BOARD CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE

Summary of TMA Member Survey

July 2015
Are you currently certified by a specialty board?

Yes

No
Is this your first certification period after residency or fellowship?
If not, how many times have you previously re-certified after your initial specialty certification?
How often does your board require a specialty re-certification?

- 3 years
- 5 years
- 7 years
- 10 years
- Other (please specify)
Do you think that the length of the certification period is appropriate?

- Yes: 60%
- No: 40%
Besides a written test, does your board have additional requirements to satisfy for a specialty certification?
How much does it cost to become certified by your specialty board?
Do you think the cost is reasonable?

Yes

No
How much does it cost to re-certify by your specialty board?
Do you think the cost is reasonable?

- Yes
- No
Before re-certification, will you take a review course?

Yes

No
What is the average cost for a review course?
What is the average length of time for a review course?

- 1 day
- 2 days
- 3 days
- 4 days
- 5 days

Percentage distribution:
- 0% to 10% for 1 day
- 10% to 20% for 2 days
- 20% to 30% for 3 days
- 30% to 40% for 4 days
- 40% to 50% for 5 days
How soon before the re-certification exam will you begin preparing?

- 5+ years
- 4 to 5 years
- 3 to 4 years
- 2 to 3 years
- 1 to 2 years
- 10 months to 1 year
- 7 to 9 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 1 to 3 months
- Less than one month
How many hours per week will be required to prepare for the exam?
How many more years do you plan to practice before retiring?

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- More than 20 years
Will you relinquish your board specialty certification before retiring from medicine?
Do you plan to maintain a board certification after you retire?