


Form 990



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014 , and ending 12-31-2014

<b>B</b> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change  <input type="checkbox"/> Name change  <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return  <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated  <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return  <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION		<b>D Employer identification number</b>  23-7304902
	Doing business as		
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number
	353 NORTH CLARK STREET NO 1400		(312) 436-2600
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code CHICAGO, IL 60654		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 1,722,742
	<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer LOIS MARGARET NORA MD J 353 NORTH CLARK STREET NO 1400 CHICAGO,IL 60654		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)  <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) ◀(insert no ) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
<b>J Website:</b> ▶ N/A			

<b>K</b> Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶	<b>L</b> Year of formation 1973	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile IL
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Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEE SCHEDULE O EXPLANATIONTHE ABMS-REF INITIATES OR PARTNERS WITH ACADEMIC, HEALTHCARE, FOUNDATION AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO EXPLORE THE CURRENT QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE AND TO DEVELOP WAYS TO IMPROVE IT THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL MEDICINE, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH EDUCATIONCONDUCTING AND FACILITATING EDUCATION INITIATIVES REGARDING THE VALUE OF CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) FOR THE PUBLIC, THE PROFESSION AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS OUTREACH THROUGH CONFERENCES, PUBLICATIONS, GUEST SPEAKERS, AND WEBINARS CONTENT FOR ARTICLES, RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS RESEARCHIDENTIFY RELIABLE, VALID AND COST EFFECTIVE TOOLS FOR ASSESSING PRACTICE PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS, INCLUDING RESEARCH PROGRAMS OR SERVICES UNDER GRANTS		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	<b>3</b>	11
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	10
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2014 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	<b>6</b>	34
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	<b>7a</b>	0
	<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	<b>7b</b>	0
	Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	<b>Prior Year</b>
<b>9</b>		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	1,887,000	1,338,000
<b>10</b>		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) . . . . .	638,604	384,742
<b>11</b>		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0	0
<b>12</b>		Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	0	0
			2,525,604	1,722,742
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 ) . . . . .	0	0
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .	0	0
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	912,880	411,747
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	0	0
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <sup>0</sup>		
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) . . . . .	1,063,708	645,834
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,976,588	1,057,581
	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	549,016	665,161
	Net Assets or Fund Balances		<b>Beginning of Current Year</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
<b>20</b>		Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	428,688	203,925
<b>21</b>		Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	1,667,493	777,569
<b>22</b>		Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	-1,238,805	-573,644

Part II

Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

<b>Sign Here</b>	<div>*****</div> <div>Signature of officer</div>	<div>2015-10-27</div> <div>Date</div>			
	<div>LOIS MARGARET NORA MD JD MBA PRESIDENT AND CEO</div> <div>Type or print name and title</div>				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name LU ANN TRAPP	Preparer's signature LU ANN TRAPP	Date 2015-10-27	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01506476
	Firm's name ▶ PLANTE & MORAN PLLC			Firm's EIN ▶ 38-1357951	
	Firm's address ▶ 10 S RIVERSIDE PLAZA 9TH FLOOR  CHICAGO, IL 60606			Phone no (312) 207-1040	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . . ☒ Yes ☐ No

Part IIISTatement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

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Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE MISSION OF THE FOUNDATION SHALL BE TO SUPPORT THE SCIENTIFIC, SCHOLARLY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION PURPOSES OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (1) BY ENCOURAGING AND CONDUCTING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY TO MEASURE, ASSESS, AND EVALUATE THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIANS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (2) BY CONDUCTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC TO ASSIST ITS RECOGNITION, EVALUATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF INITIAL CERTIFICATION, OF SUB CERTIFICATION AND OF MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICIANS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (3) BY FOSTERING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

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Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

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Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 439,383 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION WORKED ON DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO BENEFIT THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY THIS INCLUDED FURTHER DEVELOPING AN ONLINE, PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE RESEARCH DATABASE PROVIDING RESOURCES ON MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION, BOARD CERTIFICATION, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, AND CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, FORMING RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS WITH EXTERNAL INSTITUTIONS, AND DEVELOPING A VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS (AS WELL AS ONGOING MENTORSHIP AND SUPPORT) TO THOSE WORKING ON RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THEIR MEDICAL CAREERS

4b

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 263,124 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 281,518 )

IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE (IPIP), ALIGNING FORCES FOR QUALITY (AF4Q) THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION CONTINUED TO REFINE AND IMPLEMENT THE IMPROVING PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE (IPIP), A PROGRAM CONCEIVED SEVEN YEARS AGO WITH A GRANT FROM ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON (RWJF), THAT CREATED MODELS OF SUPPORT AND COACHING THAT HELPS PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS USING PROVEN MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES IN 2014, THE FOCUS WAS ON AMBULATORY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (Q1) IN THE ALIGNING FORCES FOR QUALITY PROGRAM (AF4Q)

4c

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 92,753 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 103,224 )

1) CMS EPISODE GROUPER THROUGH BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, 2) PEDIATRIC MEASUREMENT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (PMCOE) THROUGH MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION PARTICIPATED IN CONTRACTS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A PROTOTYPE OF AN EPISODE GROUPER SOFTWARE AND A BUILD-OUT OF THE FULL EPISODE GROUPER SYSTEM FOR USE IN IMPLEMENTING VALUE BASED PURCHASING FOR THE MEDICARE POPULATION, AND TO DEVELOP A CORE SET OF MEASURES FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE USING PROVEN METHODOLOGIES BOTH CONTRACTS AIM TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND COST SAVINGS WHILE MAINTAINING A HIGH QUALITY OF CARE

See Additional Data

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses \$ 600 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e
















Total program service expenses

795,860

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . .</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . .</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . .</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . .</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . .	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . .	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . .	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . .</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . .</i>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . .</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . .</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . .</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . .</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . .</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . .</i>	29		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . .</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . .</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . .</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . .</i>	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . .</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . .</i>	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . .</i>	36	Yes	
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . .</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . .	38	Yes	

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

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		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
1c			
2a		0	
2b			
3a			No
3b			
4a			No
5a			No
5b			No
5c			
6a			No
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7a			No
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7e			No
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13c			
14a			No
14b			

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	Yes
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	Yes
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	Yes
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	Yes
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	No

Section B. Policies

(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	No
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	IL
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year	
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records	LAURA SKARNULIS

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			

## Part VII

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			

<b>1b</b>	<b>Sub-Total . . . . .</b>	▼			
<b>c</b>	<b>Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A . . . . .</b>	▼			
<b>d</b>	<b>Total (add lines 1b and 1c) . . . . .</b>	▼	0	2,976,628	365,257

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 1

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	3	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .	4	Yes
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .	5	No

## Section B. Independent Contractors

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►0



Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a				
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b				
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c				
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d	1,338,000			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		1,338,000			
Program Service Revenue	2a	RESEARCH & EDUCATION C	Business Code 900099	384,742	384,742		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		384,742			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .				
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .					
5		Royalties . . . . .					
6a		Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		b	Less rental expenses				
		c	Rental income or (loss)				
		d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .				
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c	Gain or (loss)				
		d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .				
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	a				
		b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .				
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	a				
		b	Less direct expenses . . . . .	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .				
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	a				
		b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	b			
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .				
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue . . . . .						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions . . . . .			1,722,742	384,742	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	284,790	256,311	28,479	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	38,528	34,675	3,853	
9	Other employee benefits	55,153	49,638	5,515	
10	Payroll taxes	33,276	29,948	3,328	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	228	205	23	
c	Accounting	8,246	7,421	825	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	304,078	273,670	30,408	
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	22,759	20,483	2,276	
14	Information technology	7,453	6,708	745	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	77,702	69,932	7,770	
17	Travel	8,526	7,673	853	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	26,394	23,755	2,639	
23	Insurance	15,923	14,331	1,592	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	ALLOCATED OVERHEAD FROM	173,291		173,291	
b	RECRUITMENT	1,234	1,110	124	
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,057,581	795,860	261,721	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X

Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .				1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			145,869	2	119,893
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .			268,930	3	84,032
	4	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .				4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .				7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .				8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .			13,889	9	0
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	7,374	0	10c	0
	b	Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	10b	7,374			
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .				11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				13	
	14	Intangible assets . . . . .				14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .				15	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .			428,688	16	203,925	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .			208,003	17	0
	18	Grants payable . . . . .				18	
	19	Deferred revenue . . . . .				19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .				21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .				22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .				23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .			1,459,490	25	777,569
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .			1,667,493	26	777,569
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets . . . . .			-1,238,805	27	-573,644
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .				28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .				29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .			-1,238,805	33	-573,644
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .			428,688	34	203,925

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,722,742
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,057,581
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	665,161
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	-1,238,805
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	-573,644

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Additional Data

Software ID:  
Software Version:  
EIN: 23-7304902  
Name: AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Form 990, Part III - Line 4c: Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	600	including grants of \$	) (Revenue \$	)
GENERAL RESEARCH INTO FACTORS THAT STRENGTHEN PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE BETTER AND MORE COST EFFECTIVE PATIENT CARE BY FOCUSING ON MATCHING TRAINING TO OUTCOMES					

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) VALERIE M PARISI MD MPH MBA	0 50									
CHAIR	4 00	X		X				0	25,000	0
(1) THOMAS E NORRIS MD	0 50									
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR	4 00	X		X				0	6,250	0
(2) JOHN G CLARKSON MD	0 50									
SECRETARY-TREASURER	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) LOIS MARGARET NORA MD JD MBA	4 00									
PRESIDENT & CEO	46 00	X		X				0	717,426	45,579
(4) JOHN MOORHEAD MD	0 50									
CHAIR ELECT	4 00	X		X				0	18,750	0
(5) PAMELA J BOYERS MA PHD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) SUSAN DENTZER	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) THOMAS W HESS JD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) EVE KURTIN PHARM D	0 50									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) JAMES G LIFTON MBA	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) MARGARET E O'KANE MHS	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(11) GARY J BECKER MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(12) MIRIAM BLITZER PHD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(13) JO BUYSKE MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(14) MICHAEL L CARIUS MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(15) DANIEL J COLE MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(16) KIRK FREY MD PHD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(17) LARRY C GILSTRAP MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(18) LARRY A GREEN MD	0 50									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(19) ANNE-MARIE IRANI MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(20) REBECCA L JOHNSON MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(21) GERALD H JORDAN MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(22) DENECE O KESLER MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(23) LYNN O LANGDON MS	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
(24) JOHN E MAYER JR MD	0 10									
MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(26) GAIL MCGUINNESS MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(1) STANLEY J MILLER MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(2) ROBERT H MILLER MD MBA ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(3) R BARRETT NOONE MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(4) TAE SUNG PARK MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(5) TERRANCE D PEABODY MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(6) BARBARA S SCHNEIDMAN MD MPH ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(7) DAVID J SCHOETZ JR MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(8) BARRY S SMITH MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(9) DAVID J WILSON MD ..... MEMBER	0 10 ..... 1 00	X						0	0	0
(10) JOHN R BOULET PHD ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(11) STEVEN J DURNING MD PHD ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(12) CATHERINE A MARCO MD ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(13) MARY E POST MBA CAE ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(14) CARLA M PUGH MD PHD ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(15) LIANA PUSCAS MD ..... MEMBER	0 50 ..... 0 00	X						0	0	0
(16) LAURA SKARNULIS ..... COO	4 00 ..... 46 00			X				0	312,291	51,927
(17) LISA WASSERMAN ..... CFO (1/1 - 7/31)	4 00 ..... 46 00			X				0	212,144	19,315
(18) YOLANDA DANIEL ..... CFO (10/1 - 12/31)	4 00 ..... 46 00			X				0	57,864	5,822
(19) JOHN MANDELBAUM ..... CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	4 00 ..... 46 00				X			0	246,908	47,252
(20) KATHLEEN RUFF ..... CHIEF OF STAFF	4 00 ..... 46 00				X			0	238,849	32,586
(21) JENNIFER MICHAEL ..... CIO	4 00 ..... 46 00				X			0	211,000	17,050
(22) MIRA IRONS ..... SVP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	4 00 ..... 46 00					X		0	321,492	41,953
(23) THOMAS GRANATIR ..... SVP POLICY & EXT RELATION	4 00 ..... 46 00					X		0	234,450	45,840
(24) KRISTA ALLBEE ..... VP INTERNATIONAL PROG	4 00 ..... 46 00					X		0	190,846	31,884

**Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(51) CAROL CLOTHIER ..... VP PUBLIC AFFAIRS	4 00 ..... 46 00					X		0	183,358	26,049



SCHEDULE A  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 23-7304902
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box )

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E )
- 3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state \_\_\_\_\_
- 5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II )
- 6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II )
- 8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )
- 9

☐

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III )
- 10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11

☒

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g
- a

☒

**Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b

☐

**Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c

☐

**Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d

☐

**Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
- f

Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . . 1
- g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i)Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A) ABMS	410847713	501(C)(6)	Yes		0	1,057,581
Total 1					0	

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI )						
11 Total support Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here . . . . . ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2013 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 33 1/3% support test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶		

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2014 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2013. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1 Yes	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2	No
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	3a Yes	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.	3b Yes	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c Yes	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a	No
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations. . . .	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a	No
b <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	6	No
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .	7	No
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8	No
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9a	No
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9b	No
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .	9c	No
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a	No
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b	
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a	No
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b	No
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c	No

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.	1 Yes	
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.	2	No

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1	
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 <u>Activities Test</u> <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain</b> how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	2a		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.	2b		
3 <u>Parent of Supported Organizations</u> <b>Answer (a) and (b) below.</b>			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.	3a		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.	3b		

Part V – Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2014	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014			
a From 2009. . . . .			
b From 2010. . . . .			
c From 2011. . . . .			
d From 2012. . . . .			
e From 2013. . . . .			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2014 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2014 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2014 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a From 2010. . . . .			
b From 2011. . . . .			
c From 2012. . . . .			
d From 2013. . . . .			
e From 2014. . . . .			

**Part VI Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

Return Reference	Explanation
PART IV, SECTION A, LINE 3B	ABMS-REF CONFIRMED THAT THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION, ABMS, IS A 501(C)(6) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION BY REVIEWING THEIR IRS DETERMINATION LETTER AND ALSO ANNUALLY COMPLETING A PRO FORMA SCHEDULE A, PART III TEST TO CONFIRM THAT ABMS SATISFIES THE PUBLIC SUPPORT TESTS UNDER SECTION 509(A)(2)
PART IV, SECTION A, LINE 3C	NO FUNDS ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION ABMS ABMS-REF PERFORMS AND CONTROLS ALL RESEARCH AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CONDUCTED ON BEHALF OF THE SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION, ABMS



SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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2014

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.  
► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION	Employer identification number  23-7304902
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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area  
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure  
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► \_\_\_\_\_

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► \_\_\_\_\_

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \_\_\_\_\_

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

- 3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other
- 4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance
- |    |        |
|----|--------|
|    | Amount |
| 1c |        |
| 1d |        |
| 1e |        |
| 1f |        |
- 2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No
- b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

- |    | (a)Current year                                | (b)Prior year | b (c)Two years back | (d)Three years back | (e)Four years back |
|----|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1a | Beginning of year balance                      |               |                     |                     |                    |
| b  | Contributions                                  |               |                     |                     |                    |
| c  | Net investment earnings, gains, and losses     |               |                     |                     |                    |
| d  | Grants or scholarships                         |               |                     |                     |                    |
| e  | Other expenditures for facilities and programs |               |                     |                     |                    |
| f  | Administrative expenses                        |               |                     |                     |                    |
| g  | End of year balance                            |               |                     |                     |                    |
- 2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a

Board designated or quasi-endowment
- b

Permanent endowment
- c

Temporarily restricted endowment

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- (i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations
- b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- |        |     |    |
|--------|-----|----|
|        | Yes | No |
| 3a(i)  |     |    |
| 3a(ii) |     |    |
| 3b     |     |    |
- 4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		7,374	7,374	0
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				0



Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 ) . . . . .		5	

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	2b		
c	Other losses . . . . .	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII ) . . . . .	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 ) . . . . .		5	

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUIRE MANAGEMENT TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY ABMS AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY IF ABMS HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE IRS OR OTHER APPLICABLE TAXING AUTHORITIES. MANAGEMENT HAS ANALYZED THE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY ABMS AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013, THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF A LIABILITY OR DISCLOSURE IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. ABMS IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS, HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS FOR YEARS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2011.

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Schedule J  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.</div></div>	1b	
<div><div>2</div><div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div></div>	2	
<div><div>3</div><div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?</div></div>	4a	Yes
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>	4b	No
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</div>	4c	No
<div><div></div><div>Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	5a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</div>	5b	No
<div><div>6</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	6a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</div>	6b	No
<div><div>7</div><div>For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div></div>	7	No
<div><div>8</div><div>Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.</div></div>	8	No
<div><div>9</div><div>If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</div></div>	9	

**Part II** **Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 3	COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY A RELATED ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION 1 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ABMS, WHO ARE INDEPENDENT, SET THE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT 2 AN OUTSIDE COMPENSATION CONSULTING FIRM ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE COMPENSATION PROCESS 3 COMPARABILITY DATA FROM SIMILAR NOT FOR PROFIT HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IS REVIEWED FOR KEY EMPLOYEES THE ABMS PRESIDENT SETS COMPENSATION IN CONSULTATION WITH AN OUTSIDE CONSULTING FIRM AND CONSIDERING COMPARABILITY DATA COMPENSATION IS ALLOCATED TO THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (FOUNDATION) BASED ON THE TIME SPENT ON THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES
PART I, LINE 4A	LISA WASSERMAN, PRIOR CFO, RECEIVED \$59,844 IN COMPENSATION PER THE TERMS OF HER SEPARATION AGREEMENT



Additional Data

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 LOIS MARGARET NORA MD JD MBA, PRESIDENT & CEO	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	668,945	48,481	0	34,500	11,079	0
1 LAURA SKARNULIS, COO	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	283,316	28,975	0	35,240	16,687	0
2 LISA WASSERMAN, CFO (1/1 - 7/31)	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	189,044	0	23,100	3,990	15,325	0
3 JOHN MANDELBAUM, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	223,808	23,100	0	34,500	12,752	0
4 KATHLEEN RUFF, CHIEF OF STAFF	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	217,124	21,725	0	32,406	180	0
5 JENNIFER MICHAEL, CIO	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	200,000	11,000	0	16,270	780	0
6 MIRA IRONS, SVP ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	289,967	31,525	0	34,500	7,453	0
7 THOMAS GRANATIR, SVP POLICY & EXT RELATION	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	212,325	22,125	0	33,009	12,831	0
8 KRISTA ALLBEE, VP INTERNATIONAL PROG	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	180,846	10,000	0	14,678	17,206	0
9 CAROL CLOTHIER, VP PUBLIC AFFAIRS	(i)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(ii)	177,858	5,500	0	13,966	12,083	0

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.****▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.****▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at  
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**Return  
Reference****Explanation**FORM 990,  
PART VI,  
SECTION A,  
LINE 1

INDEPENDENT VOTING MEMBERS ABMS-REF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTS AS ITS GOVERNING BODY. HOWEVER, CERTAIN ASPECTS OF GOVERNANCE OF ABMS-REF ARE RESERVED TO THE ORGANIZATION'S SOLE MEMBER, THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS), AN ILLINOIS, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL TAXATION UNDER IRC SECTION 501(C)(6). THE SOLE MEMBER'S "RESERVED POWERS" ARE SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.01 TO 2.03 OF THE BYLAWS OF ABMS-REF DATED APRIL 24, 2014 AND ARE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 2.01 MEMBERSHIP [ABMS-REF A/K/A] THE FOUNDATION SHALL HAVE ONE MEMBER, NAMELY, THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES, AN ILLINOIS NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION. IN THESE BYLAWS, THE MEMBER SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS THE "SOLE MEMBER" OR "ABMS." SECTION 2.02 THE SOLE MEMBER SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESERVED POWERS IN LIEU OF THOSE GRANTED BY STATUTE TO MEMBERS: INASMUCH AS THE SOLE MEMBER IS ANOTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, ALL OF THE ACTION REQUIRED TO BE TAKEN OR APPROVED BY THE SOLE MEMBER SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE SOLE MEMBER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ("ABMS BOD") OR AS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY ITS BYLAWS: (A) APPOINTING THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ABMS-REF AND REMOVING HIM OR HER, WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE, SUBJECT TO CONTRACT RIGHTS; (B) AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND CORPORATE BYLAWS OF THE FOUNDATION; (C) APPROVING THE ABMS-REF'S ANNUAL OPERATING AND/OR CAPITAL BUDGETS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO IN EXCESS OF SUCH AMOUNT AS SHALL BE SPECIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME IN WRITING FROM THE SOLE MEMBER TO THE FOUNDATION; (D) APPROVING ALL CREATIONS OR ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES OR CONTROLLED AFFILIATES, MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS, PERMANENT OR LONG-TERM AFFILIATIONS AND ALL JOINT VENTURES OF THE ABMS-REF INVOLVING CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN EXCESS OF SUCH AMOUNT AS SHALL BE SPECIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME IN WRITING FROM THE SOLE MEMBER TO THE ABMS-REF; (E) APPROVING THE SALE OR ENCUMBRANCE OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL THE ASSETS OF THE FOUNDATION AND ALL LONG-TERM DEBT IN EXCESS OF SUCH AMOUNT [AS] SHALL BE SPECIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME IN WRITING FROM THE SOLE MEMBER TO THE ABMS-REF; (F) APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION OF AND ALL LIQUIDATIONS FROM THE ABMS-REF. SECTION 2.03 THE SOLE MEMBER SHALL EXERCISE ITS RESERVED POWERS IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE SOLE MEMBER'S BYLAWS.

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4	<p>AT ITS MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2014, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABMS-REF AMENDED ITS BYLAWS BY CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PRIOR TO THE AMENDMENTS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ABMS-REF WAS THE SAME AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ITS SOLE MEMBER, THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES ("ABMS"). UNDER THE AMENDED BYLAWS, THERE WILL NOW BE BETWEEN NINE AND SEVENTEEN DIRECTORS, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD FROM TIME TO TIME. THE INITIAL BOARD AFTER THE AMENDMENT WILL HAVE NINE DIRECTORS. THE BOARD WILL CONSIST OF TWO EX OFFICIO MEMBERS, THE PRESIDENT OF ABMS AND A MEMBER OF THE ABMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DESIGNATED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE ABMS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND BETWEEN SEVEN AND FIFTEEN DIRECTORS THAT WILL BE ELECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NOMINATED BY ABMS. THE SLATE OF ELECTED DIRECTORS MUST BE RATIFIED BY THE ABMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN ADDITION, THE BYLAWS NO LONGER PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ABMS-REF.</p>

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE SOLE VOTING MEMBER OF THE ABMS-REF IS THE ABMS WHICH ACTS THROUGH ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS PER THE BYLAWS

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS), AN ILLINOIS NON-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER IRC SEC 501(C)(6), IS THE SOLE CORPORATE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND, BY POSSESSION OF ITS RESERVED POWERS, MEETS THE DEFINITION OF MAJORITY PARENTAL CONTROL UNDER THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS ABMS, AMONG ITS OTHER POWERS, ELECTS THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ABMS-REF PLEASE REFER TO PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1 DESCRIPTION

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	PLEASE REFER TO PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1 DESCRIPTION

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE BOARD RETAINS THE SERVICES OF AN INDEPENDENT CPA FIRM TO PREPARE THE ABMS-REF FORM 990 THE INDEPENDENT CPA FIRM PRESENTS THE 990 TO MANAGEMENT AND THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES THE 990 THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE THEN PROVIDES A FULL COPY TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY THE FORM 990 IS ALSO REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE IT IS FILED

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	AT THE BEGINNING OF ALL BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DISCLOSE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DUALITIES THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND OF ALL BOARD COMMITTEES SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE PERSONS WHO DISCLOSED OR OTHERWISE WERE FOUND TO HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OR DUALITY OF INTEREST, THE NATURE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST, ANY ACTION TAKEN TO DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT OR DUALITY OF INTEREST WAS PRESENT, AND THE BOARD'S OR COMMITTEE'S DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A CONFLICT OR DUALITY OR INTEREST IN FACT EXISTED



Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY A RELATED ORGANIZATION FOR THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES FOR THE ABMS PRESIDENT'S COMPENSATION 1 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ABMS, WHO ARE INDEPENDENT, SET THE COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT 2 AN OUTSIDE COMPENSATION CONSULTING FIRM ALSO PARTICIPATES IN THE COMPENSATION PROCESS 3 COMPARABILITY DATA FROM MEMBER BOARDS AND SIMILAR NOT FOR PROFIT MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS IS REVIEWED FOR KEY EMPLOYEES THE ABMS PRESIDENT SETS COMPENSATION IN CONSULTATION WITH AN OUTSIDE CONSULTING FIRM AND CONSIDERING COMPARABILITY DATA COMPENSATION IS ALLOCATED TO THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION (FOUNDATION) BASED ON THE TIME SPENT ON THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE BYLAWS INCLUDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ALONG WITH THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH APPLICABLE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VII, SECTION A - COMPENSATION	THE COMPENSATION FROM A RELATED ORGANIZATION, AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS) REPORTED IN PART VII IS THE COMPENSATION PAID BY ABMS FOR A FULL-TIME POSITION. HOWEVER, A PORTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S TIME IS DEVOTED TO THE FILING ORGANIZATION, ABMS-REF AND IS REIMBURSED BY THE ABMS-REF.

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G	SUBCONTRACT LABOR PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 273,670 MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 30,408 FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 0 TOTAL EXPENSES 304,078

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PART IV, LINE 33	<p>THE ORGANIZATION NEITHER OWNS NOR CONTROLS ANY DISREGARDED ENTITY AS DEFINED IN FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS), AN ILLINOIS NON-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER IRC SEC 501(C)(6), IS THE SOLE CORPORATE MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION AND, BY POSSESSION OF ITS RESERVED POWERS, MEETS THE DEFINITION OF MAJORITY PARENTAL CONTROL UNDER THE FORM 990 INSTRUCTIONS ABMS, AMONG ITS OTHER POWERS, ELECTS THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE ABMS-REF IN ADDITION, ABMS HAS 24 NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND TAX EXEMPT VOTING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS CONSTITUTING THE 24 CERTIFYING BOARDS OF THE ABMS-RECOGNIZED MEDICAL SPECIALTIES 1 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY, INC , 2 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY, INC , 3 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY, INC , 4 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY, INC , 5 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, INC , 6 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE, INC , 7 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF INTERNAL MEDICINE, INC , 8 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETICS AND GENOMICS, INC , 9 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY, INC , 10 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE, INC , 11 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, INC , 12 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, INC , 13 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHOPAEDICS SURGERY, INC , 14 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY, INC , 15 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY, INC , 16 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRICS, INC , 17 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION, INC , 18 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PLASTIC SURGERY, INC , 19 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE, INC , 20 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY, INC , 21 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF RADIOLOGY, INC , 22 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY, INC , 23 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF THORACIC SURGERY, INC , 24 THE AMERICAN BOARD OF UROLOGY, INC BOTH VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS AND SALARIED EXECUTIVES FROM SUCH BOARDS, AS WELL AS INDEPENDENT PUBLIC MEMBERS, SERVE ON THE ABMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND, EX OFFICIO, ON THE ABMS-REF'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOWEVER, NO SUCH SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARD EVER NOMINATES, SPONSORS OR CONTROLS MORE THAN TWO (2) VOTING MEMBERS OF THE ABMS-REF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND, ACCORDINGLY, NONE OF THEM MEETS THE MAJORITY CONTROL REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEFINITION OF "RELATED PARTY" FOR SCHEDULE R THE ABMS-REF'S BYLAWS, AS WELL AS ITS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDE PROVISIONS (A) REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DUALITIES OF INTEREST, AND (B) PROHIBITING A DIRECTOR, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY DECISION REGARDING A MATTER IN WHICH SUCH PERSON IS CONFLICTED</p>

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990.  
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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) ABMS INTERNATIONAL LLC 353 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 1400 CHICAGO, IL 60654 27-4201101	HOLDING COMPANY	IL	5,034,433	3,086,891	ABMS
(2) ABMS SINGAPORE LLC 353 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 1400 CHICAGO, IL 60654 27-4201326	CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES	IL	0	0	ABMS INTERNATIONAL LLC
(3) ABMS SOLUTIONS LLC 353 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 1400 CHICAGO, IL 60654 45-3952583	PROVIDING CERTIFICATION SOLUTIONS FOR CREDENTIALERS	IL	3,469,401	3,561,031	ABMS

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES 353 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 1400  CHICAGO, IL 60654 41-0847713	ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR PHYSICIAN SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION	IL	501(C)(6)		NONE		No
(2) MULTI-SPECIALTY PORTFOLIO APPROVAL PROGRAM 353 NORTH CLARK STREET SUITE 1400  CHICAGO, IL 60654 46-5431221	PROMOTING PHYSICIAN PARTICIPATION AND COMPETENCY	IL	501(C)(3)	LINE 9	ABMS		No

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproporionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

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During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a

Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b

Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c

Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d

Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e

Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f

Dividends from related organization(s)

g

Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h

Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i

Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k

Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o

Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p

Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q

Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r

Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s

Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

No

1b

No

1c

Yes

1d

No

1e

No

1f

No

1g

No

1h

No

1i

No

1j

No

1k

No

1l

No

1m

No

1n

Yes

1o

Yes

1p

Yes

1q

No

1r

No

1s

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	P	777,569	AUDITED EXPENSE REPORT
(2) AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES	C	1,338,000	CASH



**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.  
Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

**Part VII**   **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Return Reference	Explanation
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