

# The Buzz

eNEWSLETTER

## We've added *Osteopathic* certifications to BCD!

All BoardCertifiedDocs.com subscribers now have access to primary source board certifications from the **American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA)**.

The AOIA profiles include:

- Primary Source board certifications
- Osteopathic Continuous Certification status (OCC)
- Updates twice per month

AOIA doesn't detail all the recertifications. For osteopathic board certifications you'll see the initial certification year and the latest expiration date, which will change if/when a doctor recertifies. Below is a sample profile for your reference.

### AOIA Primary Source Data

#### AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

##### CERTIFICATION(S):

Physical Medicine & Rehab 12/16/2011 - 12/31/2021

##### SUBCERTIFICATION(S):

Pain Medicine-PMR 06/27/2017 - 12/31/2027

##### Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC)

American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Physical Medicine & Rehab	Yes
Pain Medicine-PMR	Yes

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All the BCD features apply to the profiles for these physicians. You can use Alerts, Batch Search, print to a hardcopy or a PDF, etc.

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## THE BOARD CERTIFIED DOCS eNEWSLETTER

### BCD Quick Tips:

We've add new and updated information to the Resources page of BCD. This is a great place to reference board contact information, certifications by board and certification statistics tables. Check it out today!

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On the Advanced Search page of BCD, please note there are new entries in the drop-down lists for Board, Certification and Sub-Certification. Many of the AOIA board and certification names are the same as ABMS names, however there are some differences.

**Example 1:** the Board drop-down menu now includes Family Practice (AOIA) in addition to Family Medicine (ABMS), but in the Certification drop-down menu only Family Medicine is listed since both organizations use the same name for that certificate. Your search results will include both ABMS and AOIA profiles when you select Family Medicine as the Certification.

**Example 2:** there is only one listing in the Board and Certification drop-down menus for Anesthesiology, since both ABMS and AOIA use that same board and certification name.

On the [Resources](#) page, you will find a new chart of AOIA specialties and sub-specialties, and another of certifications offered by multiple AOIA boards. Please review # 22 in the [FAQs](#) for more details about the osteopathic certifications.

## News and Announcements



- The American Board of **Otolaryngology** recently went through a name change that includes the board name as well as the general certificate name. Both are now referred to as **Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**. Existing general certifications for Otolaryngology were changed, as well as any newly issued general certificates.
- ABIM's sub-specialty in **Endocrinology and Metabolism** has a new name of **Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism**. This name change applies to all historical certificates for that sub-specialty.
- The sub-specialty **Psychosomatic Medicine** from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology has been renamed as well. Diplomates who passed the April 2018 exam are re-certified in **Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry**.

**NOTE:** certificates in Psychosomatic Medicine that expire 12/31/18 will be marked **Not Certified** when the board sends updated records, and they will be replaced by the new certificate in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. A sample is below for your reference.

**Psychosomatic Medicine** 04/14/2008 - 12/31/2018 **NOT CERTIFIED**

**Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry** MOC 04/16/2018 Reverification 03/01/2019

Psychosomatic Medicine certificates will continue to be displayed on the profiles to represent the history. Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry is a re-certification for anyone who previously held a Psychosomatic Medicine certification, but the two names won't be linked or combined.

## It's That Time of Year Again...



Thousands of certifications expire 12/31/2018 and thousands more Reverification Dates are set for 1/31/2019, 2/15/2019, etc. The boards often take several weeks, or even months, to verify the diplomates' ongoing learning activities and exams before they update the certifications.

**As long as a certification is NOT labeled **Not Certified, Expired, Inactive, or Retired**, that certification is still in good standing, although the end date may be in the past.**

**Through early April, we will be receiving certification updates every week, to help offset any lag time in reporting as much as possible. If you have questions about a specific diplomate, please use the Send Feedback link at the bottom of any profile to have us investigate. You can also use the phone number or email address under **PHYSICIAN PROFILE Questions on our Contact Us page.****

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