

ABMS Certification Matters

When Choosing a Doctor, Patients Say Board Certification Matters

American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) board certification gives doctors a way to show they have the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe and effective care in a specific area of medicine. It encourages doctors to continue learning, fosters research and innovation in health care, and leads to improvements in health care practices. Board certification is an important indicator that a doctor is:



Skilled and knowledgeable



Expert in their specialty



Meeting a higher standard

ABMS collaborates with its 24 Member Boards to create standards for certification in 38 specialties and 89 subspecialties that help ensure doctors stay up to date on the latest practices and treatments. More than one million physicians are certified by an ABMS Member Board.

When choosing a doctor, survey respondents say...¹

93%	of survey respondents think board certification is an important factor when choosing a doctor.
81%	of survey respondents say board certified doctors demonstrate a higher level of expertise.
98%	of survey respondents expect their doctors to stay up to date with advances in their specialty.
95%	of survey respondents expect their doctors to participate in ongoing assessment processes.
93%	of survey respondents think doctors should be required to demonstrate that they stay up to date with advances in their specialty.

1. Findings are from a nationwide survey of American adults conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago.



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