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### *For the American Board of Internal Medicine's Specialty Boards*

In response to a dynamic and changing health care system, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) has redefined not only its governance structure, but the roles of the ABIM Specialty Boards moving forward. To better meet the needs of both our profession and the public, and to ensure that ABIM Certification continues to be the standard which defines the “trusted physician,” the ABIM Specialty Boards function is being expanded. These Specialty Boards, through their broad work on assessment, will, in collaboration with the specialty societies and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), play a key role in defining the discipline. They will define, enhance and oversee initial Certification.

Currently, Specialty Boards and Test Writing Committees' main function is writing examination questions. As we implement this new structure, the new Specialty Boards' primary responsibility will be expanded in scope and focus to:

- ✓ Define, refine and set standards in the discipline for Certification and MOC;
- ✓ Perform oversight/review of ABIM's assessment programs in their discipline; and
- ✓ Build partnerships with societies, other organizational stakeholders and the physician community in support of ABIM work.

In the future, the Exam Committees (formerly known as Test Writing Committees) will still serve the essential function of developing Certification and MOC examinations; they will report to their new Specialty Board, which will have a broader set of responsibilities.

As a result of this expanded role, ABIM is currently seeking nominations to fill seats on the new ABIM Specialty Boards for each of its disciplines, including Internal Medicine. Serving on an ABIM Specialty Board is a very important and influential responsibility and we encourage strong health care and inter-professional leaders to seek Specialty Board service.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### *of Specialty Board Members*

- ✓ Be accountable for identifying, developing and defining the standards for the competencies needed in each discipline;
- ✓ Provide expert knowledge of current and future trends in the practice of medicine within their specialty;
- ✓ Represent the voice of the practicing physician in the formation of Certification- and MOC-related policies within their discipline;
- ✓ Serve as spokespersons and advocates for ABIM at specialty medical society and other key stakeholder events and meetings; and
- ✓ Collaborate with the ACGME and specialty societies in aligning standards.



## WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS

### *of Specialty Board members?*

**We are looking for the following attributes in Specialty Board members:**

- ✓ Board certified internist/specialist who is meeting MOC requirements in his/her specialty discipline throughout ABIM service, either with ABIM or in their Board's MOC program, as applicable
- ✓ Willingness to develop a deep understanding of ABIM programs and the products that support them
- ✓ Current clinical practice experience
- ✓ Comply with ABIM's Conflict of Interest Policy and file an annual Conflict of Interest disclosure form
- ✓ Be committed and participate in individual performance evaluation and improvement process
- ✓ Preference will be given to candidates who possess time-limited certification



## WHAT COMPETENCIES ARE WE SEEKING?

All Specialty Board members are expected to meet all of the following competencies:

- ✔ Strong communication, interpersonal and collaboration skills;
- ✔ Relationships with and recognition by key stakeholders; and
- ✔ Leadership experience.

In addition, we are seeking some members to contribute unique competencies, including:

- ✔ Assessment experience (e.g., performance assessment, test writing)
- ✔ Practice-based learning and improvement (PBLI) and systems-based practice (SBP) quality improvement and patient safety experience
- ✔ Healthcare Information Technology experience
- ✔ GME/training experience with competency-based medical education experience, including innovation in training and or implementation of ACGME milestones and reporting
- ✔ Experience with new care delivery models (e.g., ACOs, Advanced Primary Care Models, community-based or population level care programs)

## SPECIALTY BOARD MEMBER TIME COMMITMENT

ABIM Specialty Board service is a significant time commitment and members should be prepared for:

- ✔ Serving an initial term of up to three years that may be renewable once.
- ✔ Attending two Specialty Board meetings a year as well as ad hoc webinars as scheduled throughout the year.
- ✔ Actively participating in ad hoc workgroups that are formed.

### STAFF LIAISON

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## WHO CAN APPLY?

Individuals with expertise in relevant fields including clinical medicine, medical education, medical research, quality improvement, policy and pertinent measure development are encouraged to submit nominations.



## WHAT MUST THE NOMINEE DO?

A complete nomination package will consist of:

- ✔ A current copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae; and
- ✔ A completed ABIM Specialty Board Membership Recruitment survey.

Curricula vitae should be submitted via e-mail to [SpecialtyBoard@abim.org](mailto:SpecialtyBoard@abim.org). Once a nominee's curriculum vitae has been submitted, he or she will receive an e-mail with a link to the Specialty Board Member Recruitment Survey. The nomination process is completed once the CV has been received and the survey is completed.

## SPECIALTY BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES

It is ABIM's policy to reimburse Specialty Board members for expenses associated with attending in-person meetings. Reimbursement for expenses will be further described to members should they be offered and accept appointment.

## WORKING TIMELINE

While we are currently seeking nominations, the Call for Nominations will remain open through early 2014. However, a candidate's nomination package should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure a quick turnaround regarding a decision.

### • August 21 – November 30

Call for Nominations open

### • October – December

Candidates are reviewed

### • January – March 2014

Specialty Board memberships are selected and approved

### • July – November 2014

Initial Specialty Board meetings are to be held



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