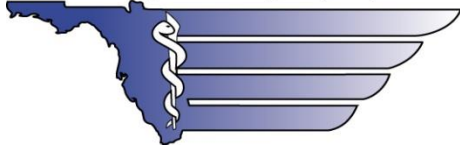


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## BOARD CERTIFICATION

The **Florida College of Emergency Physicians (FCEP)** and its parent organization, the **American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)** recognizes and supports the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) as the sole American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) certifying body for emergency medicine. **FCEP** and **ACEP** also recognize the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM) as the certifying body in emergency medicine under the jurisdiction of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Finally, FCEP and ACEP recognize the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) as an ABMS body in pediatrics which provides a certificate of added qualifications for pediatricians in the subspecialty of pediatric emergency medicine.

**FCEP** and **ACEP** hold that any physician beginning the practice of emergency medicine in the 21st Century should have completed an ACGME or AOA approved residency in emergency medicine.

The **Florida College of Emergency Physicians** and the **American College of Emergency Physicians** does acknowledge that there exists a non-ABMS and a non-AOA certifying body, the Board of Certification in Emergency Medicine (BCEM) that may allow emergency physicians who do not meet the training requirements of ABEM or AOBEM to present themselves for evaluation and testing in the clinical content of emergency medicine and achieve certification based on specified criteria. This **FCEP** and **ACEP** policy is not intended to pass judgment on the work of BCEM.

**FCEP** and **ACEP** believe that the overall quality of emergency care will be best promoted by uniform procedures and standards for board certification in emergency medicine. This uniformity is necessary to encourage consistency in training and testing of physicians entering the specialty of emergency medicine. Such uniformity will be promoted by **FCEP** and **ACEP** basing its recognition of certifying bodies not on independent criteria, but on the standards of a single allopathic, and a single osteopathic, umbrella organization of certifying bodies.

Therefore, both the **Florida College of Emergency Physicians** and the **American College of Emergency Physicians** do not support any legislative or regulatory effort to recognize any non-ABMS and non-AOA certifying bodies for physicians who began practice prior to December 31st, 1999, and oppose recognition of any non-ABMS and non-AOA certifying bodies for physicians who began practice on or after January 1st, 2000.