

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) currently offers Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs) in the subspecialties of Sports Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine, Sleep Medicine, Adolescent Medicine, and Pain Medicine.

Family physicians must be currently board-certified Diplomates of ABFM to apply for, and maintain, an added qualification. These are valid for 10 years, as long as you maintain your primary certificate in family medicine. Successful performance on the subspecialty examination is required for initial certification and re-examination is required every 10 years

Longitudinal assessment options are now available for Adolescent Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Pain Medicine, and Sleep Medicine.

To learn if you are eligible and how to apply, visit www.theabfm.org/added-qualifications.



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Added Qualifications

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 excellence among those Diplomates whose practices emphasize the total health care of adolescents.

Geriatric Medicine

The CAQ in Geriatric Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Internal Medicine. This certificate recognizes excellence among thos Diplomates whose practices emphasize care of older adults.

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 excellence among those Diplomates whose practices emphasize the care of seriously ill and dying patients with life-limiting illnesses.

Pain Medicine

The CAQ in Pain Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Anesthesiology. This CAQ recognizes excellence among those Diplomates whose practices have a focus on caring for patients with a broad range of pain disorders.

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 excellence among those Diplomates whose practices emphasize care of patients with sleep problems and specific sleep disorders.

Sports Medicine

The CAQ in Sports Medicine is offered in conjunction with the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics and the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. This certificate recognizes excellence among those Diplomates whose practices emphasize expertise in the care of patients with a broad range of sports-related or sports-impacted conditions.