



At-A-Glance

ABFM currently offers a **Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ)** in the subspecialties of Adolescent Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Pain Medicine, Sleep Medicine, Sports Medicine, and Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management.

A CAQ provides additional certification for Diplomates who have completed a relevant subspecialty fellowship. Longitudinal assessment options are available for Adolescent Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Pain Medicine, and Sleep Medicine. To be eligible for a CAQ, you must be an active ABFM Diplomate and have completed an Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) – accredited fellowship training program but not yet attained initial CAQ certification.

■ Adolescent Medicine

The CAQ in Adolescent Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Internal Medicine. This certificate recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge in the unique physical, psychological, and social characteristics of adolescents and their health care problems and needs.

■ Geriatric Medicine

The CAQ in Geriatric Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Internal Medicine. This certificate recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge of the aging process and special skills in the diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive, and rehabilitative aspects of illness in the elderly.

■ Health Care Administration, Leadership and Management

The CAQ in Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM) is available to physicians with relevant training and significant leadership and management responsibilities in a wide variety of practice settings, including community practice, hospitals, large medical groups, integrated health systems, academic departments and programs, and health policy organizations.

■ Hospice & Palliative Medicine

The CAQ in Hospice and Palliative Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Internal Medicine and eight other ABMS specialty boards. This CAQ recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge of care to prevent and relieve the suffering experienced by patients with life-limiting illnesses.

■ Pain Medicine

The CAQ in Pain Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Anesthesiology, the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. This CAQ recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge of treating patients experiencing problems with acute or chronic pain, or pain related to cancer, in both hospital and outpatient settings.

■ Sleep Medicine

The CAQ in Sleep Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, American Board of Pediatrics, and the American Board of Otolaryngology. This certificate recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge of the diagnosis and management of clinical conditions that occur during sleep, that disturb sleep, or that are affected by disturbances in the wake-sleep cycle.

■ Sports Medicine

The CAQ in Sports Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics, and the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. This certificate recognizes your fellowship training and knowledge of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and management of injuries related to participating in sports and/or exercise, and ability to address illnesses and diseases that might have effects on health and physical.

How to Get Started

Visit your **MyABFM Portfolio** and scroll down to the Knowledge Center. The Added Qualifications button will take you to resources for each CAQ including key application dates and Candidate Information Booklets.

