



**WITH NEW GROUP OF CERTIFICANTS HMDCB
GROWS TO MORE THAN 1,100 CERTIFICANTS**

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Chicago, IL – August 2019 — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board® (HMDCB®) has recently completed its sixth examination of hospice medical directors and hospice physicians. The 2019 examination certified 165 hospice physicians from 38 states and had a passing rate of 79%.

Since 2014, HMDCB has proudly awarded the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) credential to 1,113 hospice physicians who have chosen to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in hospice medicine.

The examination covers five main topic areas: patient and family care, medical knowledge, medical leadership and communication, professionalism, and systems-based practice.

According to HMDCB's president, Brian Murphy, MD MBA FAAHPM HMDC, "We would like to congratulate the 165 new certificants on achieving the HMDC credential. This accomplishment showcases their knowledge base and competency in serving hospice patients and their families, and they join an outstanding list of the nearly 950 prior certificants who have shown they are committed to providing excellent hospice care."

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. To view a list of those who earned their HMDC in 2019, 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 physician. To search for certified HMDCs, visit the ["Find an HMDC" directory](#). The application cycle for the 2020 initial examination will open in January 2020.

For more information on the HMDCB certification program, visit www.HMDCB.org, email info@hmdcb.org, or call 847.375.6740.

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The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) serves as an independent, not-for-profit certifying body established to administer a certification program for hospice medical directors and hospice physicians. The mission of HMDCB is to relieve suffering and improve quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competency of hospice physicians. For more information, visit www.hmdcb.org.