

Certification Pass Rates by Residency Program Reports

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. How does this report differ from the Residency Program Analysis Report (RPAR) my program received earlier this year from ABEM?

The pass rate data in these reports are presented by graduation year. In contrast, the pass rate data in the RPAR reports presents the data by exam year (i.e., the year the exam was taken). Another key difference is the data in the current reports are aggregated over three years. In contrast, five individual years of exam pass rate data is shared in the RPAR reports.

2. Will I see all my graduates reflected in the Exam Data?

Only graduates that take the Qualifying Examination and Oral Certification Exam for the first time are reported. For privacy, programs with less than six first-time test takers within a three-year aggregated window are not reported.

3. Which programs are included in the reports?

Categorical residency programs accredited by the ACGME are included in the reports. More specifically, programs must have had at least three graduating cohorts within the time frame presented to be included.

4. How do I find which residents did not pass an examination?

To preserve confidentiality, ABEM does not provide individual examination results on the Qualifying Examination and Oral Certification Examination to anyone other than the physician in question. The data in the reports are aggregated across years to preserve confidentiality. In addition, exam data is withheld if a program has five or less examinees during a specified time frame.

5. Who should I contact for more information or clarification?

Please contact training@abem.org for more information.

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