

# 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%

<b>2021</b>	77%	94%
<b>2022</b>	75%	87%
<b>2023</b>	85%	93%
<b>2024</b>	84%	95%

## Examination Pass Rates Specialty-Specific

### 2014 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

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

<b>Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)</b>	<b>Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)</b>	<b>Residency Graduates (Option B)</b>
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (4)</b>	79%	100%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (1)</b>	50%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (9)</b>	84%	89%
<b>Neurology (37)</b>	81%	97%
<b>Orthopaedics (186)</b>	73%	89%
<b>Pediatrics (15)</b>	74%	80%
<b>Sports (48)</b>	82%	98%
<b>Women's Health (6)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (4)</b>	62%	100%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (1)</b>	67%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (13)</b>	89%	100%
<b>Neurology (38)</b>	72%	95%
<b>Orthopaedics (268)</b>	71%	86%
<b>Pediatrics (15)</b>	69%	93%
<b>Sports (43)</b>	83%	98%
<b>Women's Health (12)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (6)</b>	68%	83%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (1)</b>	57%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (17)</b>	80%	94%

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

### 2017 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

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

<b>Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)</b>	<b>Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)</b>	<b>Residency Graduates (Option B)</b>
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (5)</b>	77%	80%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (0)</b>	50%	No Applicants
<b>Geriatrics (25)</b>	86%	96%
<b>Neurology (57)</b>	79%	96%
<b>Orthopaedics (353)</b>	74%	87%
<b>Pediatrics (27)</b>	72%	92%
<b>Sports (65)</b>	82%	97%
<b>Women's Health (8)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (4)</b>	79%	100%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (1)</b>	50%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (21)</b>	94%	95%
<b>Neurology (86)</b>	78%	97%
<b>Orthopaedics (423)</b>	79%	90%
<b>Pediatrics (24)</b>	74%	100%
<b>Sports (70)</b>	61%	87%
<b>Women's Health (11)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (6)</b>	88%	83%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (1)</b>	80%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (16)</b>	94%	100%

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

### 2020 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

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

<b>Specialty Area (# Option B applicants)</b>	<b>Non-Residency Graduates (Option A: Direct Patient Care Hours)</b>	<b>Residency Graduates (Option B)</b>
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (7)</b>	74%	86%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (7)</b>	75%	86%
<b>Geriatrics (23)</b>	81%	96%
<b>Neurology (102)</b>	76%	97%
<b>Oncology (3)</b>	94%	100%
<b>Orthopaedics (481)</b>	67%	86%
<b>Pediatrics (26)</b>	80%	96%
<b>Sports (91)</b>	54%	82%
<b>Women's Health (16)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (7)</b>	80%	86%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (3)</b>	60%	100%
<b>Geriatrics (20)</b>	90%	100%
<b>Neurology (103)</b>	84%	98%
<b>Oncology (5)</b>	78%	100%
<b>Orthopaedics (438)</b>	78%	91%
<b>Pediatrics (27)</b>	82%	89%
<b>Sports (111)</b>	60%	81%
<b>Women's Health (14)</b>	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)
<b>Cardiovascular &amp; Pulmonary (8)</b>	74%	86%
<b>Clinical Electrophysiology (8)</b>	50%	50%

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

### 2023 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

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

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



<b>Women's Health (29)</b>	81%	100%
<b>Wound Management (0)</b>	92%	No Applicants

## 2024 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

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

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

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