

Regulatory Landscape for U.S. Physician Education, Training, and Practice

Medical School Education

Graduate Medical Education

Physicians in Practice

ABPN Certification



US DoE – United States Department of Education
Provides oversight of accrediting bodies for higher education.

ECFMG – Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
A member of InTealth, providing certification of physician qualifications before they enter U.S. graduate medical education.

COCA – Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation
Accrediting body for osteopathic medical education programs leading to the DO degree.

LCME – Liaison Committee on Medical Education
Accrediting body for allopathic medical education programs leading to the MD degree.

AAMC – Association of American Medical Colleges
National organization of academic health centers and teaching hospitals. A joint sponsor of the LCME.

AMA – American Medical Association
National organization of physicians. A joint sponsor of the LCME.

ACGME – Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
Accrediting body for post-medical-degree specialty and subspecialty training programs, including psychiatry, neurology, and their subspecialties.

Review Committees in Neurology and in Psychiatry
ACGME committees comprising volunteer physicians, nominated by ABPN and other organizations, to review the quality of residency and fellowship training programs.

Licensure
ABPN policy requires medical licensure of all its certified physicians.

FSMB – Federation of State Medical Boards
Supports state medical boards within the U.S., its territories, and the District of Columbia. Its member boards license physicians, investigate complaints, and discipline or facilitate rehabilitation of physicians where appropriate.

CME – Continuing Medical Education
ABPN Continuing Certification program requires physicians to participate in lifelong learning including that provided by CME.

CME Providers
Professional societies, academic institutions, health systems, and other organizations that offer CME and other resources to their members or other physicians.

ACCME – Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
National accrediting body for CME, assuring that CME providers offer education that meets standards for quality.

ABPN – American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
An independent not-for-profit organization, the ABPN serves the public and the profession by promoting lifelong learning and certifying psychiatrists and neurologists to high standards of expertise.

ABMS – American Board of Medical Specialties
Establishes and maintains certification standards of approved medical specialty boards. The ABPN is one of 24 member boards of the ABMS.



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