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Official ABMS® Display Agent List

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About the ABMS Physician Certification Database

Information about a physician's certification status has always been available through the American Board of Medical Specialties® (ABMS®). The ABMS physician certification database is the most widely respected and accepted resource for Board Certification information. It includes information on more than 860,000 physicians.

The database is refreshed daily with information from all 24 ABMS specialty Member Boards. The Member Boards provide information to ABMS after a certification exam is given or from a physician's request to update. This information is uploaded, matched, and thoroughly checked for quality and accuracy. Once this process is complete, the data is activated and made available through a variety of professional and public resources.

Physician certification is an important part of constructing a physician's professional profile. Whether your need is to complete hospital privileging requirements or recruit physicians for a public health program, finding complete, quality information can bring peace of mind to your decision making.

About the Official ABMS Display Agent Program

ABMS data comes directly from the 24 Member Boards. It is considered Primary Source Verified (PSV) only if sourced from specific products and services designated as an *Official ABMS® Display Agent* or directly from ABMS or an ABMS Member Board. We have selected specific online services as *Official ABMS Display Agents* authorized to supply ABMS data for PSV and non-Primary Source needs. These products and services vary in format, features, functionality, intended application, and data update frequency. Reports from these services that include complete certification histories and effective and expiration dates for certification meet the PSV requirements set by The Joint Commission, NCQA, URAC and other accrediting organizations. Information without dates is also available as noted from identified organizations.

Official ABMS Display Agents follow specific guidelines to protect the security and quality of the data and to avoid confusion between ABMS data and other self-reported data. Dates that cannot be verified through the use of the product due to aging data (gaps in update frequency) will not be valid for verification of current board certification status. To verify these certifications, contact ABMS or the certifying ABMS Member Board.

The Official ABMS Display Agent list is subject to change. Please call 800-733-2267 for the most current list.



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ABMS Licensee	Product or Service	Licensee Contact Information
ABMS Solutions	CertiFACTS Online™ ABMS Certification Profile Service™ (sales agent)	(800) 733-2267 www.abmssolutions.com
American Medical Association	AMA ePhysician Profiles and AMA Masterfile	(800) 621-8835 www.ama-assn.org
American Osteopathic Association	American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA) Physician Profile Reports	(800) 621-1773 www.osteopathic.org
Applied Statistics & Management, Inc.	MD-Staff	(800) 736-7276 www.mdstaff.com
Computer Technology Corporation, Inc.	Cactus Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(800) 776-2305 www.cactussoftware.com
CredentialSmart	CredentialSmart Electronic Primary Source Verification (ePSV) Reports	(877) 847-3499 www.credentialsmart.com
CredSimple	CredSimple Platform	(310) 435-1418 www.credsimpler.com
Elsevier	BoardCertifiedDocs and supporting physician data file	(866) 416-6697 www.boardcertifieddocs.com
Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)	Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) Federation Physician Data Center (PDC)	(817) 868-4070 www.fsmb.org
MedAdvantage	MedAdvantage MCO Users Provider Search Reports	(407) 282-5131 www.med-advantage.com
Morrisey Online	MSO for the Web™ (MSOW)	(312) 431-0123 www.morriseyonline.com
Vistar Technologies	Vistar Technologies System	(888)266-4532 www.vistartech.com

Non-Primary Source Public Services

As part of its public service mission, ABMS makes information about a physician's Board Certification available to everyone who is interested. The resources listed here are intended to provide basic certification status only and are not appropriate for PSV.

Check Online at www.certificationmatters.org

ABMS provides a free physician look-up service called "Is Your Doctor Certified?" on the Certification Matters website at www.certificationmatters.org. This self-serve resource allows visitors to conduct searches by a physician's name or area of certification and a state name.

Make a Toll-Free Phone Call to (866) ASK-ABMS

This online service is offered for people who may not have online access. Telephone agents can only confirm a physician's certification from a particular board and in a particular specialty or subspecialty.

Review the Online Directory

The Official ABMS® Directory of Certified Medical Specialists, accessible online at www.ABMSdirectory.com, is published by Elsevier under license from ABMS. The database lists information on physicians who have met the certification requirements of their respective medical specialty boards. It includes data from ABMS combined with information collected from the physicians to create biographies that include type of specialty, subspecialty (if applicable), and original certification year. Information is updated quarterly.

About ABMS

ABMS works in collaboration with its 24 specialty Member Boards to maintain the standards for physician certification. Its focus is on improving the quality of health care to patients, families, and communities by supporting the continuous professional development of physician specialists. ABMS achieves its mission as an organization by helping physicians achieve their potential as providers of quality health care.

Since 1933, ABMS has evolved the standards for medical specialty practice and certification to support advancements in medicine, science, and technology. ABMS Member Boards provide physician certification information to ABMS for its certification verification service programs. For more information about ABMS or Board Certification by an ABMS Member Board, visit www.abms.org.