



Subspecialties at a Glance ~ January 2018

ABEM offers subspecialty certification in nine areas: Anesthesiology Critical Care, Emergency Medical Services, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Internal Medicine-Critical Care Medicine, Medical Toxicology, Pain Medicine, 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.

Diplomates who are certified in Emergency Medicine and Sports Medicine no longer need to maintain Emergency Medicine certification for their Sports Medicine certification to be valid. This change became effective on July 20, 2016.

Diplomates who are certified in Emergency Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine no longer need to maintain Emergency Medicine certification for their Hospice and Palliative Medicine certification to be valid. This change became effective on July 19, 2017.

The table below lists the current application periods and examination dates for each of the subspecialties and the primary boards that sponsor each subspecialty. The table also includes the total number of ABEM diplomates ever certified and recertified in each subspecialty and includes currently certified diplomates.

Subspecialty Certification Examinations Administered by ABEM:

Subspecialty and Sponsor Boards <i>*Denotes the administrative board</i>	Diplomates Ever Certified		Diplomates Ever Recertified**		Current Number of Diplomates Who Hold a Current, Active ABEM-issued Certificate	
	ABEM	Non-ABEM	ABEM	Non-ABEM	ABEM	Non-ABEM
Emergency Medical Services ABEM*	627	30	NA	NA	625	30
Medical Toxicology ABEM*, ABP, ABPM	459	22	209	10	409	15

Subspecialty Certification Examinations Co-Sponsored by ABEM Administered by Another ABMS Board:

Subspecialty and Sponsor Boards <i>*Denotes the administrative board</i>	ABEM Diplomates Ever Certified	ABEM Diplomates Ever Recertified**	Current Number of Diplomates Who Hold a Current, Active ABEM-issued Certificate
Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine ABA*, ABEM	49	NA	49
Hospice and Palliative Medicine ABA, ABEM, ABFM, ABIM*, ABOG, ABP, ABPMR, ABPN, ABR, ABS	146	1	138
Internal Medicine-Critical Care Medicine ABEM, ABIM*	171	NA	170
Pain Medicine ABA*, ABEM, ABPMR, ABPN	9	NA	9
Pediatric Emergency Medicine ABEM, ABP*	321	149	256
Sports Medicine ABEM, ABFM*, ABIM, ABP, ABPMR	215	52	188
Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine ABEM, ABPM*	206	55	155

** Diplomates who have successfully recertified more than one time are only counted once.

1 Seven of these diplomates were certified by ABPMR before ABEM co-sponsored this subspecialty.

2 The certification examination is administered as a means to recertify.

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