

# ABMS board certified physicians can help your health system deliver better patient care

The quality of patient care delivered in your hospital or health system is the foundation of all you do. The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) knows there are many factors you need to consider for delivering on your mission. Among them are securing financial health, attracting and retaining top talent, and ensuring the well-being of your staff.

As you balance these sometimes competing demands, we'd like to share how physicians certified by an ABMS Member Board can help you meet your multiple goals.

## ABMS board certified physicians help improve the quality of patient care by:



- Representing expertise in their specialty and are driven to provide high-quality patient care.
- Demonstrating a commitment to maintaining their skills and staying up to date on current standards of care.
- Being more likely to adhere to established treatment guidelines.
- Regularly being assessed on the latest scientifically supported directives for care.
- Being less likely to face state medical board disciplinary action.
- Participating in practice and quality improvement efforts that can align with your institution's priorities.
- Exhibiting a devotion to maintaining the highest standards for their own practice and the medical profession.

## Physicians who demonstrate current medical knowledge during the course of their career are critical members of the care team:



- Research shows that self-selected continuing medical education is not enough. ABMS board certified physicians are assessed through a continuing certification process to ensure they are current and up to date, and can identify and then address any knowledge gaps.
- Board certified physicians offer you added confidence in their practice capabilities, having met the high standards set by their peers for their specialty.
- ABMS assessments are developed by specialists for specialists. This third-party, independent assessment process validates a board certified physician's knowledge, skills, and judgment – providing you a threshold and making your credentialing and employment decisions easier.

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## Board certified physicians put patients first:



- Your patients deserve access to highly skilled specialty care.
- Patients trust ABMS board certification because it signifies that a physician has demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and judgment to provide safe and high-quality specialty care. Patients cite board certification as one of the top factors they consider when choosing a physician.
- Patients expect their physicians to be up to date with the most recent medical advances in their specialties and to demonstrate their proficiency through an ongoing, rigorous board certification process.
- Sharing your commitment to board certified physicians and highlighting their certification status demonstrates your hospital's high standards and commitment to providing the best care possible.

## Support physicians in their desire to provide excellent care:



- ABMS has new, innovative continuing certification programs that provide physicians with the tools they need to stay current, prepare them to address emerging medical and public health issues, and help them identify their own knowledge gaps.
- Our Member Boards' continuing certification assessment programs are convenient and easy for physicians to use and minimize time away from their patients. They give physicians real-time feedback on their performance that they can use to focus their studies and incorporate new learnings into practice immediately. In many cases, physicians can answer assessment items whenever or wherever they want.
- ABMS continuing certification programs take less time for physicians than ever before while still retaining their rigor in ensuring knowledge currency.
- ABMS is committed to demonstrating how board certified physicians can help you meet your top priorities for optimal patient care.
- Improvement activities can also be developed to align with your organizational priorities for quality, patient safety, and physician wellness.

### The ABMS represents specialty physicians through our Member Boards including:

American Board of Allergy and Immunology  
American Board of Anesthesiology  
American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery  
American Board of Dermatology  
American Board of Emergency Medicine  
American Board of Family Medicine  
American Board of Internal Medicine  
American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics  
American Board of Neurological Surgery  
American Board of Nuclear Medicine  
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
American Board of Ophthalmology

American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery  
American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
American Board of Pathology  
American Board of Pediatrics  
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Board of Plastic Surgery  
American Board of Preventive Medicine  
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology  
American Board of Radiology  
American Board of Surgery  
American Board of Thoracic Surgery  
American Board of Urology

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