



**CERTIFICATION BOARD RELEASES  
2014 EXAMINATION STATISTICS**

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*Chicago, IL – August 2014* — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board has recently completed their first examination for qualified hospice physicians. In the first year, over 360 candidates took the examination and with hopes of earning the Hospice Medical Director Certified™ (HMDC™) credential.

The examination had a passing rate of 85%, certifying 306 hospice physicians in its first 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 strong majority stated the exam was described as a fair representation of the knowledge that HMDs should have today.

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 75% of candidates, including individuals such as HMDs, assistant hospice medical directors, hospitalists, and home care physicians, work in rural and suburban areas.

When surveying the candidates, nearly 90% stated they took the HMDCB exam to be recognized for their unique knowledge and skills as an HMD. 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 2014 certified HMDCs, visit the "Find an HMDC" directory at [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org). The application cycle for the 2015 examination will open November 2014. The examination window will be May 7-22, 2015.

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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*improve quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competency of hospice medical directors. For more information, visit [www.hmdcb.org](http://www.hmdcb.org).*