



## **Policy on Transfer of Subspecialty Certification for Sports Medicine Diplomates**

### **BACKGROUND**

This policy addresses the requests of physicians with primary certification in both Family Medicine (FM) and Emergency Medicine (EM) who wish to switch their Sports Medicine (SPM) home board in order to allow one of their two primary certifications to lapse, while keeping their SPM certification valid.

### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) that SPM diplomates certified in both EM and FM may switch their SPM home board at the time of recertification provided they supply satisfactory documentation to both the ABEM and ABFM and that the request is approved by both boards.

### **PROCEDURES**

Physicians who wish to switch their home board must submit their request in writing to both ABEM and ABFM at least six months before the examination they plan to take to recertify in Sports Medicine. When the request is approved by both boards, the physician may apply for recertification to the board through which they wish to maintain their Sports Medicine Certification.

### **EXCEPTION**

None

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