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Official ABMS® Display Agent List

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The ABMS 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.

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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.