



## EMS Board Certification

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## 2017 EMS Certification Exam

- Administered September 17, 2017
- 301 physicians took the exam
  - 278 ABEM (92%)
  - 23 Other MB-certified physicians (8%)
- Standard setting: EMS-certified, ABEM diplomates
  - No members of Exam Committee participate
  - Panel recommended passing standard (score) to Exam Committee

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## 2017 EMS Results: Training

	Pass	Fail	Pass Rate
Fellowship Trained	87	27	76%
Practice Pathway	102	85	55%

Chi square:  $p < 0.001$

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## 2017 EMS Results: Historical Comparison

	Pass	Fail	Pass Rate
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>67%</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>63%</b>

Comparing 2015 to 2017 (Chi square):  $p = 0.25$       EMS Board Certification - January 11, 2018

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## Fellowship Matters

	Pass	Fail	Pass Rate
<b>2015</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>76%</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76%</b>

Chi square:  $p = 0.95$       EMS Board Certification - January 11, 2018

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## Summary

- **Consistent performance for fellowship-trained takers**
- **Pass rate following a predictable/familiar trend with early specialty certification**
- **Passing standard (score) proposed within EMS community**
- **EMS Exam Committee approves final passing standard**
- **ABEM does not influence passing standard**

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# Congratulations!

- **Total 655 EMS-certified physicians**
  - 625 ABEM-certified (95%)
  - 30 certified by other MBs
    - ABA, ABFM, ABIM, ABP, ABPM, ABS, AOBEM, AOBS
- **EMS is largest ABEM subspecialty**
- **57 ACGME-accredited fellowships**

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# Thank you!



**EMS Exam Committee**

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# Thank you!



- **Retiring members**
  - Jane H. Brice, M.D.
  - Carol A. Cunningham, M.D.
- **New members**
  - Alexander P. Isakov, M.D.
  - Douglas F. Kupas, M.D.

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## EMS MOC Activities

<b>Years 1-5</b> └───┬───┘	<b>Years 6-10</b> └───┬───┘
<b>4 LLSA tests</b> <b>25 CME credits</b> <b>(average)</b>	<b>4 LLSA tests</b> <b>25 CME credits</b> <b>(average)</b>

All LLSA and CME activities count toward requirements of all ABEM MOC programs

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## Success with Exam Seating

- Problem with EMS exam proximity to Fall Oral Exam
- Will attempt to accommodate requests
  - Not always possible
- Assignments are random (for test reliability)
- MUST notify ABEM *immediately* for an adjustment
- Oral exam seating demand exceeds capacity

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## Subspecialty Board Eligibility

- Effective January 1, 2018
- Starts: Either end of fellowship or practice ends
  - Seven years later *OR*
  - Four examination cycles (eight years)
- Loss of eligibility requires more training
  - Half of duration of original training

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# Questions?



Thank you for listening!

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