



Guidelines for Stating Certification Status

The American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) encourages diplomates to showcase their Board Certification, an important accomplishment and indicator of competence and skill. Certification is frequently displayed on letterhead, business cards, websites, and other materials. to be shared with your patients, colleagues, and the public.

Certification status is reported publicly and can be found on [Certification Matters](#) through the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). A link can also be found on the [ABMGG website](#).

The ABMGG requires that diplomates accurately state their certification status at all times. This includes descriptions in curriculum vitae, advertisements, publications, directories, websites, and letterheads.

Once you have successfully passed your initial certification examinations, and/or are actively participating in continuing certification, or if you hold a non-time limited certificate, you may represent that you are ABMGG Certified in one of the following ways:

- **[NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], ABMGG Board Certified in** [add your specialty(ies) and subspecialty(ies)]
 - Specialty names: Clinical Genetics and Genomics, Clinical Biochemical Genetics, Clinical Cytogenetics and Genomics, Clinical Molecular Genetics and Genomics, Laboratory Genetics and Genomics
 - Subspecialty names: Medical Biochemical Genetics, Molecular Genetic Pathology
- **[NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], ABMGG Diplomate Certified in** [add your specialty(ies) and subspecialty(ies)]
 - Specialty names: Clinical Genetics and Genomics, Clinical Biochemical Genetics, Clinical Cytogenetics and Genomics, Clinical Molecular Genetics and Genomics, Laboratory Genetics and Genomics
 - Subspecialty names: Medical Biochemical Genetics, Molecular Genetic Pathology
- **[NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics**

Your Certification should **not** be stated as:

- [NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], **DABMGG**, with/without your specialty(ies) named
- [NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], **FABMGG** or Fellow of ABMGG, with/without your specialty(ies) named
- [NAME], [MD, PhD, or other degree], **ABMGG**

Diplomates whose specialty certification(s) has expired or those whose certification has been revoked may not claim they are certified by the ABMGG and must revise all documents accordingly. When a physician or laboratory geneticist misrepresents certification status or claims they are an ABMGG diplomate when they are not, the ABMGG may notify local credentialing agencies, licensing bodies, and others, as well as take legal action.

Diplomates of the ABMGG are encouraged to apply to the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) to become a Fellow of the ACMG. Only those who apply and are accepted by the ACMG as Fellows (and only then) may use the abbreviation “FACMG” (Fellow, American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics) after their name. Status as a Fellow of the ACMG requires ABMGG certification.

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