



American Board
of Internal Medicine

Guidelines for Statement of Certification

Diplomates of ABIM must accurately state their ABIM Board Certification status at all times, including descriptions in curriculum vitae, advertisements, publications, directories and letterheads. ABIM does not authorize the use of its logo by others.

See examples below of accurate statements of certification.

Upon passing initial certification and/or subspecialty exams, and upon certification renewal through ABIM Maintenance of Certification:

- John Doe, MD, ABIM Board Certified in Internal Medicine
- John Doe, MD, a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine
- John Doe, MD, Board Certified in Cardiovascular Disease by the American Board of Internal Medicine

If you have more than one current and valid certificate:

- John Doe, MD, ABIM Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease

Please be sure to correctly state your certification status in your Medical Licensing Board Profile and pay attention to your group practice listings. A blanket statement that everyone in a group with multiple specialties is board-certified may be misleading if some group members are certified in certain specialties and others are not. ABIM expects that certifications will be listed individually and in a way that is not misleading. While we understand that maintaining currency in stating certification status of groups of physicians may not be easy, we encourage you to work with your colleagues to avoid the potential embarrassment and legal issues such misrepresentation to the public may cause.

If you have questions about stating your certification, e-mail email@abim.org or call our contact center at 1-800-441-ABIM.



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