

**Board Certification Requirements by Department
Virginia Mason Memorial – Updated 2/2017**

Department	<i>Board Certification Requirements</i>
Anesthesia	<p>Board Certification: Board certification or current enrollment in ABA certification process. Members requesting initial privileges will provide documentation of training, experience, and recommendations from the appropriate training director, which will include information regarding the applicant's judgment and competency to perform the procedures in an independent, non-supervised role. This documentation shall include verification of 100 patient contacts in the immediate past year. Board Certification must be obtained within four years of completion of residency training. Maintenance of Board Certification is required for all physicians except for those grandfathered by the ABA.</p>
CPCC	<p><u>Cardiology - Core:</u> The applicant must demonstrate successful completion of an American College of Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited residency program in internal medicine followed by completion of an accredited subspecialty training program in Cardiovascular Diseases.</p> <p>The candidate must be American Board of Internal Medicine certified in the subspecialty of Cardiovascular Diseases and board certification must be achieved within 5 years of the completion of the Cardiovascular Diseases fellowship.</p> <p><u>Reappointment Criteria for Core Privileges [added 12/15] - Current Board Certification</u></p> <p><u>Coronary angioplasty and other percutaneous coronary vascular interventions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualifications: Must be board certified in Interventional Cardiology or eligible to sit for this exam and within 3 years of completing Interventional Cardiology fellowship; OR 2. Fellow of the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions; OR 3. Physicians currently privileged on the staff as of 12/01/2004; OR 4. An applicant may qualify by receiving the required training under the direct supervision of a physician preceptor. The applicant must also attend postgraduate courses for at least 50 Category I Continuing Medical Education credits in coronary angioplasty. <p><u>Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology</u> Applicant must meet the criteria for Core privileges in Cardiovascular Disease and must have successfully completed a Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology subspecialty training program with ABIM board qualification or board certification.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Pulmonary:</u> The applicant must demonstrate successful completion of an American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited residency program in internal medicine followed by completion of an accredited two-year subspecialty training program in pulmonary disease. The candidate must be ABIM Board Certified or eligible in the subspecialty of Pulmonary Disease. If Board Eligible, board certification must be achieved within 5 years of the completion of the Pulmonary Disease fellowship. To maintain privileges, Board Certification must remain current.</p>
Emergency Medicine	<p>Current board certification or an Active Candidate Status with active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Emergency Medicine by the American Board of Emergency Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine.</p> <p>This board certification must be obtained within five years of the granting of privileges within the department. Any physician who does not complete this board certification within the five year interval shall be deemed to voluntarily relinquish those privileges that require board certification. Maintenance of current board certification required.</p> <p>Grandfathering: All physicians who are already members of the Emergency Department on January 1 2004 meet criteria for core privileges.</p> <p><u>Reappointment Criteria for Core Privileges [Added 3/15]: Maintenance of board certification or be board certified within 5 years of completing residency</u></p>
Family Practice	<p>Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Family Medicine by the American Board of Family Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Family Medicine. Candidates who join the Staff and have not passed their Boards must take and pass them within four (4) years of starting practice to remain members of the Department. Maintenance of Board Certification.</p>
Head & Neck	<p><u>Dentistry:</u> Exempt.</p> <p><u>Ophthalmology:</u> Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in ophthalmology by the American Board of Ophthalmology or the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology.</p>

New Members of the Department need to be eligible to take the appropriate certification exam and complete their board certification within five (5) years of completion of their residency training. Approved Boards will be the appropriate American Board, Osteopathic Boards, or Canadian Boards.

Maintenance of Board Certification

Oral Surgery:

New Members of the Head & Neck Department need to be eligible to take the appropriate certification exam and complete their board certification within five (5) years of completion of their residency training. Approved Boards will be the appropriate American Board, Osteopathic Boards, or Canadian Boards.

Any physician who does not complete this board certification within the five year interval shall be deemed to voluntarily relinquish those privileges that require board certification.

Maintenance of Board Certification

Otolaryngology:

Board certification in otolaryngology by the American Board of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery, Osteopathic Board of Otolaryngology, or an equivalent board is required, provided, however: If an applicant is not board certified, then that board certification must be met in the time line drawn below:

- At the time of application, the applicant has completed formal training in his/her specialty and has not exceeded any time limits within which he/she shall have applied for the completed board application and the examination requirements;
- At the time of application, not more than four years has passed since the applicant first completed formal training and has completed all other requirements established by the Board to be an “Active Candidate”.

If the applicant is not Board Certified by four years after application and fails to meet that approval, he/she will no longer be eligible for privileges in otolaryngology. If, however, a practitioner who has been dually trained in otolaryngology and his/her privileges were terminated for failure to attain Board Certification, he/she may reapply for otolaryngology privileges at the time he/she becomes Board Certified.

Reappointment Criteria for Core Privileges: [Added 8/19/15] - Maintenance of Board Certification (participation in MOC)

Internal Medicine

Endocrinology:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Endocrinology by the American Board of Internal Medicine – Endocrinology or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine - Endocrinology. OR

If not board certified at the time of initial application, board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements.

Gastroenterology:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in **Gastroenterology** by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.

If not board certified at the time of initial application, board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification.

Hematology/Oncology:

Board Certified in Internal Medicine and/or one of its sub-specialties; or is an active candidate for certification. Board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements.

Re-certification shall not be a requirement for privileges

Infectious Diseases:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Infectious Diseases by the American Board or American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine

Applicants not board certified in Infectious Diseases at the time of initial appointment:

Physician must be Board Certified in Internal Medicine at the time of application and be qualified to take the Boards in Infectious Disease.

Board certification in Infectious Disease must be obtained within three (3) years of being granted privileges. Any Physician who does not complete this Board Certification within the three (3) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements.

Re-certification shall be a requirement for privileges if required by the Board.

Internal Medicine:

Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine. This board certification must be obtained within two years of the granting of privileges within the department. Any physician who does not complete this board certification within the two year interval shall be deemed to voluntarily relinquish those privileges that require board certification.

Grandfathering: Special circumstances will be dealt with in a fair and equitable way on an individual basis (criteria to be developed.) by the Credentials Committee for those that have not obtained or are not able to obtain board certification but have otherwise clearly demonstrated clinical competence for those privileges applied or reapplied for.

Evidence of current internal medicine board certification (ABIM or AOBIM)

Interventional Pain Care

Board Certified /Active Candidate Status in Anesthesia, Physiatry, Neurology or Psychiatry

Completed an ACGME accredited pain medicine fellowship and board certified or Active Candidate Status and is participating in the examination process leading to **certification in pain medicine.**

Nephrology:

Board certification in the sub-specialty of nephrology within five years of fellowship.

Neurology:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in neurology by the American Board or American Osteopathic Board of Neurology & Psychiatry.

If not board certified at the time of initial application, board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements.

Nuclear Medicine:

Board certification by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine or the American Board of Radiology/Nuclear Medicine.

Physical Med/Rehab:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification by the American Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation or the American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.

If not board certified at the time of initial application, board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements

Psychiatry:

Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

	<p>This board certification must be obtained within five years of the granting of privileges within the department. Any physician who does not complete this board certification within the five-year interval shall be deemed to voluntarily relinquish those privileges that require board certification.</p> <p><u>Radiation Oncology:</u> Complete Radiology residency recognized by the American Board of Radiology as eligible for the ABR exams in Radiation Oncology.</p> <p>Physicians who have been granted Radiation Oncology privileges but are not Board Certified MUST ACQUIRE Board Cert. within two years of their initial granting of privileges but not more than 4 years after completion of training.</p> <p>Re-certification shall not be a requirement for privileges.</p> <p><u>Rheumatology:</u> Initial board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine—Rheumatology or the American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine.</p> <p>If not board certified at the time of initial application, board certification must be obtained within five (5) years of being granted privileges within the Department. Any Physician who does not complete his/her Board Certification within the five (5) year interval required, shall be deemed to have voluntarily relinquished those privileges that require Board Certification. This does not preclude an individual from making application to another Department where he/she meets qualification requirements.</p> <p><u>Sleep Medicine:</u> The applicant must demonstrate successful completion of an American College of Graduate Medical Education or American Osteopathic Association accredited residency program followed by completion of current certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in pulmonology, psychiatry, pediatrics, internal medicine, neurology or family practice by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Board of Medical Specialties, plus successful completion of an additional one year training in clinical sleep medicine or certification by the American Board of Sleep Medicine or an American Academy of Sleep Medicine-accredited fellowship training program; and the candidate must maintain current Board Certification in Sleep Medicine.</p>
Ob/Gyn	<p>Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology or the American Osteopathic Board of OB/Gyn. The department will follow the timelines as outlined by the American Board of OB/Gyn or the American Osteopathic Board of OB/Gyn.</p> <p>Board certification must be maintained in accordance with the practitioner's governing board (MD/DO) to maintain obstetrical privileges in the department. Maintenance of current Board Certification.</p>
Orthopedics	<p><u>Orthopedics:</u> Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in Orthopedic Surgery by the American Board of Orthopedics or the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedics.</p> <p>Maintenance of Board certification unless Grandfathered (physician holds a time unlimited board certificate)</p> <p>Hand - Current certification in orthopedic surgery and subspecialty certification in hand surgery by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery and successful completion of an ACGME or AOA-accredited residency in orthopedic surgery that includes training in surgery of the hand.</p> <p><u>Podiatry:</u> Board Certification for these privileges must be obtained within the time frames outlined by the ABPS.</p> <p>REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR CORE PRIVILEGES: [added 10/18/16] Maintenance of Board certification unless Grandfathered (physician holds a time unlimited board certificate)</p>
Pathology	See Surgery
Pediatrics	<p><u>Pediatrics:</u> A physician, who is qualified for medical staff membership, may qualify for Pediatric Department privileges if he/she successfully passes the American Board of Pediatrics or the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics and is currently certified. The</p>

	<p>department will follow the time lines as outlined by the American Board of Pediatrics or the American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics.</p> <p>REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA for Pediatric Inpatient Practitioners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain pediatric board certification <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have 6 cases peer reviewed every two years by physicians with inpatient pediatric privileges 2. Participate in peer review process as needed 3. Attested by pediatric hospitalist medical director <p><u>Neonatology:</u> Board certification is required in the specialty within 5 years of completing residency. Recertification is required if established as a requirement by the specialty board.</p> <p>REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA for Newborn Privileges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain pediatric or pediatric subspecialty board certification <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain neonatology privileges <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain active pediatric outpatient practice 2. Maintain a minimum of 25 newborn patient encounters per year
Radiology	<p>Physicians, who have been granted Radiology privileges but are not Board Certified, must acquire Board Certification within two years of completing their Radiology residency. Any physician who does not complete this board certification within the two-year interval shall be deemed to voluntarily relinquish those privileges that require board certification.</p> <p>Maintenance of board certification in order to continue hospital privileges in the Radiology Department</p>
Surgery	<p><u>General Surgery,</u> Certified by an American surgical specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or foreign equivalent within the time limits as outlined by the specialty board...</p> <p>Maintenance of current board certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endovascular: Board certification in vascular surgery. <p><u>Neurosurgery:</u> Certified by an American surgical specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or foreign equivalent within the time limits as outlined by the specialty board...</p> <p>Maintenance of current board certification.</p> <p><u>Pathology</u> Individuals applying for Pathology privileges shall be Board Certified in Anatomical Pathology and Clinical Pathology within one (1) year of completing their Residency or specialty training. Acceptable boards will be the American M.D. or D.O. Boards. REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR CORE PRIVILEGES: [Added 1/19/16] - Maintain board certification</p> <p><u>Plastic Surgery:</u> Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in plastic surgery by the American Board of Plastic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Plastic Surgery or foreign equivalent within the time limits as outlined by the specialty board.</p> <p><u>Urology:</u> Current board certification or active participation in the examination process leading to certification in urology by the American Board or American Osteopathic Board of Surgery – Urology sub-section.</p> <p>Or, for physicians not certified upon initial application, to those Staff members who are certified by an American surgical specialty board approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or foreign equivalent within the time limits as outlined by the specialty board.</p>