



## HMDCB RELEASES 2021 INITIAL CERTIFICATION EXAM RESULTS

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*Chicago, IL – July 2021* — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board® (HMDCB®) has recently completed its eighth examination of hospice medical directors and hospice physicians. The 2021 examination certified 141 hospice physicians from 41 states and had a passing rate of 77.3%.

The 2021 examination was developed from a newly developed content blueprint that covered five main topic areas: (1) patient and family care, (2) medical knowledge, (3) medical leadership and communication, (4) professionalism, and (5) regulatory, compliance and quality improvement.

Since 2014, HMDCB has proudly awarded the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) credential to 1,392 hospice physicians who have chosen to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in hospice medicine. Currently, 1,240 hospice physicians from across the country hold the credential.

According to HMDCB's president, Tommie Farrell, MD FAAHPM HMDC, "On behalf of HMDCB's Board of Directors, I'd like to congratulate the more than 140 new certificants who have earned the HMDC credential this year! For these leaders to choose to become certified shows the value they see in showcasing their knowledge and skill set in providing effective and quality care for patients and families. We're pleased to welcome them to the list of more than 1,200 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 2021, 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 2022 initial examination will open in January 2022.

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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*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](http://www.hmdcb.org).*