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American Board of Medical Specialties Officially Recognizes Pediatric Hospital Medicine Subspecialty Certification

American Board of Pediatrics Sponsored the Application for the New Certificate

CHICAGO – November 9, 2016 -The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) officially recognized subspecialty certification for Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) at its October 2016 Board Meeting in Chicago, IL. The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), an ABMS Member Board, sponsored the subspecialty application and will establish training and assessment criteria, as well as award the certification.

“Many of the illnesses that previously required children to be hospitalized are now treated by their pediatrician in an out-patient setting. The children who are hospitalized today generally have more significant medical problems or are more seriously ill,” stated ABMS Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, Mira B. Irons, MD. “By offering a certification in PHM, we continue to meet our mission, assuring parents, family members and the communities we serve that their physician meets the highest standards of practice and clinical knowledge, and has completed an approved educational program in this increasingly important medical field.”

The increased severity of the illnesses of the children they treat has also led to an increase in the demand for physicians with specialized training in PHM. Recognizing PHM as a subspecialty and offering certification in this discipline helps improve standardization of the curricula and consistency of hospitalist fellowship training, and will ultimately accelerate improvements and innovation in quality improvements in pediatric inpatient care. It will also help establish best practices and enhance the development of professional skill sets in addressing child health safety concerns.

“This subspecialty certification will recognize the training that goes into preparing to care for children hospitalized with more complex conditions,” said ABP Executive Vice President Gail McGuinness, MD. “In addition, it recognizes the role of the hospitalist in improving hospital systems, ensuring patient safety and striving for quality improvement.”

Eligibility requirements, including an initial pathway for PHM certification before Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education accreditation can be awarded to programs, are under review and will be announced soon.

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About ABMS

Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) continues to be the leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. ABMS establishes the standards its 24 Member Boards use to develop and implement educational and professional evaluation, assessment, and certification of physician specialists. More than 840,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the approved 37 specialties and 85 subspecialties offered by the [ABMS Member Boards](#). For more information about ABMS, visit abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.

About ABP

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), one of 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties, certifies general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists based on standards of excellence that lead to high quality health care during infancy, childhood, adolescence, and the transition into adulthood. The ABP certification provides assurance to the public that a general pediatrician or pediatric subspecialist has successfully completed accredited training and fulfills the continuous evaluation requirements that encompass the six core competencies: patient care, medical knowledge, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice. For more information, visit www.abp.org or call (919) 929-0461.