



Policy on Disclosure of Information on Diplomates

BACKGROUND

This policy is intended to create a single policy for the disclosure of diplomate information. It replaces a number of conflicting policies and clarifies a number of unanswered questions.

POLICY

It is the policy of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) that, upon a written or verbal request regarding a named current or former diplomate and without a signed release from the diplomate, ABEM will release the following information.

- Full name of the diplomate or former diplomate
- City and state of the diplomate's or former diplomate's preferred mailing address
- Medical degree
- Medical school graduation year
- EM residency program of graduate
- Certification(s)
- Certification(s) start dates
- Certification(s) termination dates
- Certification number

Exceptions to this policy are at the sole discretion of ABEM.

ABEM provides to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) the diplomate information required as a condition of board membership in ABMS.

At the time of certification and annually thereafter, ABEM may provide to ABEM sponsors a list of diplomates including the standard information plus the preferred address as currently known by the Board. Requests for such information must be in writing.

PROCEDURES

Such information will be released either verbally or in writing or in any other form the Board would deem appropriate. The Board may set reasonable rules and fees for the release of such information.

The Academic and Board Relations office will handle responses to subpoenas. The initial response will be to automatically respond to the request with a standard letter, including the Board's policy on releasing information, the information listed in the above policy and referring the signer of the subpoena to the Board's legal counsel if more information is needed.

EXCEPTION

The sole exception to this policy would be an order from a court of competent jurisdiction.