

## Initial Certification Pass Rates

### Certification Exam Ultimate Pass Rates 2008 - 2023

Ultimate Pass Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
98%

<sup>(1)</sup> At least three subsequent exam years

### Internal Medicine and Subspecialty Certification Examinations: 2019-2023 First-Time Taker Pass Rates<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

Key: # - Number of Physicians; % - Pass Rate

Exam Area <sup>(4)</sup>	2019		2020 <sup>(8)</sup>		2021 <sup>(8)</sup>		2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Internal Medicine	9033	91%	9019	93%	9506	88%	9868	87%	10063	87%
Adult Congenital Heart Disease <sup>(5)</sup>	163	87%	--	--	32	91%	--	--	31	81%
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology	--	--	210	95%	--	--	191	97%	--	--
Cardiovascular Disease	976	92%	968	91%	1065	86%	1061	86%	1121	86%
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	127	92%	104	93%	127	93%	127	91%	168	95%
Critical Care Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	729	93%	767	95%	853	92%	924	89%	950	85%
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	348	84%	312	89%	365	74%	334	74%	347	82%
Gastroenterology	558	97%	554	97%	624	96%	623	95%	639	96%
Geriatric Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	319	89%	250	89%	270	92%	287	94%	301	93%
Hematology	519	91%	495	94%	531	90%	522	94%	592	92%
Hospice and Palliative Medicine <sup>(5)</sup>	--	--	644	85%	--	--	754	85%	--	--
Infectious Disease	362	98%	364	94%	372	92%	379	94%	407	96%
Interventional Cardiology	333	87%	314	91%	349	88%	324	91%	335	93%
Medical Oncology	587	90%	593	93%	630	91%	678	92%	702	92%
Nephrology	375	74%	363	80%	385	75%	377	82%	397	80%
Pulmonary Disease	657	94%	670	93%	704	95%	732	96%	739	94%
Rheumatology	258	94%	241	95%	254	93%	270	87%	256	88%
Sleep Medicine <sup>(6)</sup>	344	95%	--	--	344	88%	--	--	356	94%
Transplant Hepatology <sup>(7)</sup>	--	--	101	100%	--	--	115	95%	--	--

<sup>(2)</sup> Because the performance of small numbers of examinees can have a significant effect on results, pass rates for examinations with less than 200 takers should be interpreted cautiously. Pass rates for examinations with less than 10 takers are not reported (indicated with "--").

<sup>(3)</sup> Examinations that are not administered in a specific year are indicated with "--".

<sup>(4)</sup> For information on exam administration history, please visit our website at: <https://www.abim.org/about/exam-information/exam-administration-history.aspx>

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes ABIM, qualifying, and/or co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

<sup>(6)</sup> Includes ABIM co-sponsoring board(s) candidates.

<sup>(7)</sup> Includes only ABIM candidates.

<sup>(8)</sup> In light of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on physicians, in 2020, ABIM extended Board Eligibility to 2021 for physicians opting not to test in 2020. The number of examinees and pass rates for 2020 and 2021 may not be perfectly comparable to prior years as a result.