



**HMDCB ACHIEVES 800  
CERTIFICANTS WITH NEW LIST**

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*Chicago, IL – July 2017* — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board has recently completed their fourth examination for qualified hospice physicians. In its four years, HMDCB has proudly awarded the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) credential to 801 hospice physicians who have chosen to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in hospice medicine.

The 2017 examination had a passing rate of 83%, certifying over 150 hospice physicians in its fourth year. The examination covers five main topic areas: patient and family care, medical knowledge, medical leadership and communication, professionalism, and systems-based practice. In a survey distributed to all candidates, a majority stated the exam was described as a fair representation of the knowledge that HMDs should have and apply within their organization. In addition, more than 80% stated their motivation to take the HMDCB exam was to be recognized for their unique knowledge and skills as an HMD.

HMDCB saw a wide variety of candidates who applied for the exam: from diverse geographical regions, job roles in hospice, professional hospice experience, and hospice size. In fact, early 60% of candidates work in hospices with an average daily census of 100 or less. HMDCB would like to take a moment to congratulate all of our 2017 certificants on your well-deserved accomplishment. To view a list of those who earned their HMDC in 2017, please [click here](#).

HMDCB is committed to improving patients' quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competence of the distinctive role of the hospice medical director. To view a listing of the all certified HMDCs, visit the "Find an HMDC" directory at [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org). The application cycle for the 2018 examination will open on December 12, 2017. The examination window will be May 17-June 5, 2018.

For more information on the HMDCB certification program, visit [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org), email [info@hmdcb.org](mailto:info@hmdcb.org), or call 847.375.6740.

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