

The Buzz

eNEWSLETTER

NEW in 2016!

Certifications Updated TWICE per Month

Exciting news for Board Certified Docs (BCD) subscribers – effective January 2016 certification details are being updated **twice every month**, an increase from the previous once per month schedule.

The 24 Member Boards send their updates to ABMS (American Board of Medical Specialties) on varying schedules. There were times when updates from a particular board would be submitted after our monthly update was received. That sometimes caused a short delay before updates could be reflected on our website. Since member boards typically submit updates just once a month, the new schedule should mean that BCD will reflect those updates more quickly.

As an official display agent, our profiles continue to provide primary source data to verify certifications and MOC status. NOTE: if you use the Alerts, you might receive those update notices more often, since updates are received more frequently now.

We will continue with daily updates on BCD for the additional professional information that includes Hospital and Academic Appointments, Type of Practice, etc., when provided by the diplomates.

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BCD QUICK TIPS

Review the FAQs and Help sections to find answers to common questions about using the Board Certified Docs website.

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“Meeting MOC Requirements” Transitions to “Participating in MOC”

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) approved new MOC reporting language. That change is reflected on BCD profiles. The section of the profile that



was titled **Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements** changed to **Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**.

Research conducted by ABMS and feedback from a variety of MOC stakeholders (physicians, specialty societies, etc.) indicated that the new language would provide greater transparency and clarity about the MOC program. Below is an example of the profile change.

Old BCD Display

ABMS Primary Source Data

AMERICAN BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY

CERTIFICATION(S):

Otolaryngology 03/27/1987*

SUBCERTIFICATION(S):

Neurotology 05/25/2004 - 06/30/2014, 06/01/2014 - 06/30/2024

* Lifetime certification in this certificate. Dates separated by a comma indicate voluntary recertification. MOC participation is voluntary, but is not required for Lifetime certificates.

***Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements**

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American Board of Otolaryngology
Otolaryngology Not Required
Neurotology Yes

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***Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC)**

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Questions About a Physician's Profile?



The **Contact Us** page on BCD lists departments and contact information for a variety of needs. Your questions about the details in a particular physician's profile can often be resolved more quickly if you go straight to our Editorial Team.

Editorial Team

Contact the Editorial team whenever you have questions about the **content of physician profiles** published on BCD, or updates from a specific board. The

Editorial team can open a ticket with ABMS to research specific updates or anomalies. In addition, they can direct you to various resources on the site to explain the information displayed in the profiles.

You can contact the Editorial team by phone or email (halfway down the Contact Us page) as well as directly from a BCD profile. Just click the “Send Feedback” link at the bottom of any profile. It automatically populates the subject line of your email with a physician ID number to help our Editorial team quickly identify the physician in our database. An example of the link is below.



Technical Support

Contact our Tech Support team to address **technical issues** on the BCD website. They are available Monday – Friday 7:30am – 7pm Central time. Tech Support can assist our subscribers with various topics including error messages or difficulty logging in to the site. When reporting an issue, the following details are helpful: your BCD username, the browser you’re using to access the site, a screenshot of the error message and the steps you took before experiencing the problem.

News and Announcements Re-Cap



- The second webinar in our series is available under the **User Tools** tab on the BCD home page. The **Advanced Search-Credentialing video** provides a great summary for our credentialing community on how to use the Advanced Search efficiently. Be sure to watch it today!
- The **American Board of Pathology (ABP)** issued the first set of **CMOC records** for newly certified diplomates. You can find those records on BCD by searching on the physician's name or by using a combination of the Advanced Search fields. The ABP Reverification date is 1/31. Reference the MOC Chart on the BCD Resources page for an overview.
- The **American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG)** issued certificates for the first time in Clinical Genetics and Genomics, Clinical Cytogenetics and Genomics and Clinical Molecular Genetics and Genomics. You can search on those **new general certificates** by selecting them from the Certification field on the BCD Advanced Search page.
- The **American Board of Radiology (ABR)** will **change their Reverification date** from March 15 to March 2. The change will be reflected on BCD profiles beginning in March 2016. Once we have their files with the new Reverification date, we will notify you by posting a message in the News and Announcements section of BCD. The MOC Chart on the Resources page is already updated to reflect the new Reverification date.
- The American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) issued **Adult Congenital Heart Disease** certificates for the first time. To find those profiles on BCD select the new specialty from the Sub Certification field on the Advanced Search page.
- An error was identified and corrected with the delivery of emails to

customers who have **BCD Alerts** set up. You may have not received your email notifications as scheduled, however the updates are reflected on the profiles. In your Alerts, reference the Last Update column to review the profiles most recently updated.

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