional Cardiology ⁽¹⁾									2,115	753	2,868
Medical Oncology	604		500		597		735	337	377	331	3,481
Nephrology		401		431		564	280	323	304	323	2,626
Pulmonary Disease		758		802		732	453	467	350	419	3,981
Rheumatology		308		328		251	134	107	133	106	1,367
Sports Medicine ⁽²⁾			32		25		37		33		127

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2001 - 2010

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	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2010</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	6,774	6,977	7,167	7,026	7,066	6,774	7,306	6,913	6,818	7,019	69,840
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Adolescent Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	4		7		7			3		3	24
<i>Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</i>										239	239
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	727	693	672	742	745	772	794	762	910	805	7,622
<i>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology⁽¹⁾</i>	75	90	102	91	125	120	146	130	122	130	1,131
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽¹⁾</i>	301	393	409	448	430	474	488	516	459	548	4,466
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	180	228	203	243	213	271	224	270	266	273	2,371
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	323	326	419	382	424	436	453	438	439	426	4,066
<i>Geriatric Medicine^(1,2)</i>	193	270	262	256	212	242	202	221	185	200	2,243
<i>Hematology</i>	200	229	273	323	290	298	344	339	387	379	3,062
<i>Hospice and Palliative Medicine</i>								788		1,061	1,849
<i>Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice⁽²⁾</i>										58	58
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	230	261	255	308	309	329	310	317	366	360	3,045
<i>Interventional Cardiology⁽¹⁾</i>	521	489	636	287	225	288	291	288	279	286	3,590
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	372	413	448	492	467	488	535	512	528	540	4,795
<i>Nephrology</i>	309	359	403	372	400	417	390	398	449	445	3,942
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	398	383	466	408	430	437	464	407	486	499	4,378
<i>Rheumatology</i>	119	162	182	185	173	177	190	186	208	210	1,792
<i>Sleep Medicine⁽²⁾</i>							916		1,230		2,146
<i>Sports Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	15	9	9	19	13	7	9	9	11	9	110
<i>Transplant Hepatology⁽²⁾</i>						197		126		107	430

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2011 – 2020

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	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	
<i>General Internal Medicine</i>	6,740	6,969	7,380	7,439	7,776	7,857	8,154	8,773	9,003	9,058	79,149
<i>Subspecialties</i>											
<i>Adolescent Medicine⁽²⁾</i>		4		3		8		2		4	21
<i>Adult Congenital Heart Disease⁽²⁾</i>					195		113		147		455
<i>Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology</i>		249		334		187		209		202	1,181
<i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>	845	889	857	799	929	896	934	980	933	932	8,994
<i>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology</i>	131	160	150	109	122	145	126	99	126	104	1,272
<i>Critical Care Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	509	576	553	564	525	740	682	746	678	733	6,306
<i>Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism</i>	283	256	284	299	307	289	302	312	317	318	2,967
<i>Gastroenterology</i>	459	464	488	477	509	517	533	561	551	551	5,110
<i>Geriatric Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	169	165	178	163	144	143	196	152	219	160	1,689
<i>Hematology</i>	352	395	418	392	397	496	492	463	512	488	4,406
<i>Hospice and Palliative Medicine⁽²⁾</i>		2,127		225		249		302		309	3,212
<i>Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice⁽²⁾</i>	126	145	154	171	379	201	404	244	237	143	2,204
<i>Infectious Disease</i>	363	343	330	341	367	373	340	344	368	346	3,515
<i>Interventional Cardiology</i>	278	289	303	288	282	308	304	316	317	323	3,008
<i>Medical Oncology</i>	525	507	560	538	582	609	612	542	568	598	5,641
<i>Nephrology</i>	365	434	421	381	487	438	377	353	322	353	3,931
<i>Pulmonary Disease</i>	492	517	481	484	641	597	628	597	628	653	5,718
<i>Rheumatology</i>	203	188	197	202	210	230	204	244	260	240	2,178
<i>Sleep Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	1,175		320		204		187		191		2,077
<i>Sports Medicine⁽²⁾</i>	12	20	9	17	12	15	18	20	14	16	153
<i>Transplant Hepatology⁽²⁾</i>		68		74		88		93		103	426

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2021 – 2030

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	2021	2022	2023	2024	Decade Total
General Internal Medicine	8,855	9,466	9,745	10,242	38,308
Subspecialties					
Adolescent Medicine ⁽²⁾		2		2	4
Adult Congenital Heart Disease ⁽²⁾	29		25		54
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology		191		167	358
Cardiovascular Disease	988	1,035	1,076	1,112	4,211
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	122	121	173	151	567
Critical Care Medicine ⁽²⁾	775	818	814	900	3,307
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	299	322	368	374	1,363
Gastroenterology	616	612	641	658	2,527
Geriatric Medicine ⁽²⁾	177	202	185	182	746
Hematology	514	521	561	555	2,151
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽²⁾		406		441	847
Hospital Medicine, Focused Practice ⁽²⁾	142	116	33		291
Infectious Disease	359	382	410	406	1,557
Interventional Cardiology	338	334	333	244	1,349
Medical Oncology	604	664	685	693	2,646
Nephrology	355	388	379	398	1,520
Neurocritical Care	264	204		330	798
Pulmonary Disease	705	739	720	757	2,921
Rheumatology	245	250	248	307	1,050
Sleep Medicine ⁽²⁾	177		208	120	505
Transplant Hepatology ⁽²⁾		109		106	215

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