

BCD QUICK
TIPS

- Use the **batch search** to upload a file with multiple providers, rather than searching by individual.
- Search using the **Type 1 NPI number** on the quick and advanced search screens.
- Reference the **Resources page** to find contact information for all 24 ABMS Member Boards.

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The BCD Buzz

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Heard the Buzz?

The BCD Buzz. This is the first edition of our **NEW** quarterly newsletter. It is designed to help you get the most out of the **Board Certified Docs** website.

Each issue will include articles that cover topics important to you, including search tips, up-

dates and much more! In the summer of 2010 we launched a new version of our website. Key features are one of the topics we will cover in our newsletter.

Visit The Buzz tab on the BCD home page for new and archived editions.



Home page - new BCD!

MOC - What you need to know

In 2000, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) established the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program in collaboration with its 24 Member Boards. The boards determined that 7 to 10 year intervals for recertification were no longer sufficient to keep abreast of all the rapidly changing advances in the practice of medicine. MOC became the latest evolution of the board certification process and requires ongoing and continuous activities to maintain active certification as a specialist.

Member Boards are in various stages of implementing their MOC requirements. Some boards have been extending expiration dates if a group of MOC activities was completed. Others are still determining how to best report MOC participation.

The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) was one of the first

boards to begin reporting MOC participation as a separate type of certificate, with a pilot project that began early in 2010. Certifications for new, first-time diplomates and for recertification of expired certificates are now issued under the MOC program. MOC certifications from ABP no longer include an expiration date, since that is not in the spirit of continuous learning. Rather, a reverification date has been created to meet accreditation requirements for start and end dates and to provide credentialers with a milestone to confirm that certification is still active. The reverification date is updated once a year to indicate that the specialist is currently participating in MOC. Those certificates appear on the BCD profile as follows: **Pediatrics 10/15/2001-12/31/2009, MOC 01/01/2010-, Reverification 02/15/2012**

If the specialist does not remain current in MOC, the profile will display a notice changing the status to **NOT CERTIFIED**.

This change in reporting from the ABP is being phased in as new certificates are issued or as time-limited certificates expire. MOC participation is completely voluntary for diplomates with Lifetime certification and has no impact on the ongoing certification status of Lifetime certificates.

Other ABMS Member Boards plan to begin reporting MOC in late 2011. **Watch the news section at the top of the BCD home page for announcements about additional MOC developments.** The FAQs page of BCD provides additional MOC information.



Remember the 90 day rule when searching on BCD.

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Member Boards Reporting Data

Board Certified Docs is designated as an official display agent for primary source verification (PSV) by ABMS. Monthly data loads provided by ABMS are posted on BCD. These loads include certification updates.

Each of the 24 Member Boards report updates from their diplomates to ABMS and that information is supplied to us. A 90 day rule is in place with all Member Boards that allows them a 90 day period in which to report any new or changed

data. This includes reporting certification and recertification dates. Even if a diplomate has taken an exam and received a letter from their board, that does not indicate the update was reported to ABMS.

It may appear at times that BCD is not current because of the 90 day rule. If the Member Boards have not provided the update, none of the Display Agents will have the information available. If you are searching on BCD for updated information on a diplomate and you believe the certifica-

tion dates are not current, please contact our Editorial department. Their contact information can be found on the third page of this newsletter and on the Contact Us page of BCD. Our team will assist you to determine the certification status.

You can also contact the specific board directly to verify certification. Contact information for all boards is on the Resources page of BCD. Click on the Approved Specialty Boards link.

Advanced Search-Same Name

Searching for a name that has multiple spellings? This is a common road block to finding the correct information, however using the advanced search form on BCD can help.

If your search does not return the desired result(s) try one of the following solutions:

- Type the first two letters of the first or last name

and then * (wildcard option). This type of search will provide variations of the name. For example, Re*d will return records for specialists with the last name of Read, Reed, Reid, etc

- Enter additional information other than the name to narrow the search. For example, Type | NPI

number, birth date, certification or city/state.

- Try using a maiden name, if known.
- Reverse the first and last names. For example, Frank Allen could also be Allen Frank.

Additional search information can be found on BCD under the Help section.

Recruiting Made Easy

Recruit board certified candidates who match your target market by searching BCD using your desired qualifications.

For example, you can find a Pediatrician in



Chicago with 10 years experience by using multiple search elements on the advanced search page.

You can use any of the 26 search fields to identify and find your prospects.

The combination of biographical information (education, hospital appointments, etc) and primary source information (board certification) makes BCD ideal for recruiting.



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BCD Questions



Several team members can assist you with questions. Refer to the following contact list.

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FAQs

Many of the common questions are addressed under the FAQs section. From the home page of BCD, click on

the FAQs link at the top of the page. A list of questions will appear and once clicked the answer will display immediately below the question. It is a good idea to check the FAQs before contacting Technical Support or the Editorial team.

Resources

Click on the Resources link at the top of the BCD home page to find several helpful documents including , MOC certification requirements by board, a list of all certificates and subcertificates offered by each board, a table with certificates offered by multiple boards and much more!

The mailing list information can be found on the BCD home page. All other contacts are listed on the Contact Us page.