
Update from American Board of Medical Specialties

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AGENDA

1. Review the call for comments for draft Standards for Continuing Certification
2. ABMS Visiting Scholars Program

ABMS MISSION STATEMENT

The **mission** of the American Board of Medical Specialties is to **serve** the public and the medical profession by **improving** the quality of health care through setting **professional** standards for lifelong certification in **partnership** with Member Boards.



CONTINUING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

- 2019-present
- Iterative process of review and revision prior
- Feedback from individual Boards, CME Stakeholders, specialty societies, others
- Conversations with ABMS certification committees and other stakeholders
- Public stakeholder input, Spring 2021



KEY POINTS ABOUT THE STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK PERIOD

This is a *draft* of the Standards, not the final version

These standards will guide individual Member Boards' continuing certification programs, ensuring they meet the needs of both the public and participating diplomates while recognizing the need for specialty-specific variances

Reflects Commission's recommendations to deliver learning value to clinicians and to work collaboratively with stakeholders

Seeking comments from all stakeholders who use and rely upon the credential

The ABMS Board of Directors has endorsed the process for public comment, but not the Draft Standards themselves

The comments received will inform and guide the final version of the Standards

TIMELINE

- Apr 20: Public comment period begins (80 days)**
- May-Jul: Webinars, conversations with stakeholder groups
- Jun 22-24: BOD: Presentation of preliminary survey analysis
- Jul 8: Close of comment period**
- Jul-Sep: Standards TF: Review and Revise
- Oct 1: Final draft Standards due to BOD
- Oct 27-28: BOD consideration of new Standards**

DRAFT 2021 CONTINUING CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

- General Standards
 - Program goals and evaluation
 - Remediation and re-entry
- Professional Standing
 - Verification of licensure
 - Responding to professionalism issues
- Lifelong Learning
 - Assessment of knowledge, judgment, and skills
 - Lifelong professional development
- Improving Health and Healthcare
 - “Wide-door” approach

ABMS Visiting Scholars Program Overview

- Established in 2014
- Leadership and research program for early-career physicians and research professionals
- Encourage and support certification-related research
- 37 individuals selected to participate (2014-2021)
- 9 specialties represented

ABMS Visiting Scholars Program Overview



2018-2019 cohort: Brian George, MD, MA

- One-year, part-time commitment
- Participants remain at their organization
- \$12,500 financial award

ABMS Visiting Scholars Program Activities

Conduct research of value to your program and organization

Strengthen methods and data analyses

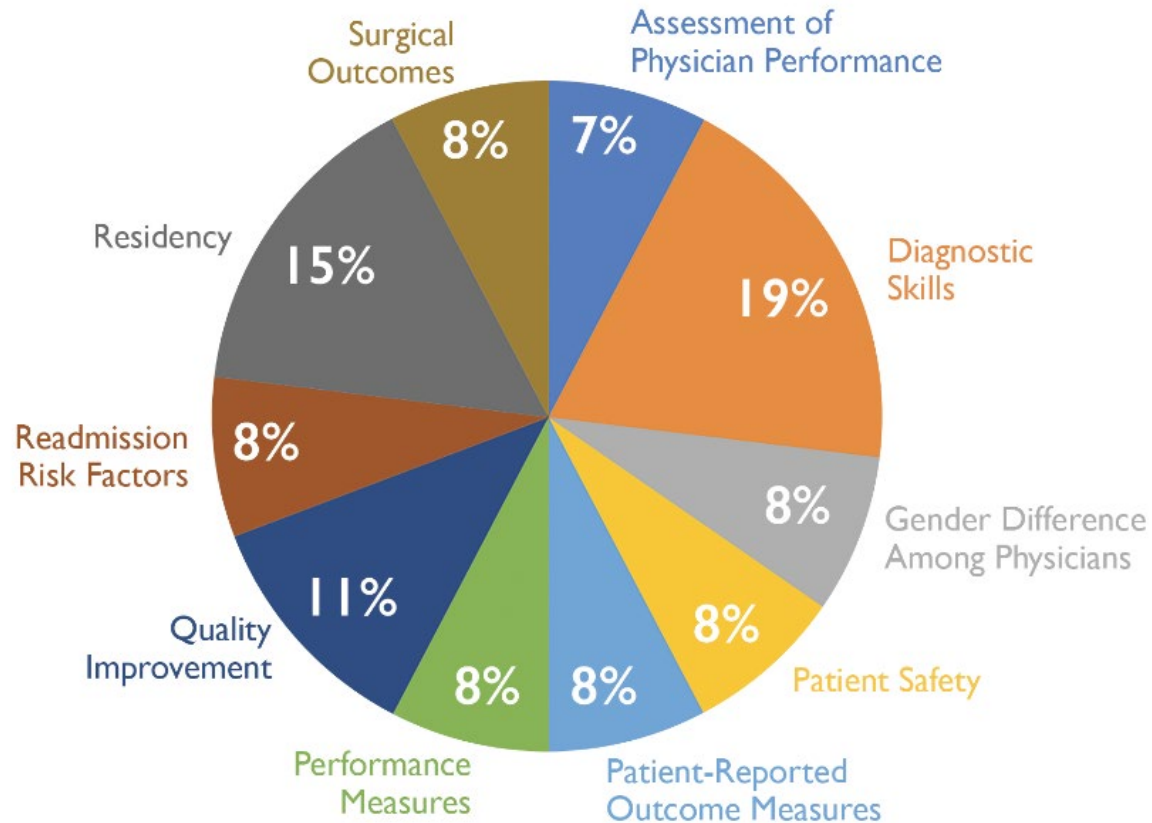
Learn about leadership approaches and priorities

Have your work nationally recognized and disseminated

Develop professional relationships with ABMS and its Member Boards, other professional health care organizations, and ABMS Visiting Scholars Alumni

Research and Publications

Some common research areas include:



Participant research projects have included:

- Quality measures
- Predictive validity of certification examinations
- Board certification requirements in quality and safety
- Entrustable professional activities
- Professional development
- Diagnostic excellence

Application Process

Applications are completed on the ABMS website. You should have a project that is ongoing (or launching) and selected a research mentor.

Applications must include:

- Project description including research questions, plan, budget, expected outcomes and outline
- Statement describing your interests and goals for program participation
- Two letters of recommendation: one from your research mentor and one from your department chair, associate dean/assistant dean, residency program director or other supervisor
- Current, professional CV

ABMS Visiting Scholars Program™

Thank you!

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