

AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE (ABEM)

INTERNAL MEDICINE-CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE (IM-CCM) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ABEM AND AOBEM DIPLOMATES

Certification in the subspecialty of Internal Medicine-Critical Care Medicine (IM-CCM) is available to diplomates of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) and diplomates of the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM) who fulfill the eligibility criteria and pass the IM-CCM Certification Examination. ABEM co-sponsors this subspecialty with the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM).

The IM-CCM eligibility criteria were mutually determined by the ABIM and ABEM. These criteria cannot be appealed.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The general criteria for emergency physicians seeking certification in IM-CCM are as follows:

- The physician must be a diplomate of the ABEM or AOBEM. (For AOBEM diplomates, see Special Considerations for AOBEM Diplomates, below)
- The physician must be participating in the ABEM MOC program or the AOBEM Osteopathic Continuing Certification (OCC) program at the time of application and throughout the certification process.
- The physician must fulfill the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure.

Additionally, the physician must fulfill the eligibility criteria of the Fellowship Training Pathway and demonstrate clinical competence.

Fellowship Training Pathway

The applicant must have successfully completed an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited IM-CCM fellowship on or after September 21, 2011, that is a minimum of 24 months duration.

ABEM will independently verify with the fellowship program director, the applicant's successful completion of that training and the applicant's clinical competence in CCM.

The physician must successfully complete the fellowship training by the date of the examination.

Special Consideration for AOBEM Diplomates

AOBEM diplomates may apply for subspecialty certification if all of their fellowship training occurs in an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited fellowship starting on and after July 1, 2015. This exception will be available to AOBEM diplomates who graduate from an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited fellowship before July 1, 2022. The ABEM eligibility criteria do not allow AOBEM diplomates who were enrolled, or who graduated from, ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited fellowship programs before July 1, 2015, to apply for ABEM subspecialty certification.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Physicians seeking certification in more than one specialty or subspecialty may not apply the same postgraduate training period towards fulfilling the requirements of more than one specialty or subspecialty.

CERTIFICATION

ABEM and AOBEM diplomates who have met the IM-CCM eligibility criteria and who pass the IM-CCM Certification Examination are recognized as being certified in the subspecialty of Internal Medicine-Critical Care Medicine. Certification is for a period of ten years.

Certificates are dated from the day the examination results are made available to the physician and expire December 31, ten years thereafter. The diplomate's Emergency Medicine certification must be valid in order for the subspecialty certification to remain valid.

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