

BCD QUICK TIPS

- Check out the new format of the About ABMS and Guide to Medical Specialties sections under the Resources tab on BCD.
- Refer to the FAQs for more information on MOC and Focused Practice (as well as other topics). Past issues of The Buzz are also good reference tools for various topics. A complete list can be found on the BCD home page under The Buzz tab.

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General Certificate not always required

Did you know that some boards allow diplomates to retain their certification in a sub-specialty with an expired general certification?

For example, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) allows diplomates to renew only the certificates that are most relevant to their practice, without recertifying their general certificate in Internal Medicine. For that reason, a BCD profile might display **NOT CERTIFIED** for the Internal Medicine general certificate, but also display one or more sub-specialties with current certification dates. The physician is still board certified.

People are often confused because they think of a sub-specialty as being something “less than” a general certificate, which is often thought of as the “primary” certification. Although a general certificate is always awarded as the initial board certification, a sub-specialty actually requires additional training and experience beyond the basic certification.

Other ABMS Member Boards have similar policies and do not require diplomates to maintain a general certificate in order to maintain sub-specialty certification(s).

- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Surgery
- Urology

Contact the Member Board or ABMS if you have questions about the policy of a particular board. Contact info can be found on the Resources page of BCD, by clicking on the Approved Specialty Boards link.

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ABMS Primary Source Data

AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
CERTIFICATION(S):
Internal Medicine **NOT CERTIFIED** 09/25/1991 - 12/31/2001, 11/07/2001 - 12/31/2011

SUBCERTIFICATION(S):
Critical Care Medicine 11/09/1995 - 12/31/2005, 09/12/2005 - 12/31/2015
Pulmonary Disease 11/10/1994 - 12/31/2004, 09/08/2004 - 12/31/2014

Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements [Click for more info](#)
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Additional Professional Data [Abbreviation Explanation](#)

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NAMSS 2012 Recap



It was great to visit with many of you at the September NAMSS conference. Thank you for stopping by our booth to look at the demo, attend a mini presentation or just to tell us how much you love our website! We played an exciting new Spin & Win game and gave away several *instant* prizes, in addition to the prizes from the NAMSS trail map drawing and the drawing from our booth visitor's cards and Second Chance drawing. Our big winners were:

- Haydee Resto of Hawaii Kindle Fire
- Clara Brown of Oklahoma Free one year subscription to BCD
- Rosemary Dragon of Colorado \$100 AmEx gift card

\$50 AmEx gift card winners:

- Bonnie Hadley of MD
- Trudy Brown of NY
- Sandra Baldwin of IN
- Glenda Young of CA
- Carey Aguilar of CA
- Debra Tackett of IN
- Janice Lafevre of AZ
- Sue Lockridge of CA
- Marie North of IL
- Laurie Adams of PA

If you missed the mini presentations in our booth at the conference, take a few minutes to review past issues of The Buzz. All the topics in the presentations were covered (sometimes more than once) earlier this year and/or in past issues. Click on The Buzz tab on the BCD home page for a complete list.

2013 State Conferences

Is your state or local medical staff services association planning a 2013 meeting?

[Email](#) us the dates and location. We may be able to attend or send handouts.