



HMDCB RELEASES 2020 INITIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS

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Chicago, IL – November 2020 — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board® (HMDCB®) has recently completed its seventh examination of hospice medical directors and hospice physicians. The 2020 examination certified 139 hospice physicians from 37 states and had a passing rate of 78.9%.

The 2020 examination covered five main topic areas: patient and family care, medical knowledge, medical leadership and communication, professionalism, and systems-based practice.

Since 2014, HMDCB has proudly awarded the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) credential to 1,252 hospice physicians who have chosen to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in hospice medicine. More than 1,110 from across the country currently hold the credential.

According to HMDCB's president, Tommie Farrell, MD FAAHPM HMDC, "HMDCB's Board of Directors congratulates the many hospice physicians who have achieved the HMDC credential in 2020. It has been an incredibly challenging year for physicians across the country, and for these leaders to choose to become certified shows the value they see in showcasing their knowledge and skillset in providing effective and quality care for patients and families. We're pleased to welcome them to the list of more than 1,100 others who are currently certified."

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 2020, please [click here](#).

Earlier this year, a new content blueprint was created that will be used to develop future exams. The new content blueprint covers five main topics areas: patient and family care, medical knowledge, medical leadership and communication, professionalism, and regulatory compliance and quality improvement.

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 2021 initial examination will open in January 2021.

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.