

# The ACVIM quick guide to your credentials

## Your DACVIM Credential(s)

It is important to use your DACVIM credential(s) correctly in your title. Your credentials should be listed in the order in which you earned them and separated by a comma, e.g., Dana Diplomat, PhD, DVM, DACVIM (LAIM).

### Correct DACVIM abbreviation:

- DACVIM (Cardiology)
- DACVIM (LAIM)
- DACVIM (Neurology)
- DACVIM (Nutrition)
- DACVIM (Oncology)
- DACVIM (SAIM)

For multiple specialties, list in order earned: e.g., DACVIM (Nutrition, SAIM)

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## Your Trademarked Title

As with credentials, it is important to list your title correctly. The ACVIM has taken steps to protect these titles and ensure exclusive usage so that consumers know you are a reputable source. It also enhances market recognition.

### The ACVIM has trademarked the following titles:

- Board-Certified Veterinary Cardiologist
  - Board-Certified Large Animal Internal Medicine Specialist
  - Board-Certified Veterinary Neurologist
  - Board Certified Veterinary Nutritionist  
(note that there is no hyphen here)
  - Board-Certified Veterinary Oncologist
  - Board-Certified Small Animal Internal Medicine Specialist
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## Additional Tips

- Diplomat is always capitalized.
- Report title misuse or misrepresentation to [ACVIM@ACVIM.org](mailto:ACVIM@ACVIM.org).
- If you have questions regarding your DACVIM credentials or trademarked title, please email [Membership@ACVIM.org](mailto:Membership@ACVIM.org).