



ABP Corporate Policy

Competence with Information Technology

Information technology is becoming part of the practice of medicine. Many ABP-certified pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists currently use information technology to conduct their practices (eg, access patient records, conduct on-line searches for medical information, engage in CME activities). Information technology has the potential to contribute to the improvement of health care delivery in such areas as reducing medical errors and enhancing patient/clinician communication.

The following competency is required of 1) candidates for initial board certification in general pediatrics and/or a pediatric subspecialty and 2) diplomates of the ABP, i.e, board-certified general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists:

Consistent with the ABMS/ACGME general competencies, the ABP expects its candidates and diplomates to be proficient in navigating sources of information technology (including the use of personal computers, the Internet, and e-mail) to support patient care decisions and patient education, better manage medical information, maintain certification and support their continuing medical education efforts.