

Addiction Medicine



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Addiction Medicine History



- 1995 AOA approves the Addiction Medicine conjoint subspecialty/CAQ... Expectation for **300** DOs
- 1996 First exam delivered / First certification granted
- 2002 Clinical Pathway closes
- 2002 Last of **27** DOs certified in Addiction Medicine
- Currently **6** Active Certifications

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2016 American Board of Preventive Medicine takes over American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM). DOs with AOA Certification will lose certification.

2016 AOA Midyear Meeting: American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM) proposes resolution to re-open subspecialty, including a clinical practice pathway to certification.

2016 AOA Board of Trustees proposes mechanism to allow ABAM-certified DOs to obtain AOA certification.

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Addiction Medicine ABAM→AOA



- 2016 **RESOLVED**, that the AOA should create a mechanism to allow those osteopathic physicians who have an Active AOA primary certification and an Active ABAM certification to be granted subspecialty/CAQ certification in Addiction Medicine, with a requirement that they maintain such certification through the AOA's Addiction Medicine Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) process
- 2017 Feb 21 Invitation goes out to 169 qualified DOs.
- 2017 Apr 6 **55** DOs have applied to date!

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AOA Addiction Medicine Eligibility



- **Active AOA primary certification, current in OCC, if applicable; and**
- **Active American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) certification, current in ABAM MOC.**

Applicants who meet these two requirements will be granted subspecialty/CAQ certification in Addiction Medicine, with a requirement that Diplomates maintain their certification through the AOA's Addiction Medicine Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) process.

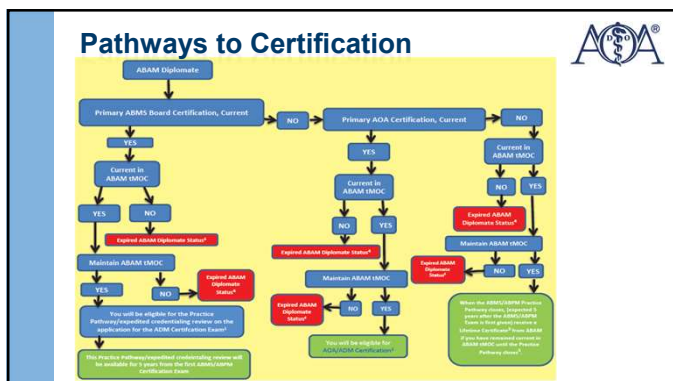
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Clarification



- No lifetime certification
- Expiration date of certification based on expiration provided by ABAM
- ABAM is the primary source for verification of all candidates
- OCC requirements will begin once new OCC process is launched (expected 2018)

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Addiction Medicine – The Future!

- AOA recognizes the significant public health crisis
- Severe shortage of Addiction Medicine specialists
- American Board of Preventive Medicine (of ABMS) opening clinical pathway

AOA is considering options to full re-opening of Addiction Medicine certification!

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Comments?
Questions?

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