



Policy on Subspecialty and Focused Practice Representative Appointment Criteria

BACKGROUND

In order to bring the subspecialty representative criteria in line with that of other appointees, the Board reviewed and approved the following criteria.

POLICY

It is the policy of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) that individuals nominated for appointment to ABEM subspecialty **subboards, examination committees, and focus practice examination committees** meet the following criteria:

1. Be certified in EM for a minimum of five years before the initial term begins;
2. Be a graduate of an ACGME-accredited fellowship program in the subspecialty to which they are appointed when more than 50 percent of the EM diplomates certified in that subspecialty are fellowship trained, or be a graduate of an ABEM-approved fellowship program in the focused practice to which they are appointed
3. Be certified in the subspecialty or focused practice to which they are appointed
4. Be actively involved in the clinical practice of the subspecialty or focused practice
5. Participate fully in either ABEM's program of continuing certification or the continuing certification program of the subspecialty or focused practice
6. When the subspecialty or focused practice implements its own continuing certification requirements, be actively involved in that program at the same level as required of all subspecialty or focused practice diplomates, with the exception of taking the MOC Cognitive Expertise Examination or other recertification equivalent
7. If the diplomate wishes to maintain EM certification, or is required to maintain EM certification for the subspecialty or focused practice certification to be valid, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. Be certified in EM
 - b. Be actively involved in the clinical practice of EM
 - c. Actively participate in the ABEM program of continuing certification at the same level as required of all ABEM diplomates

PROCEDURES

The criteria are given to subboards and examination committees to help them develop lists of suggested representatives.

The criteria are given to subspecialty and focused practice representative nominees to affirm they comply with the criteria.

EXCEPTION

Representatives to subboards or examination committees of newly created subspecialties or focused practices cannot be certified in that subspecialty or focused practice until after their appointed term expires.

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