



Subspecialties at a Glance, January 2012

ABEM offers subspecialty certification in five areas: Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Sports Medicine, and Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. When ABEM diplomates pass one of the subspecialty examinations, they receive a certificate that is valid for ten years.

Diplomates who are certified in Emergency Medicine and Medical Toxicology no longer need to maintain Emergency Medicine certification for their Medical Toxicology certification to be valid. This change became effective on January 1, 2006.

Diplomates who are certified in Emergency Medicine and Pediatric Emergency Medicine no longer need to maintain Emergency Medicine certification for their Pediatric Emergency Medicine certification to be valid. This change became effective on January 1, 2007.

The table below lists the current application periods and examination dates for each of the subspecialties. It also includes the total number of ABEM diplomates ever certified and recertified in each subspecialty and the primary boards that sponsor each subspecialty. The ABEM website contains a section on subspecialty certification that includes detailed information on the subspecialties.

Subspecialty and Sponsor Boards <i>*Denotes the administrative board</i>	Examination Administration Dates	ABEM Diplomates Ever Certified	ABEM Diplomates Ever Recertified
Critical Care Medicine ABIM*	Certification Examination November 14, 2012 Application Period March 1 – June 1, 2012	NA	NA
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ABA, ABEM, ABFM, ABIM*, ABOG, ABP, ABPMR, ABPN, ABR, ABS	Certification Examination October 4, 2012 Application Period March 1 – June 1, 2012	34	NA
Medical Toxicology ABEM*, ABP, ABPM	Certification Examination November 12, 2012 Application Period January 16 – April 16, 2012 MOC Cognitive Expertise Examination November 8, 2012 Registration Period March 1 – October 29, 2012 Scheduling allowed up to 1 day prior to the examination date.	318 ¹	121 ²
Pediatric Emergency Medicine ABEM, ABP*	Certification Examination The next examination will be offered in 2013. Recertification Examination - Spring March 1 – March 31, 2012 Application Period January 2 – February 15, 2012 Recertification Examination - Fall September 1 – 30, 2012 Application Period January 2 – September 17, 2012	229	108

<p>Sports Medicine</p> <p>ABEM, ABFM*, ABIM, ABP, ABPMR</p>	<p>Certification & Recertification Examinations – Summer July 19 – 21, 2012 Application Period February 1 – June 1, 2012</p> <p>Certification and Recertification Examinations – Fall November 7 – 10, 2012 (Seating limited to specifically designated candidates.) Application Period February 1 – October 15, 2012</p>	<p>115</p>	<p>30³</p>
<p>Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine</p> <p>ABEM, ABPM*</p>	<p>Certification Examination October 1 – 12, 2012 Application Period March 1 – July 2, 2012</p> <p>Recertification Examination February 22, 2012, Orlando, FL April 29, 2012, Los Angeles, CA May 13, 2012, Atlanta, GA June 20, 2012, Phoenix, AZ August 23, 2012, Washington, DC Application Period February 14, 2012, through 15 days pre-exam</p>	<p>183⁴</p>	<p>7</p>

¹ ABEM has also certified 17 diplomates from non-sponsoring ABMS boards.

² ABEM has also recertified 7 diplomates from non-sponsoring ABMS boards.

³ Certification examination is administered as a means to recertify.

⁴ Seventeen of these diplomates were certified by ABPM before ABEM co-sponsored this subspecialty.