

Approved Focused Practice Designations by ABMS Member Board

The focused practice designation, approved by ABMS in March 2017, recognizes the value that physicians who focus some or all of their practice within a specific area of a specialty and/or subspecialty can provide to improving health care. It reflects an evolution of practice that occurs following initial certification and is relevant to continuing certification. For example, a physician may focus his or her practice on work in the hospital setting or concentrate on specific patient populations, conditions, and/or specialized procedures that emerge as medicine evolves.

Focused practice designation enables the ABMS Member Boards to set standards for, assess, and acknowledge additional expertise that physicians gain through clinical experience, and may include non-ACGME accredited training.

American Board of	Focused Practice Designation	Active Certification Requirement	Year Approved by ABMS	First Issued	Duration Years <i>(may be tied to duration of associated certificate)</i>
Emergency Medicine	Advanced Emergency Medicine Ultrasonography	Emergency Medicine	2018	††	10
Family Medicine	Hospital Medicine ⁽¹⁾	Family Medicine	2017	2010	Continuing
Internal Medicine	Hospital Medicine ⁽¹⁾	Internal Medicine	2017	2010	Continuing
Neurological Surgery	Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery	Neurological Surgery	2017	††	10
	Neurological Critical Care	Neurological Surgery	2018	††	10
	Pediatric Neurological Surgery	Neurological Surgery	2017	2018	10
Obstetrics and Gynecology	Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery	Obstetrics and Gynecology	2019	††	Continuing
	Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology	Obstetrics and Gynecology	2017	2018	Continuing
Pathology	Clinical Chemistry	Pathology-Anatomic/Pathology-Clinical OR Pathology-Clinical	2017	††	Continuing
	Clinical Microbiology	Pathology-Anatomic/Pathology-Clinical OR Pathology-Clinical	2017	††	Continuing
Psychiatry and Neurology	Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery	Neurology	2018	††	Continuing
Radiology	Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery	Diagnostic Radiology OR Interventional and Diagnostic Radiology, and Neuroradiology	2018	††	Continuing

(1) The Hospital Medicine focused practice designations issued by the American Board of Family Medicine and the American Board of Internal Medicine were originally approved as pilot programs in 2010. Upon completion of the pilots, the designations were formally approved by the ABMS Board of Directors in 2017.