

Maintenance of Certification Pass Rates

Maintenance of Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2018

Ultimate Pass Rate ⁽¹⁾
97%

⁽¹⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

ABIM Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2014-2018 First-Time Takers with valid time-limited certificates Pass Rates⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

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

Exam Area	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	5607	80%	5984	88%	6255	91%	6472	92%	9199	95% ⁽³⁾
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology ⁽⁴⁾	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	100%
Cardiovascular Disease	868	90%	1183	88%	755	90%	1275	92%	1137	90%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	140	85%	130	89%	183	92%	121	89%	180	88%
Critical Care Medicine	440	84%	576	91%	443	86%	714	92%	669	90%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	232	87%	282	89%	249	94%	352	92%	338	92%
Gastroenterology	502	87%	778	88%	513	87%	859	92%	633	92%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	572	91%	290	89%	335	79%	306	88%	461	92%
Hematology	311	82%	213	79%	354	90%	299	95%	302	94%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	--	--	--	--	21	81%	137	82%	658	88%
Hospital Medicine ⁽⁷⁾	239	85%	265	85%	268	90%	269	88%	164	97%
Infectious Disease	433	91%	301	89%	467	94%	350	90%	367	93%
Interventional Cardiology	191	88%	162	93%	211	90%	232	83%	334	86%
Medical Oncology	477	83%	549	89%	458	87%	705	89%	623	91%
Nephrology	445	84%	395	84%	596	89%	521	93%	759	96% ⁽³⁾
Pulmonary Disease	636	79%	412	88%	696	90%	599	94%	572	96%
Rheumatology	278	87%	165	88%	274	92%	236	92%	212	89%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁸⁾	--	--	19	95%	161	84%	818	91%	194	88%
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁹⁾	--	--	12	100%	129	95%	7	100%	75	100%

⁽²⁾ Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 100 takers should be interpreted cautiously.

⁽³⁾ Because Knowledge Check-In exams are given every other year, starting from the year when the Knowledge Check-In is launched for a discipline, pass rates for the discipline are based on a rolling two year average that includes first-time takers for the Traditional exam and all takers for the Knowledge Check-In exam. For example, the 2018 pass rates for Internal Medicine and Nephrology are based on 2017 and 2018 takers. These pass rates are shaded in blue. Information on the launch year of the Knowledge Check-In exam by discipline can be found under "When is the Knowledge Check-In available in my specialty?" at <https://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/assessment-information/assessment-options/knowledge-check-in.aspx>

⁽⁴⁾ First administered in 2018. ⁽⁵⁾ Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁶⁾ First administered in 2016 –contains American Board of Anesthesiology, American Board of Emergency Medicine, American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Board of Surgery and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁷⁾ Focused Practice. First administered in 2010. Includes only ABIM candidates.

⁽⁸⁾ First administered in 2015. Includes 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 2015. Includes only ABIM candidates.