ABMS board certified physicians are:
✔ Skilled and knowledgeable
✔ Experts in their specialty
✔ Meeting a higher standard

ABMS Member Boards adhere to rigorous training and assessment standards for medical specialty certification, giving patients peace of mind that their ABMS board certified physician is an expert in his/her specialty.

WHEN TALKING ABOUT BOARD CERTIFICATION, PEOPLE SAY¹...

82% Think board certification is an important factor when choosing a physician.
95% Expect their physicians to participate in ongoing assessment and education processes.
98% Expect their physicians to stay up to date with the latest medical advances.

EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT BOARD CERTIFICATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH...

Higher Quality of Care
Hospitals with more board certified emergency department physicians provide a measurably higher quality of care to older patients experiencing heart attacks.²
Pediatricians who participated in an obesity prevention and education program as part of their board certification activities improved their performance in managing childhood obesity.¹

Always Learning
78.7 percent of board certified family physicians who completed a board certification quality improvement activity said they would change patient care as a result of what they learned.⁴

Lower Costs
Medicare costs for patients treated for coronary artery bypass grafting was 2.5 percent lower among internal medicine physicians who participated in programs to maintain their board certification.⁵

Less Malpractice
Board certified orthopaedic surgeons face fewer malpractice lawsuits than their counterparts who aren’t board certified.⁶

Footnotes:
¹. Findings are from a nationwide survey of Americans conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago.
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