

Board Certification Examination Pass Rates

Data obtained from ABPTS

Beginning in 2014, ABPTS began releasing passing rate data by specialty area.

Examination Pass Rates for All Specialties

Examination Year	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
2006	71%	75%
2007	71%	84%
2008	66%	82%
2009	66%	85%
2010	62%	78%
2011	67%	88%
2012	73%	91%
2013	72%	84%
2014	74%	91%
2015	74%	94%
2016	74%	86%
2017	77%	90%
2018	80%	91%
2019	81%	89%
2020	76%	92%

2021	77%	94%
2022	75%	87%
2023	85%	93%
2024	84%	95%

Examination Pass Rates Specialty-Specific

2014 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

13% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (4)	79%	100%
Clinical Electrophysiology (1)	50%	100%
Geriatrics (9)	84%	89%
Neurology (37)	81%	97%
Orthopaedics (186)	73%	89%
Pediatrics (15)	74%	80%
Sports (48)	82%	98%
Women’s Health (6)	72%	83%

2015 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

14% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (4)	62%	100%
Clinical Electrophysiology (1)	67%	100%
Geriatrics (13)	89%	100%
Neurology (38)	72%	95%
Orthopaedics (268)	71%	86%
Pediatrics (15)	69%	93%
Sports (43)	83%	98%
Women’s Health (12)	78%	83%

2016 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

16% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (6)	68%	83%
Clinical Electrophysiology (1)	57%	100%
Geriatrics (17)	80%	94%

Neurology (56)	70%	91%
Orthopaedics (321)	72%	84%
Pediatrics (22)	73%	77%
Sports (51)	79%	94%
Women’s Health (12)	85%	92%

2017 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

17% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (5)	77%	80%
Clinical Electrophysiology (0)	50%	No Applicants
Geriatrics (25)	86%	96%
Neurology (57)	79%	96%
Orthopaedics (353)	74%	87%
Pediatrics (27)	72%	92%
Sports (65)	82%	97%
Women’s Health (8)	88%	100%

2018 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

19% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (4)	79%	100%
Clinical Electrophysiology (1)	50%	100%
Geriatrics (21)	94%	95%
Neurology (86)	78%	97%
Orthopaedics (423)	79%	90%
Pediatrics (24)	74%	100%
Sports (70)	61%	87%
Women’s Health (11)	82%	100%

2019 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

18% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (6)	88%	83%
Clinical Electrophysiology (1)	80%	100%
Geriatrics (16)	94%	100%

Neurology (92)	80%	92%
Oncology (0)	93%	No Applicants
Orthopaedics (431)	79%	87%
Pediatrics (26)	71%	92%
Sports (76)	74%	92%
Women’s Health (11)	82%	91%

2020 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

20% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (7)	74%	86%
Clinical Electrophysiology (7)	75%	86%
Geriatrics (23)	81%	96%
Neurology (102)	76%	97%
Oncology (3)	94%	100%
Orthopaedics (481)	67%	86%
Pediatrics (26)	80%	96%
Sports (91)	54%	82%
Women’s Health (16)	83%	100%

2021 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

20% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (7)	80%	86%
Clinical Electrophysiology (3)	60%	100%
Geriatrics (20)	90%	100%
Neurology (103)	84%	98%
Oncology (5)	78%	100%
Orthopaedics (438)	78%	91%
Pediatrics (27)	82%	89%
Sports (111)	60%	81%
Women’s Health (14)	85%	100%

2022 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

19% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (8)	74%	86%
Clinical Electrophysiology (8)	50%	50%

Geriatrics (15)	78%	93%
Neurology (80)	78%	98%
Oncology (5)	93%	100%
Orthopaedics (405)	71%	85%
Pediatrics (28)	81%	96%
Sports (102)	69%	81%
Women’s Health (19)	81%	95%
Wound Management (0)	75%	No Applicants

2023 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

25% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (10)	81%	100%
Clinical Electrophysiology (18)	89%	78%
Geriatrics (27)	88%	100%
Neurology (94)	92%	99%
Oncology (5)	76%	80%
Orthopaedics (494)	86%	93%
Pediatrics (40)	87%	88%
Sports (130)	65%	86%

Women’s Health (29)	81%	100%
Wound Management (0)	92%	No Applicants

2024 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

24% of total applicants were Option B (residency graduates)

Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)	Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)	Residency Graduates (Option B)
Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (9)	76%	100%
Clinical Electrophysiology (14)	100%	64%
Geriatrics (17)	67%	88%
Neurology (116)	92%	99%
Oncology (4)	71%	100%
Orthopaedics (494)	85%	96%
Pediatrics (33)	87%	94%
Sports (152)	92%	93%
Women’s Health (23)	77%	87%
Wound Management (0)	100%	No Applicants

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