

## Maintenance of Certification Pass Rates

### Maintenance of Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2019

#### Ultimate Pass Rate<sup>(1)</sup>

97%

<sup>(1)</sup> At least three subsequent exam years

### ABIM Traditional Maintenance of Certification Examinations 2015-2019 First-Time Takers with Valid Time-limited Certificates Pass Rates<sup>(2)</sup>

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

Exam Area	2015		2016		2017		2018		2019	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	5984	88%	6255	91%	6472	92%	3186	93%	5125	95%
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology <sup>(3)</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	*	9	*
Cardiovascular Disease	1183	88%	755	90%	1275	92%	1137	90%	645	90%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	130	89%	183	92%	121	89%	180	88%	148	85%
Critical Care Medicine	576	91%	443	86%	714	92%	669	90%	644	91%
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	282	89%	249	94%	352	92%	338	92%	210	93%
Gastroenterology	778	88%	513	87%	859	92%	633	92%	446	91%
Geriatric Medicine <sup>(4)</sup>	290	89%	335	79%	306	88%	461	92%	307	91%
Hematology	213	79%	354	90%	299	95%	302	94%	243	92%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine <sup>(5)</sup>	--	--	21	81%	137	82%	658	88%	119	83%
Hospital Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	265	85%	268	90%	269	88%	164	97%	208	96%
Infectious Disease	301	89%	467	94%	350	90%	367	93%	296	91%
Interventional Cardiology	162	93%	211	90%	232	83%	334	86%	785	90%
Medical Oncology	549	89%	458	87%	705	89%	623	91%	602	87%
Nephrology	395	84%	596	89%	521	93%	248	95%	464	93%
Pulmonary Disease	412	88%	696	90%	599	94%	572	96%	483	95%
Rheumatology	165	88%	274	92%	236	92%	212	89%	147	94%
Sleep Medicine <sup>(7)</sup>	19	95%	161	84%	818	91%	194	88%	1172	86%
Transplant Hepatology <sup>(8)</sup>	12	100%	129	95%	7	*	75	100%	3	*

<sup>(2)</sup> 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 administered in a specific year are indicated with "--".

<sup>(3)</sup> Initial Certification examination first administered in 2010. Maintenance of Certification examination first administered in 2018.

<sup>(4)</sup> Both American Board of Family Medicine and ABIM candidates.

<sup>(5)</sup> Initial Certification examination first administered in 2008. Maintenance of Certification examination first administered in 2016 – contains American Board of Family Medicine, 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.

<sup>(6)</sup> Focused Practice. First administered in 2010. Includes only ABIM candidates.

<sup>(7)</sup> 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.

<sup>(8)</sup> First administered in 2015. Includes only ABIM candidates.

**ABIM Maintenance of Certification Knowledge Check-In and Collaborative Maintenance Pathway Examinations  
2018-2019 Number of First-Time Takers with Valid Time-limited Certificates<sup>(9)</sup>**

Key: # - Number of Physicians

		2018	2019
Exam Area	Exam	#	#
Internal Medicine	KCI	6015	--
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	KCI	--	--
Cardiovascular Disease <sup>(10)</sup>	KCI	--	416
	ABIM/ACC CMP	--	1082
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	KCI	--	--
Critical Care Medicine	KCI	--	--
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	KCI	--	242
Gastroenterology	KCI	--	440
Geriatric Medicine	KCI	--	154
Hematology	KCI	--	203
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	KCI	--	--
Hospital Medicine	KCI	--	--
Infectious Disease	KCI	--	309
Interventional Cardiology	KCI	--	--
Medical Oncology	KCI	--	--
Nephrology	KCI	510	--
Pulmonary Disease	KCI	--	355
Rheumatology	KCI	--	194
Sleep Medicine	KCI	--	--
Transplant Hepatology	KCI	--	--

<sup>(9)</sup> Knowledge Check-In and Collaborative Maintenance Pathway examination takers with two consecutive fails may maintain their certification by passing the Traditional Maintenance of Certification Examination.

<sup>(10)</sup> First ABIM and American College of Cardiology Maintenance Pathway examination administered in 2019.