Happy Anniversary to all of us! The Board Certified Docs website was launched 15 years ago, in February 2002.

We are thrilled that more than 75% of our subscribers from that inaugural year are still active subscribers today. Thank You to all of those organizations, and to all of your organizations that have joined us over the years.

Remember the “old days” when you used to credential physicians every 2 or 3 years after initial appointment? And that was usually with paper documents or photocopies, often from our former print publication, The Official ABMS® Directory of Board Certified Medical Specialists, which had microscopic type and a lot of cryptic abbreviations.

Then websites and other electronic resources started to become more available. The print volumes were practically bursting at the seams with all the new doctors. The accrediting organizations began to evolve their standards.

Online access to the most current information became more important, and virtually indispensable for situations like temporary privileges, disaster staffing, and more.
A lot has changed in the last 15 years...

- There are almost twice as many board certified physicians as there were in 2002.
- Many boards evolved from lifetime certification to 10-year recertification, and now to continuous certification under MOC.
- Approximately 45 new certifications and sub-certifications were issued for the first time.

BoardCertifiedDocs has grown to keep pace with:

- Twice as many possible search variables available on the Advanced Search page.
- Our physician profiles now include details such as NPI numbers, active state licenses, MOC status, and more.
- We’ve added lots of new features including Alerts notifications, our exclusive Batch Search, the ability to search on the state(s) where a physician is licensed, MOC and NPI searches, News Announcements on the home page, and more.

What hasn’t changed is our commitment to provide you with information and tools that make your job easier. You have our unwavering appreciation for your loyalty, confidence, and continued business.

Reverification Dates and Expired Certifications

With the start of a new year many of our subscribers have questions about profiles with expired certification dates, recertification, and imminent reverification dates. All of the member boards are very busy trying to send their updates as soon as possible.

Even if a profile displays an expired date, the physician is still certified unless NOT CERTIFIED is displayed on the profile.

Three of the ABMS Member Boards use a January or February reverification date. They are in the process of updating MOC status and will add another year to those dates for the physicians whose MOC activities are current. To review a list of reverification dates by board, go to the Resources page on BCD and click the MOC Chart link.

At the time of this publication 14 of the 24 Member Boards have sent updated records for 12/31/16 expirations. ABMS is working with all 24 Member Boards to update expired time-limited certifications as quickly as possible. They are also reaching out to boards with upcoming reverification dates to ensure those are updated as well.
If you have a question about a specific profile, contact our Editorial Team at (314) 447-8597 or abms.feedback@elsevier.com and we’ll research the details or updates as necessary.

Addiction Medicine – First Exam

Addiction Medicine is a new sub-specialty approved by ABMS in October 2015. The American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) will administer the first exam in the Fall of 2017. Once we receive records for physicians who passed the first exam, a message will be posted in the News and Announcements section on the BCD home page. For a description of this sub-specialty, refer to page 36 of the Guide to Medical Specialties, available on the Resources page of BCD.

New Sub-Specialty Approved

In October 2016 a new sub-specialty was approved for Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM). This new sub-specialty is offered by The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). The first exam has not been scheduled yet, therefore it will take time before any certificates are issued. Updates will be posted in future issues of this newsletter and in the News and Announcements section on the BCD home page.

Mailing Lists for Special Projects

Do you ever need to contact a large group of physicians for a special project, such as recruiting? BoardCertifiedDocs.com (BCD) allows you to save discrete physician profiles, including groups of specialists, but does not allow export of the mailing information to build a list.

Mailing lists of ABMS board certified physicians can be ordered from our List Manager, Lake Group Media.

For more details, select the Mailing Lists tab in the center of the BCD home page, below the News and Announcements section.

The Right Contact for all your Questions

We have several teams that can assist you with various questions. Please refer to the descriptions below to determine which group is the best option for your question. All the contact information listed below can be found on the BCD Contact Us page.
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