BIRTH DATE AND GENDER SEARCH STILL AN OPTION

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) has suppressed birth dates and gender for all of its diplomates. NOTE: gender is suppressed by all boards. This change triggered Alerts for many BCD users. You can still search on that criteria, but it will not display on the profile.

SUBCERTS CORRECTED DUE TO BOARD POLICY

According to the policy of ABFM, diplomates who hold both a general certificate and a subspecialty certificate, but do not recertify in the general specialty will then have an invalid subspecialty. This includes all subspecialties issued by this board. ABFM recently corrected 24 records that included data reflecting valid subcerts with a NOT CERTIFIED status on the general certificate. We uploaded those corrected records on BCD in August. The profiles now display NOT CERTIFIED on both the general specialty and subspecialty.

If you use Alerts and had one of the 24 records referenced above saved, you should have received an email on your designated notification day. If you do not use Alerts you may want to review any records that you credentialed since March whose profile indicated not certified in Family Medicine, but were still certified in a subspecialty issued by ABFM.

Family Medicine News

Pediatrics News

Earlier this month we received a small group of updated records from The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). The updates include changes to historical certification start dates, deceased records and certification status of general and subspecialty certificates.

ABP expects to update additional records over the next few months to correct some historical data, which may trigger Alerts if you have any of those Pediatricians saved for notification of changes. As we receive updates from ABP we will provide details on the BCD home page, in the News and Announcements section and via the next edition of The Buzz.

Urology News

We received records from The American Board of Urology (ABU) for the first group of diplomates certified in the NEW subspecialty of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. This new subspecialty can be found in the Advanced Search drop down menu on BCD to locate a list of the diplomates.
Give us 5 minutes... and you could win!

Will you be going to the National Association of Medical Staff Services (NAMSS) conference at the end of September? Stop by our **booth (57)** and play our **Spin to Win** game. Attend the 5 minute presentations and you will receive an EXTRA chance to play the game for each presentation you attend. We have great prizes including a Kindle Fire and several $50 AmEx gift cards.

The presentations are designed to give you as much information as possible about the topics that are most important to you. The short sessions will **save you time** so that you can attend more than one presentation. Be sure to review the presentation topics below and decide which ones you will attend.

- Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- Email Alerts
- Unique Search Features
- News! - about new data and features

The conference will be held in Hollywood, FL this year. If you already registered for the conference, watch for our postcard and **bring it with you to booth 57** for a chance to win prizes.

NEW! Mobile App (for NAMSS Conference)

We’re excited to be the **sponsor** for the NEW **Conference Mobile App** for smartphones. Carry the conference in the palm of your hand, including the conference program, interactive exhibits diagram, your personal schedule and so much more! Check out the BCD home page for a link to download the app that includes a dining guide.

**Dining Guide**

Find a great place to dine close to the hotel or nearby in Ft. Lauderdale, using the Dining Guide inside the NAMSS Mobile App. The list provides you with the contact information including websites when available and an indication of the price range.

If you do not have an iPhone, iPad or Android smartphone you will still be able to access the information via the web.