

The Buzz

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ABIM Announces MOC Changes

The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) announced changes to their MOC program February 3, 2015. The board remains supportive of MOC, but will make improvements to the program beginning this year.

The ABIM changes (summarized below) will take time to implement. As soon as that information becomes available from ABIM, the Board Certified Docs (BCD) profiles will reflect the changes in certification(s). Updates will be posted on the BCD home page in the News and Announcements section to indicate that updated records have been received. If you saved any internists in your Alerts, you will also receive email notifications when records are updated.

Below is a summary of the changes posted on the ABIM website. To read the full announcement, please visit the ABIM website News section.

- ABIM is suspending some of their requirements for at least two years. The certification will not change for internists who do not complete those activities. New certificates will be issued to internists who have met all other requirements, but are currently classified as “not certified” due to not meeting the MOC Practice Assessment requirement.
- ABIM will be changing the MOC status language to “participating in MOC” rather than “meeting MOC requirements” by the Fall of 2015.
- ABIM will update the Internal Medicine MOC exam and enrollment fees will remain at or below the 2014 rates for a few years.
- ABIM will provide new options for internists to complete self-assessment of medical knowledge.

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BCD QUICK TIPS

Don't forget you can contact our Editorial department if you need assistance locating a profile or to ask questions about the data in a profile. The contact information for our Editorial team can be found on the Contact Us page of BCD. Email: abms.feedback@elsevier.com or Phone: (800) 325-4177 ext. 4478597.

NOTE: The Quick Search includes deceased records in the results. The Advanced Search defaults to include only living diplomates in your results. You can change the default on the Advanced Search to receive only a list of deceased diplomates. (Why would you want to check on deceased diplomates? Fraud or identity theft!)

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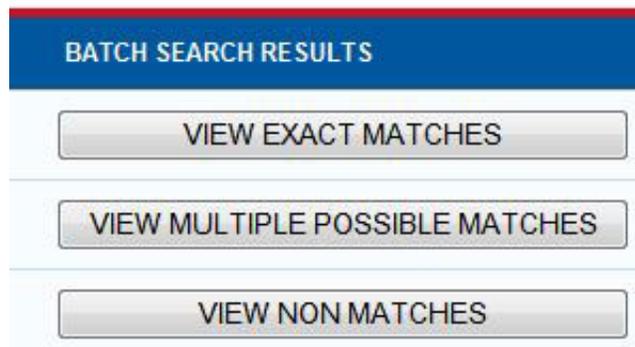
Search Multiple Records at Once!



Batch Search allows you to upload a file (up to 100 records) to search for multiple profiles in our database instead of one name at a time. This feature is **exclusive to BCD** and has been improved since we launched it, for even better search results.

To use this search feature, login to BCD and select Batch Search from the left side menu. On that page you will find a link titled **Instructions** with details about formatting your file, which data elements to include, etc.

The results display these buttons with a count for each category:



When you click each button, the results for that category will open in a new window or tab. Just click back to the first window or tab to open each of the additional categories.

- Exact matches—list of profiles in our database that are an exact match to your search criteria
- Multiple possible matches—indicates when two or more records match your search criteria so you can select the desired profile(s).
- Non matches—list of items from your uploaded file that did not match any records in our database.

After receiving search results, you have the option to review the records as single profiles by clicking on each name or you can download multiple records. For **Exact Matches**:

- 1 Click the checkbox at the far left in the header row, to populate the checkboxes next to everyone in the list.

Be sure that your Search Results page is set **Show: 100** to show 100 or more records. If not, when you click the checkbox

to select all, it will only select the records displayed on that page and you could be missing some of the results from successive pages.

- 2 Next, click the print link at the top of the page.
- 3 A new window will open with all the profiles of the people in that list. You can scroll down that file to view each profile and copy/paste certain data elements.
- 4 Click the printer icon in the new window and it will automatically insert a page break before each new profile, when printed. You have the option to send to a printer or save as a PDF file.

In the list of **Multiple Possible Matches** click the checkbox at the left to identify which profiles you want to print and/or save and then follow the same steps as noted above.

Any of the profiles in the lists can be saved into your Alerts. Once the checkboxes are populated (step one above), click on the **Save Specialist(s)** link at the top of the screen. You can save that group and set up email notifications to alert you of changes in their data.

For the **best results when printing**, select the print link on the Search Results page or the print icon in the PDF. Printouts will not be formatted correctly if you print from your browser window and some data may be cut off.

NOTE: We do not allow the data to be downloaded into a .csv or .txt file because you would lose some of the Primary Source Verification (PSV) elements that are required by most accreditation organizations.

ABIM Grace Period



In 2015 the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) initiated a grace period for diplomates who have completed their Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements, but not yet passed the MOC exam. The certificates of these diplomates will be displayed with a Reverification date that isn't labeled as an MOC certificate, like the following:

ABIM grace period certificate - BCD display:
07/31/2004 – 12/31/2014, Reverification 01/31/2016

This example indicates the diplomate is still certified until January 31, 2016 and should be treated in the same manner as diplomates with MOC certificates that include a Reverification date. **The diplomate is certified** during the grace period, and should be reverified on or after the Reverification date cited on the profile.

We will receive records of those ABIM diplomates that are in the grace period and they will be displayed on BCD as described above. For more information on MOC and Reverification dates, please review the FAQs on BCD. If you have questions

regarding a profile, please reference the BCD Contact Us page to email or call our Editorial team.

News and Announcements



- The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) issued certificates for the first group of diplomates certified in Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine. For more information about subspecialties with similar titles and how to search on them from the BCD Advanced Search screen, please reference #18 in the FAQs.
- The first group of newly certified diplomates with the Brain Injury Medicine subspecialty from The American Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (ABPM&R) and The American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology (ABPN) were recently uploaded to BCD.

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