

# Board Certification Examination Passing Rates

| Examination Year | Non-residency graduates (direct patient care hours, "Option A") | Residency Graduate ("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%                             |

Data obtained from ABPTS.

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

## 2014 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (4)            | 79%                            | 100%                          |
| Clinical Electrophysiology (1)            | 50%                            | 100%                          |
| Geriatrics (21)                           | 94%                            | 95%                           |
| Neurology (86)                            | 78%                            | 97%                           |
| Oncology (0)                              | Not applicable                 | Not applicable                |
| Orthopaedics (423)                        | 79%                            | 90%                           |
| Pediatrics (24)                           | 74%                            | 100%                          |
| Sports (70)                               | 61%                            | 87%                           |
| Women's Health (11)                       | 82%                            | 100%                          |

## 2019 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cardiovascular & Pulmonary (6)            | 88%                            | 83%                           |
| Clinical Electrophysiology (1)            | 80%                            | 100%                          |
| Geriatrics (16)                           | 94%                            | 100%                          |
| Neurology (92)                            | 80%                            | 92%                           |
| Oncology (0)                              | 93%                            | Not applicable                |
| Orthopaedics (431)                        | 79%                            | 87%                           |
| Pediatrics (26)                           | 71%                            | 92%                           |
| Sports (76)                               | 74%                            | 92%                           |
| Women's Health (11)                       | 82%                            | 91%                           |

## 2020 Examination Cycle Pass Rates

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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

| Specialty Area (# of option B applicants) | Option A – Direct Patient Care | Option B – Residency Graduate |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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%                            | N/A                           |