

**Missouri State Medical Association
House of Delegates**

Resolution #9
(A-20)

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Subject: Early Entry Pathway to ABIM Initial Certification Examination

Referred to: Reference Committee A

1 WHEREAS, the Missouri State Medical Association is committed to providing a robust primary care
2 network for the citizenry of Missouri; and

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4 WHEREAS, the sooner a physician that has completed his/her Internal Medicine residency and can begin
5 providing patient care, the more care that will be available for the citizenry of Missouri; and

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7 WHEREAS, the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) only offers the Internal Medicine initial
8 certification examination for newly graduated internal medicine residents once a year in mid-August¹;
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11 WHEREAS, each year several graduating internal medicine residents choose to postpone entry into
12 medical practice, or limit their entry into medical practice, until after they have completed their ABIM
13 initial certification examination in mid-August; and

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15 WHEREAS, the American Board of Family Medicine offers the option of an early initial certification
16 examination in April for Family Medicine residents that will graduate between July 1 and October 31 of
17 that same calendar year, and who have received a recommendation from their program director²; and

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19 WHEREAS, in 2020 the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine implemented the option of an
20 early entry initial certification examination between March 30-April 4 to any Internal Medicine resident
21 that has (1) participated in the Osteopathic in-service examination during each of the first two years of
22 Internal Medicine residency, and (2) has an anticipated training completion date on or before August
23 31st in that same calendar year, and (3) has provided a completed program director's report³; therefore
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26 RESOLVED, that the MSMA recommend that the ABIM offer an early entry pathway to initial certification
27 examination sometime between May and June of the final year of residency for Internal Medicine
28 residents that (1) have participated in the in-service examination during each of their first two years of
29 Internal Medicine residency, and (2) have an anticipated training completion date on or before August
30 31st in that same calendar year, and (3) have provided a completed program director's report; and be it
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33 RESOLVED, that the MSMA recommend that the ABIM continue to provide the option of the mid-August
34 initial certification examination for graduating Internal Medicine residents of that same calendar year.

Fiscal Note:

Current Policy: