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of Family Medicine**

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YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR IS BOARD-CERTIFIED!

What Does It Mean To Be Board-Certified?

You may be asking what exactly it means to be board-certified. Below are the basic requirements a family physician must successfully complete to be certified by the ABFM.

- Complete Medical School
- Complete three more years of training in a residency
- Have a license to practice medicine
- Pass a written exam
- Continue to keep up-to-date

Focus On Your Family

Knowing your family doctor is ABFM-certified tells you your doctor is qualified and continues to sharpen his or her skills, while staying on top of changes in medical knowledge.

When you choose a board-certified doctor, you can be sure he or she meets standards for education, knowledge, experience, and skills to provide high quality care.

To keep board certification, a family physician must keep up with the latest in medicine and ethics.

Ask Your Doctor

Don't be shy! Ask your doctor if he or she is up-to-date with ABFM certification. Ask if your family physician has enrolled in Maintenance of Certification.

- Studies show that when doctors maintain their certification, there are improvements in their knowledge, practice, communication with patients, and the quality of care
- Over 85,000 current physicians recognized by the ABFM
- The ABFM recognizes physicians in over 60 countries who meet current qualifications

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