



First-Time Taker Pass Rates - Maintenance of Certification

Maintenance of Certification Exam Pass Rates 2008 - 2017

Passed on 1st Attempt ⁽¹⁾	Ultimate Pass Rate ⁽²⁾
85%	96%

⁽¹⁾ n = 118,617 exams

⁽²⁾ At least three subsequent exam years

ABIM Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2013-2017 First-Time Takers with valid time-limited certificates Pass Rates⁽³⁾

Key: # - Number of first-time takers; % - Percent Passing

Exam Area	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	5772	78%	5607	80%	5984	88%	6255	91%	6472	92%
Cardiovascular Disease	1133	87%	868	90%	1183	88%	755	90%	1275	92%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	152	84%	140	85%	130	89%	183	92%	121	89%
Critical Care Medicine	550	89%	440	84%	576	91%	443	86%	714	92%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	313	86%	232	87%	282	89%	249	94%	352	92%
Gastroenterology	881	84%	502	87%	778	88%	513	87%	859	92%
Geriatric Medicine ⁽⁴⁾	468	91%	572	91%	290	89%	335	79%	306	88%
Hematology	258	80%	311	82%	213	79%	354	90%	299	95%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ⁽⁵⁾	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	81%	137	82%
Hospital Medicine ⁽⁶⁾	152	86%	239	85%	265	85%	268	90%	269	88%
Infectious Disease	332	91%	433	91%	301	89%	467	94%	350	90%
Interventional Cardiology	357	86%	191	88%	162	93%	211	90%	232	83%
Medical Oncology	595	91%	477	83%	549	89%	458	87%	705	89%
Nephrology	490	87%	445	84%	395	84%	596	89%	521	93%
Pulmonary Disease	540	81%	636	79%	412	88%	696	90%	599	94%
Rheumatology	208	85%	278	87%	165	88%	274	92%	236	92%
Sleep Medicine ⁽⁷⁾	--	--	--	--	19	95%	161	84%	818	91%
Transplant Hepatology ⁽⁸⁾	--	--	--	--	12	100%	129	95%	7	100%

⁽³⁾ 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.

⁽⁴⁾ Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

⁽⁵⁾ 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

⁽⁶⁾ Focused Practice. First administered in 2010. Includes only ABIM candidates.

⁽⁷⁾ 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.

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