



Specialty Board Certification and Commitment to the Social Contract



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Brent Wagner joined the American Board of Radiology in 2020 as the Executive Director and an ex officio member of the Board of Governors. Prior to that, he volunteered for more than two decades as an item writer, oral examiner, and member of the ABR's governing board (including as board president).

While a radiologist in a private practice group in Reading, Pennsylvania, from 1998-2020, he served as group president, department chair, and medical staff president. He also chaired the hospital's Peer Review Committee and was a charter member of the Leadership Council, which dealt with credentialing and physician professionalism issues. Beyond his medical staff roles, Dr. Wagner served on the local hospital and regional health system boards, beginning in 2010, including multiple terms as board chair. During this time, he also led the board's Quality & Safety Committee.

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ABSTRACT

The nature of some professions includes aspirational goals that extend to society at large. Physicians are granted the opportunity to render comfort and care to patients and their families; in return for this privilege, medical professionals must be mindful of the obligations inherent in the acknowledgement of the primacy of the interests of our patients. Professional self-regulation, including that of the medical specialty certification boards, blends the commitment to lifelong learning and professional practice improvement with the broad social contract.

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the relevance of the social contract for physicians and the patients they serve
2. Describe the role of medical specialty certifying boards in advancing improvements in health and healthcare
3. Teach participants to apply principles of individual professional development to address knowledge gaps and opportunities for learning