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As a non-profit organization, the ACVIM promotes and fosters scientific and professional activities that lead to better care for both animals and humans through:

• Education, training and certification of specialists in veterinary internal medicine (ACVIM Diplomates)
• Discovery and dissemination of new medical knowledge
• Increasing public awareness of advances in veterinary medical care
• Promoting the value of ACVIM specialization

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A Board-certified specialist is a veterinarian who has concentrated his/her training in a specific discipline and acquired a degree of expertise achieved by only a limited number of professionals. ACVIM specialists utilize new knowledge, high-technology diagnostic techniques and treatments.

By working to ensure the availability of modern medical diagnostic and therapeutic technologies, the ACVIM advances the overall competence of veterinarians practicing internal medicine.

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