

# Sample ABMS Board Certification Credentials Profile

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The *ABMS Board Certification Credentials Profile* includes information about a physician's board certification and continuing certification (MOC) participation status. The "Certification" display includes the status of all a physician's specialty (and subspecialty, if any) certificates from an ABMS Member Board. See the sample profile at the end of this document.

- **Board Certification status** shows either "certified" or "not certified" for each certificate listed.
- **Participating in MOC** means that a physician is committed to and engaged in the assessment and learning activities required by his or her certifying board(s) to improve the effectiveness, safety, and efficiency of their practices. The physician's certifying board(s) determines whether a physician is in compliance. The "Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC)" display includes the status of all a physician's specialty (and subspecialty, if any) certificates from an ABMS Member Board. For each certificate listed, either "Yes", "No" or "Not Required" is shown to indicate status.
  - **"Yes"** indicates the physician is engaged in the MOC assessment and learning activities required by his or her certifying Member Board(s).
  - **"No"** may be listed due to a variety of reasons. For example, a physician may have chosen not to participate in MOC. Or, the physician may be participating, but not meeting the Member Board(s) MOC program requirements. More information is available from the particular ABMS Member Board.
  - **"Not required"** indicates that the physician became board certified before the Member Board established its MOC program and is therefore not required to participate. This is noted in a disclaimer at the bottom of the profile page.

If the participation status information is missing, the physician's certifying Member Board(s) has not made it available to ABMS. Examples of why the information has not been provided to ABMS could include technical issues, delays in confirming the MOC status of a board certified physician, or other factors specific to the physician. ABMS will display publicly whether that physician is participating in MOC as soon as it receives the information from his or her certifying board(s).

Physicians with time-limited certificates from an ABMS Member Board who are not participating in MOC will remain board certified until the time on their certificate expires according to the certifying board's policy. The physician's Board Certification Credentials Profile will show "No" for Participating in MOC. The Profile also will indicate a certificate that has expired when that date has passed. With regard to physicians who have non-time limited certificates, participation in MOC is strongly encouraged by their certifying Member Boards. For more information, call the Member Board regarding their particular policy.

Physicians with board certifications from ABMS Member Boards that have eliminated end dates in favor of a Continuing MOC process could have the status of their certificate changed (according to board policy) if 1) he or she is not participating in MOC, 2) has exhausted any grace periods related to participation, and 3) is at the end of the cycle set by the Member Board.

- **Reverification Date** ABMS Member Boards that have eliminated certificate end dates recognize that some entities may still need a date to complete Primary Source Verification. To ensure accurate certification status, the Member Boards provide an annual reverification date. The physician certification status will only change once a year, unless a certificate is revoked for disciplinary reasons. **ABMS and ABMS Solutions recommend reverifying those physicians' status on or after the reverification date listed below.** The table provides a summary of the ABMS Member Board time limited certificate end dates, duration time, and reverification date to help with the credentialing process.

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ABMS MEMBER BOARD TIME LIMITED CERTIFICATES			
American Board of	Time Limited Certificates End Dates	Time Limited Certificates Duration	Annual MOC Reverification Date
Allergy and Immunology	12/31	10	
Anesthesiology	12/31	10	
Colon and Rectal Surgery	12/31	5	
Dermatology	12/31	10	
Emergency Medicine	12/31	10*	
Family Medicine	12/31	Continuing**	2/15
Internal Medicine	12/31	Continuing**	4/1
Medical Genetics and Genomics	12/31	Continuing**	3/1
Neurological Surgery	12/31	10	
Nuclear Medicine	12/31	10	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	12/31	Continuing**	TBD
Ophthalmology	12/31	10	
Orthopaedic Surgery	12/31	10	
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	6/30	10	
Pathology	12/31	Continuing**	1/31
Pediatrics	12/31	Continuing**	2/15
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	6/30, 11/30, 12/31	10	3/15
Plastic Surgery	12/31	10	
Preventive Medicine	1/31	10	
Psychiatry and Neurology	12/31	Continuing**	3/1
Radiology	12/31	Continuing**	3/15
Surgery	12/31	Continuing**	1/10
Thoracic Surgery	12/31	10	
Urology	2/28	10	

\* Starting in 2021, ABEM will move to a five-year certification period for physicians when they next recertify.

\*\* These boards have no end dates to their certifications. To maintain certification from their specialty board, physicians must successfully complete specialty-specific requirements throughout their ongoing MOC cycles.

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To become Board Certified, a physician must achieve expertise in a medical specialty or subspecialty that meets the profession-driven standards and requirements of one (or more) of the 24 ABMS certifying boards. To maintain Board Certification, the certifying boards may require physicians, depending on their date of initial certification, to participate in on-going programs of continuing learning and assessment (Maintenance of Certification) designed to help them remain current in an increasingly complex practice environment.

**John Doe Jr ( ABMSUID - XXXXXX )**

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**DOB:**

xx/xx/xxxx

**Education:**

1992 MD (Doctor of Medicine)

**Address:**

Anytown, US 12345 (United States)

**Individual NPI <sup>1</sup>:**

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**Hide Active Medical License(s) <sup>2</sup>:**

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**Board Certification(s):**



American Board  
of Internal Medicine

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**Status: Certified**

**Internal Medicine - General**

Status	Duration	Occurrence	Start Date - End Date	Reverification Date
Active	MOC	Recertification	08/13/2018 -	04/01/2021
Expired	Time-Limited	Recertification	05/07/2007 - 12/31/2017	
Expired	Time-Limited	Initial Certification	08/23/1995 - 12/31/2005	



**Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) - Yes**

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<sup>1</sup> NPI: Not for Primary Source Verification (PSV).<sup>2</sup> State of Licensure provided by Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB): Not for Primary Source Verification (PSV).



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