



## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

# Your Doctor is Board Certified in Psychiatry

**Not all doctors are board certified. Ask for the details.**

A board certified doctor is committed to participating in lifelong learning that goes beyond completing medical school and obtaining a license to practice medicine.

Board certified doctors meet the highest standards and requirements of a certifying board such as the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) by completing the training and demonstrating the competence necessary to provide quality patient care in his/her medical specialty.

**To become certified**, a doctor must be a graduate of an accredited medical school, complete all training in an accredited or approved program, have an active, full, unrestricted medical license, complete any specialized training requirements from the ABPN and pass a certification exam.

**To remain certified**, ABPN board certified doctors need to show **continuous evidence** of:

- An unrestricted medical license in the US or Canada.
- Participation in continuing medical education, self-assessment and patient safety activities.
- Passing a multiple choice exam at least once every 10 years that is relevant to their specialty and passing another exam if they are certified in a subspecialty (doctors can have more than one certification) OR participating in a professional journal article-based assessment activity designed as an alternative to the exam.
- Participation in a quality improvement exercise.



## Who we are:

The ABPN is one of 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). Since 1935, when its first examination was delivered, the ABPN has been serving the public interest and promoting excellence in the practices of psychiatry and neurology through its certification and maintenance of certification processes. More than 114,000 specialty and subspecialty certificates have been issued by the ABPN since its inception.

## Are you looking for a Board Certified Psychiatrist?

Visit [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com) and click on the green VerifyCERT® box. Here you can search for Board certified doctors in your area or check the status of a particular doctor.

For more information, visit the ABPN website at [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com) or contact us at [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).

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