State License Data Now Available

Board Certified Docs now displays information about state medical licenses!

Through an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) we are now able to include on our profiles the state(s) in which a physician is licensed, license number(s), issue and expiration dates for active licenses. Historical license information will not be included.

Medical license data will be update quarterly. This includes data from all 50 US states and DC, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

On the Advanced Search page of BCD you will find a new search field: Licensed in. Use that drop down menu to search on single or multiple states. Once you click on a record from the results page the state license information will be displayed on the profile under the Additional Professional Data section. See example below.

If you use BCD Alerts set up for “Any changes” and opted for email notices you will receive an alert notification if/when state license information is updated. However, if you selected “Changes in Certification data only” you will not receive notifications about changes to state license data, since licensure is separate from certification. You can change your settings for existing alerts.

NOTE: when you print a profile that includes licenses from more than five (5) states using the Print link at the top of the profile page, the complete list of licenses will be included, likewise for Download. However, if you print using the Browser menu or icon, it will only include the first five (5) states that are visible on the profile.

For more information please visit the FAQs page on BCD and review Q/A # 20.
Search Tips

**Know the difference:** clicking on Refine Search, Advanced Search, Back to Search Results and the Back arrow button will produce different results. Understanding the difference can save time and help you avoid frustration.

- The Refine Search link at the top of any search results page allows you to review the criteria you used to receive your results. You can then add, change or delete criteria to run a new search, without starting from scratch.
- Clicking the Advanced Search button (menu on the left—BCD) or the Back arrow (top left of website screen) from any search results page will clear everything from your initial search and you will need to start from the beginning on the search page.
- The link for Back to Search Results at the top of any profile page will take you back to the Search Results list from which you opened the profile page. Although the Back arrow button will take you to the same page, it might be slower because it needs to reload those search results instead of just returning to an existing list.

**OBGYN New Subspecialty**

In the September issue of The Buzz we reported that we received records from The American Board of Urology for the NEW subspecialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. The American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology (ABOG) now have also issued certificates for the first group of diplomates certified in that NEW subspecialty. This NEW subspecialty can be found on the Advanced Search page in the Sub Certification drop down menu on BCD. Use that field to locate a list of the diplomates with that subspecialty from either board or if you want only a list from one board, select the board name from the Board field in addition to the selected subspecialty.

**NAMSS Winners**

Congratulations to the following NAMSS winners:
Liza Lowe—Colorado
Jenny Kroska—Minnesota
Kathy Harth—Texas
Diane Doyle—Pennsylvania
Joan Twersky—New York
Michelle Gonsalves—Virginia

Linda Parrish—North Carolina
Diane Plott—South Carolina
Charlotte Felinski—Kentucky
Jan McIntire—Arizona
Helen Knowles—Maryland