



Initial Certification Pass Rates

Certification Examination in Internal Medicine: 2014-2018 First-Time Taker Pass Rates

Key: # - Number of physicians; % - Percent Passing

Exam Area	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	7601	87%	7839	89%	7853	90%	8262	90%	8697	91%

Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2014-2018 First-Time Taker Pass Rates

Key: # - Number of physicians; % - Percent Passing

Exam Area	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease ⁽⁰⁾	--	--	225	83%	--	--	126	84%	--	--
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology ⁽¹⁾	397	78%	--	--	182	93%	--	--	209	95%
Cardiovascular Disease	847	90%	939	92%	893	93%	930	93%	931	96%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	110	81%	127	79%	126	90%	112	95%	90	96%
Critical Care Medicine ⁽²⁾	596	92%	574	92%	771	95%	700	95%	787	94%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	301	90%	307	90%	293	90%	299	91%	312	91%
Gastroenterology	492	92%	503	94%	492	98%	523	98%	556	99%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽³⁾	274	83%	271	82%	243	83%	284	90%	247	87%
Hematology	427	84%	445	81%	477	93%	492	92%	470	91%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁴⁾	384	85%	--	--	460	92%	--	--	581	91%
Infectious Disease	361	88%	347	94%	348	98%	339	97%	338	98%
Interventional Cardiology	298	91%	302	87%	302	90%	326	88%	313	90%
Medical Oncology	562	88%	546	93%	582	98%	597	98%	589	91%
Nephrology	434	80%	457	89%	417	90%	420	83%	365	83%
Pulmonary Disease	535	84%	563	96%	569	98%	612	99%	591	98%
Rheumatology	208	89%	205	94%	232	93%	213	90%	242	91%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	313	92%	--	--	339	92%	--	--
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁶⁾	74	96%	--	--	92	96%	--	--	90	98%

⁽⁰⁾ First administered in 2015. ⁽¹⁾ First administered in 2010.

⁽²⁾ Starting in 2012, this includes both American Board of Emergency Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽³⁾ Includes both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁴⁾ First administered in 2008. Includes American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Emergency Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, American Board of Preventive Medicine, American Board of Radiology, American Board of Surgery and ABIM candidates. Candidates could not apply for the exam under the practice pathway starting in 2014.

⁽⁵⁾ First administered in 2007. Includes American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, and ABIM candidates. Candidates could not apply for the exam under the practice pathway starting in 2013.

⁽⁶⁾ First administered in 2006. Includes only ABIM candidates.