



**CERTIFICATION BOARD RELEASES  
2015 EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

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*Chicago, IL – July 2015* — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board has recently completed their second examination for qualified hospice physicians. In its first two years, HMDCB has proudly awarded the Hospice Medical Director Certified® (HMDC®) credential to approximately 500 hospice physicians who chose to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in hospice medicine.

The 2015 examination had a passing rate of 77%, certifying nearly 200 hospice physicians in its second year. The examination covers five main topic areas: patient and family care, medical knowledge, medical leadership and communication, professionalism, and systems-based practice. In a survey distributed to all candidates, a majority stated the exam was described as a fair representation of the knowledge that HMDs should have and apply within their organization. In addition, 80% stated their motivation to take the HMDCB exam was to be recognized for their unique knowledge and skills as an HMD.

HMDCB saw a wide variety of candidates who applied for the exam: from diverse geographical regions, job roles in hospice, and professional hospice experience. Nearly 60% of candidates work in hospices with an average daily census of 100 or less. More than 50% of candidates consider themselves hospice physicians working toward the role of medical director.

HMDCB is committed to improving patients' quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competence of the distinctive role of the hospice medical director. To view a listing of the all certified HMDCs, visit the "Find an HMDC" directory at [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org). The application cycle for the 2016 examination will open November 2015. The examination window will be May 19-June 6, 2016.

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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