

# ABMS Member Board Focused Practice Designation

The focused practice designation, approved by ABMS in March 2017, recognizes the value that physicians who focus some or all their practice within a specific area of a specialty and/or subspecialty can provide to improving health care. 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 formal training.

ABMS MEMBER BOARDS WITH APPROVED FOCUSED PRACTICE DESIGNATIONS				
American Board	Area of Focused Practice	Active Certification Requirement	Year Approved by ABMS	First Issued
Emergency Medicine	<a href="#">Advanced Emergency Medicine Ultrasonography</a>	Emergency Medicine	2018	2022
Family Medicine	<a href="#">Hospital Medicine</a> <sup>1</sup>	Family Medicine	2017	2010
Internal Medicine	<a href="#">Hospital Medicine</a> <sup>1</sup>	Internal Medicine	2017	2010
<a href="#">Neurological Surgery</a>	Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery	Neurological Surgery	2017	2020
	Neurological Critical Care		2018	2021
	Pediatric Neurological Surgery		2017	2018
Obstetrics and Gynecology	<a href="#">Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery</a>	Obstetrics and Gynecology	2019	2022
	<a href="#">Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology</a>		2017	2018
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	Adult Complex Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery	Otolaryngology	2022	††
<a href="#">Pathology</a>	Clinical Chemistry	Pathology- Anatomic/Pathology-Clinical OR Pathology-Clinical	2017	2020
	Clinical Microbiology			
Psychiatry and Neurology	<a href="#">Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery</a>	Neurology	2018	2022
Radiology	<a href="#">Central Nervous System Endovascular Surgery</a>	Diagnostic Radiology OR Interventional and Diagnostic Radiology, and Neuroradiology Surgery	2018	2022
Surgery	<a href="#">Metabolic Bariatric Surgery</a>	Surgery	2019	2022
	Adult Complex Thyroid/Parathyroid Surgery	Surgery	2022	††

<sup>1</sup> The American Board of Internal Medicine will stop issuing focused practice in Hospital Medicine after 2023.

†† Designation not yet issued.



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