



Initial Certification Pass Rates

Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2019

Ultimate Pass Rate ⁽¹⁾
97%

⁽¹⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2015-2019 First-Time Taker Pass Rates⁽²⁾

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

Exam Area	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	7839	89%	7853	90%	8262	90%	8697	91%	9033	91%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease ⁽³⁾	225	83%	--	--	126	84%	--	--	163	87%
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology ⁽⁴⁾	--	--	182	93%	--	--	209	95%	--	--
Cardiovascular Disease	939	92%	893	93%	930	93%	931	96%	976	92%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	127	79%	126	90%	112	95%	90	96%	127	92%
Critical Care Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	574	92%	771	95%	700	95%	787	94%	729	93%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	307	90%	293	90%	299	91%	312	91%	348	84%
Gastroenterology	503	94%	492	98%	523	98%	556	99%	558	97%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	271	82%	243	83%	284	90%	247	87%	319	89%
Hematology	445	81%	477	93%	492	92%	470	91%	519	91%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁷⁾	--	--	460	92%	--	--	581	91%	--	--
Infectious Disease	347	94%	348	98%	339	97%	338	98%	362	98%
Interventional Cardiology	302	87%	302	90%	326	88%	313	90%	333	87%
Medical Oncology	546	93%	582	98%	597	98%	589	91%	587	90%
Nephrology	457	89%	417	90%	420	83%	365	83%	375	74%
Pulmonary Disease	563	96%	569	98%	612	99%	591	98%	657	94%
Rheumatology	205	94%	232	93%	213	90%	242	91%	258	94%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁸⁾	313	92%	--	--	339	92%	--	--	344	95%
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁹⁾	--	--	92	96%	--	--	90	98%	--	--

⁽²⁾ Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 10 takers (indicated with "--") are not reported, and pass rates for examinations with less than 100 takers should be interpreted cautiously. Examinations that are not given in a specific year and their pass rates are indicated with "--".

⁽³⁾ First administered in 2015.

⁽⁴⁾ First administered in 2010.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes both American Board of Emergency Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁷⁾ 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 Radiology, American Board of Surgery and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁸⁾ 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.

⁽⁹⁾ First administered in 2006. Includes only ABIM candidates.