



Policy on Disclosure of Information about Candidates and Certified and Formerly Certified Physicians

BACKGROUND

This policy is intended to create a single policy for disclosing information about ABEM candidates and certified and formerly certified physicians included in several policies.

POLICY

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

- Full name of the candidate or certified or formerly certified physician
- City and state of the candidate or certified or formerly certified physician'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
- Continuing certification participation status
- Board eligibility status

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

ABEM provides information to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) about ABEM-certified and formerly certified physicians required as a condition of board membership in ABMS.

Rights Over Physician Information

Physicians may have certain rights relating to their personal data under local data protection laws, such as the [European Economic Area Agreement](#).

Access: Physicians can ask ABEM to provide them with a copy of their personal data.

Erasure: Physicians can ask ABEM to erase their personal data if certain conditions are met. ABEM is not required to comply with their request to erase their personal data if processing their personal data is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation or for the establishment, exercise, or defense of legal claims.

Objection: Physicians can object to any processing of their personal data. Once physicians have objected, ABEM has an opportunity to demonstrate that there are compelling legitimate interests that override their rights and freedoms.

Portability: Physicians can ask ABEM to provide their personal data in a structured, commonly used, machine-readable format, or physicians can request to have it 'ported' directly to another data controller, but only where processing is based on their consent and the processing is carried out by automated means.

Rectification: Physicians can correct their information by signing in to their Personal Portal or asking ABEM to correct information; ABEM may verify the accuracy of the data before rectifying it.

Restriction: Physicians can ask ABEM to restrict (i.e., keep but not use) their personal data.

Exercise of Rights: To exercise their rights, physicians must contact ABEM.

PROCEDURES

Such information will be released either verbally, in writing, or in any other form the Board considers appropriate. The Board may set reasonable rules and fees for releasing such information.

The Certification Services office will handle responses to subpoenas. A response will be provided in accordance with the above policy. It will include the Board's policy on releasing information and refer 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.