

## QUICK FACTS

### Introduction

- The National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) is a nonprofit organization that provides physicians a choice to maintain board certification after passing an initial board exam through ABMS or AOA.
- Founded in 2014 by Paul Teirstein, MD, Director of Cardiology, Scripps Clinic, as a recertification pathway for physicians seeking a more efficient, clinically relevant, less costly, and high quality program to maintain board certification.
- Currently represents nearly 10,000 physicians at 148 hospitals, health systems, and telemedicine companies throughout the United States.
- Physician-led advisory board composed of 20 unpaid members, leaders in clinical and academic medicine.

### For Hospitals, Physicians, and Credentialers

- Meets national accreditation standards for both hospitals and health plans (NCQA, URAC, and TJC, DNV, HFAP)
- Performs the required Primary Source Verification of physicians' education and training
- Recognized and listed by CAQH Proview for physician board certification (primary database used by health insurers for credential verification)
- Increases access to outstanding, board certified physicians during a serious and growing national physician shortage
- Reduces the costs of board recertification by 73%, costs often reimbursed by hospitals
- Requires initial board certification through an ABMS or AOA member board
- Requires rigorous, specialty-specific, fully accredited CME, reviewed by staff for quality and specialty/subspecialty relevance
- Requires physicians to equally meet the same rigorous standards, regardless of age or length of practice
- Supports and enhances diversity, equity, and inclusion goals by prohibiting grandfathering
- Reduces physician burnout by providing a streamlined, clinically specific recertification process