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## President and CEO's Report

### Update on the ABPN Maintenance of Certification Program and the ABPN's Certification Examinations

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President and CEO, ABPN



Dr. Faulkner

The ABPN Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program continues to evolve as components are modified to reflect the spirit of quality improvement. Recent revisions to the ABPN MOC Program ensure that the personalized quality improvement process for psychiatrists and neurologists implements the highest standards.

To see all of the most current MOC requirements, visit our web site at [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com). Listed below are some of the modifications made to some of the components of the program. These modifications are made in part to conform to the latest requirements by the ABMS and to help clarify the process for our diplomates. If you have specific questions regarding the ABPN MOC Program, please call 847-229-6510.

Guidelines are based on the expiration date of the physician's 10-year, time-limited certificate, and the date of entry to the MOC Program. ABPN diplomates should visit the ABPN verifyCERT™ system at [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com) (link on upper right of home page) to determine

the expiration dates of their certificates and plan their MOC activities accordingly. Completed activities can be applied to multiple certifications thus fulfilling MOC criteria for one or more specialty or subspecialty areas.

#### 1. Professional Standing

Diplomates must hold an active and unrestricted medical license to practice medicine in at least one state, territory, commonwealth, or possession of the United States or province of Canada. An active and unrestricted medical license must be maintained even if a physician is out of the country for extended periods of time.

#### 2. Self-Assessment and Lifelong Learning

##### A. Self-Assessment Activities

Diplomates of the ABPN are required to participate in at least two major, broad-based self-assessment activities during the 10-year MOC cycle. The self-assessment activities can come from multiple self-assessment programs. Each self-assessment activity must cover new knowledge and/or current best practices in one or more of the competency areas, and provide feedback to the diplomate that can be used as the basis for focused CME, lifelong learning, and/or career development. That feedback must include the correct answer and recommended literature resources for each question, and (by 2014) comparative performance to peers. This requirement is currently slated to begin in 2010 for those applying for 2011 MOC examinations. When fully implemented in 2014:

- At least an average of 8 of the CME credits per year (averaged over 2-5 years) should involve self-assessment.
- The first self-assessment activity must be completed in years 1-3 of the 10-year MOC cycle.
- The second self-assessment activity must be completed in years 6-8 of the 10-year MOC cycle.
- Feedback must include comparative performance to peers.

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**B. Lifelong Learning (CME) Activities**

Diplomates of the ABPN are required to complete an average of 30 specialty or subspecialty Category 1 CME credits per year over the 10-year MOC cycle. CME activities must be accredited by ACCME or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and CME must be relevant to the specialty in which the diplomate is certified. Diplomates certified in more than one area only need to accrue an average of 30 CME credits per year, as the same CME credits can be used to satisfy the MOC requirements for multiple specialties and subspecialties. This requirement was phased in beginning in 2006 for those applying for 2007 MOC examinations.

When the ABPN MOC Program is fully implemented in 2014:

- At least an average of 8 of the CME credits per year (averaged over 2-5 years) should involve self-assessment.
- 150 CME credits must be earned during the first 5-year block of the 10-year MOC cycle,
- 150 CME credits must be earned during the second 5-year block of the 10-year MOC cycle,
- Diplomates must accrue 300 Category 1 CME credits over the 10-year MOC cycle.

**Examples of CME and broad-based self-assessment activities approved by the Board may be found on the ABPN web site, [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com).**

The Board may approve additional activities and programs over time. *The ABPN reserves the right to approve or reject any course or guideline submitted for approval.*

**3. Cognitive Expertise (effective 1994)**

Diplomates of the ABPN fulfill the cognitive expertise component by passing a cognitive examination prior to the expiration date on their certificates. To sit for a cognitive examination, all current MOC requirements must be satisfied at the time the MOC application is submitted. A passing score on the cognitive examination extends the renewal date of the certificate to December 31, 10 years from the year of the cognitive examination.

Phase-In Schedule for the ABPN MOC Component Requirements								
Original Cert./ Recert. Year	MOC App. Year	MOC Exam. Year	CME Credits Required	First SA Activity Required	Second SA Activity Required	First PIP Unit Required	Second PIP Unit Required	Third PIP Unit Required
2000	2009	2010	120					
2001	2010	2011	150	X				
2002	2011	2012	180	X				
2003	2012	2013	210	X				
2004	2013	2014	240	X	X	X		
2005	2014	2015	270	X	X	X		
2006	2015	2016	300	X	X	X	X	
2007	2016	2017	300	X	X	X	X	X
2008	2017	2018	300	X	X	X	X	X
2009	2018	2019	300	X	X	X	X	X
2010	2019	2020	300	X	X	X	X	X

**Notes:** • Every ABPN diplomate must possess a medical license, and all licenses must be unrestricted. • At least an average of 8 of the CME credits per year (averaged over 2-5 years) should involve self-assessment. • Only after completing licensure, CME, SA and PIP requirements are diplomates qualified to complete the ABPN MOC Cognitive Examination.

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### 4. Performance in Practice (PIP)

The Performance in Practice component is a two-part quality improvement program designed for “clinically-active” physicians (see definitions below) to participate in practice improvement activities over the 10-year MOC cycle by both chart review and second-party external review. Diplomates will be required to complete three (3) PIP Units, each consisting of both a Clinical Module (Chart Review) and a Feedback Module (Patient/Peer\* Second-Party External Review). If a diplomate participates in an institutional quality improvement program that involves collection of chart data, comparison to peers, and establishment of a plan to improve clinical activity for the individual physician, that institutional participation may also fulfill the Clinical Module. If a diplomate participates in peer review in his/her clinical setting, that institutional activity may also fulfill the PIP Feedback Module criteria.

This requirement is currently slated to begin in 2013 for those applying for 2014 MOC examinations.

When the ABPN MOC Program is fully implemented:

- The first PIP Unit must be completed in years 1-3 of the 10-year MOC cycle;
- The second PIP Unit must be completed in years 4-6 of the 10-year MOC cycle;
- The third PIP Unit must be completed in years 7-9 of the 10-year MOC cycle.

#### A) Clinical Modules (Chart Review)

- Clinical Modules require that each diplomate collect data from at least five patient cases in a specific category (e.g., diagnosis, type of treatment, treatment setting) obtained from the diplomate's personal practice over the previous 3-year period.
- Each diplomate must then compare data from the five patient cases with published best practices, practice guidelines, or peer-based standards of care (e.g., hospital quality improvement programs), and develop a plan to improve effectiveness or efficiency of his/her clinical activities.
- Within 24 months, each diplomate must collect the same data from at least another five clinical cases in the same specific category, to see if improvements in practice have occurred. The same patients may be assessed in the original and follow-up data.

#### B) Feedback Modules (Patient/Peer\* Second Party External Review)

- Feedback Modules require each diplomate to solicit personal performance feedback from at least five peers\* and five patients concerning the diplomate's clinical activity over the previous three years.
- Each diplomate must then identify opportunities for improvement in the effectiveness and/or efficiency in their practice as related to the core competencies and take steps to implement suggested improvements.
- Within 24 months, each diplomate is required to solicit feedback from at least another five peers\* and five patients to see if improvements in practice have occurred. Feedback may be obtained from the same patients and peers as in the original and follow-up feedback.

\*Peers may include other professional healthcare staff such as, psychologists, social workers, physicians, counselors, and nurses.

Model Peer Feedback and Patient Feedback forms are available on the web site [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com).

**The ABPN encourages all diplomates to take the Clinical Activity Status Survey at [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com).**

#### Clinically Active Status

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has issued definitions of “Clinically Active” and “Clinically Inactive” and requires that all diplomates self-report their status once every 24 months in each area of certification. This information will be available to the public.

1. **“Clinically Active”**: Any amount of direct and/or consultative patient care has been provided in the preceding 24 months. This includes the supervision of residents.

A. Engaged in direct and/or consultative care *sufficient* to complete Performance in Practice (PIP) Units.

B. Engaged in direct and/or consultative care *not sufficient* to complete PIP Units.

2. **“Clinically Inactive”**: No direct and or/consultative patient care has been provided in the past 24 months.

3. **“Status Unknown”**: No information available on the clinical activity of this diplomate.

Diplomates who are in category 1.A. above are required to complete all components of the MOC Program including PIP Units.

Diplomates who are in categories 1.B. or 2 above are required to complete all components of the MOC Program, except for PIP Units.

A change in diplomate status from 1.B. or 2 to 1.A. requires the completion of at least one PIP Unit.

#### The 2009 ABPN Maintenance of Certification Committee:

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Patti Vondrak, Staff Liaison

### CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

There are major changes taking place in the certification processes for psychiatry, neurology, and neurology with special qualification in child neurology. *Information for Applicants* publications, content outlines for the Part I examination, the computer-administered certification examination, and information on clinical skills evaluations in residency training programs are all available on the ABPN web site at [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com).

#### NEUROLOGY AND CHILD NEUROLOGY

Some of the clinical skills evaluations that were previously conducted in the Part II examination are taking place within the residency programs. Assessment of other clinical skills were integrated into computer-administered neurology and child neurology certification examinations that began in 2008. The new credentialing process is effective for neurology and child neurology residents who entered residency training (PGY-2 in neurology, PGY-3 in child neurology) ON OR AFTER July 1, 2005. The certification examination incorporates questions on basic neuroscience (30%); behavioral neurology, cognition, and psychiatry (20%); and clinical neurology for both adult and child (50%). Candidates will need an overall passing score to pass the examination. Candidates who pass this examination will be awarded a 10-year, time-limited certificate in their respective specialty.

Residents who entered residency training (PGY-2 in neurology, PGY-3 in child neurology) BEFORE July 1, 2005 must utilize the current certification process and will have until February 1, 2013, to complete the certification process. Such residents are required to apply and sit for the Part I examination by 2010. Any candidate who sits for and passes the Part I examination in 2010 or before will have three opportunities or until February 1, 2013, to pass the Part II oral examination, whichever comes first.

Candidates who do not pass the Part I examination in 2010 or before or who do not complete the certification process by the February 1, 2013, deadline will be required to submit documentation of satisfactory performance in five clinical skills evaluations completed in an ACGME-accredited program as part of the ABPN credentialing process. To become certified by the ABPN in either neurology or neurology with special qualification in child neurology, such candidates must then pass the new computer-administered certification examination.

#### PSYCHIATRY

The ABPN is also implementing changes to the credentialing process for psychiatry. Some of the clinical skills evaluations that were conducted in the Part II examination will now take place within the residency programs. Assessment of other clinical skills will be integrated into a computer-administered psychiatry certification examination that will begin in 2012. The new credentialing process is effective for residents who entered training in psychiatry (PGY-1) ON OR AFTER July 1, 2007, or (PGY-2) ON OR AFTER July 1, 2008.

Residents who entered training in psychiatry (PGY-1) BEFORE July 1, 2007, or (PGY-2) BEFORE July 1, 2008, must utilize the current certification process and will have until December 31, 2016, to complete the certification process. Such residents will be required to apply and sit for the Part I examination being administered in 2011, 2012, or 2013. Any candidate who passes the Part I examination administered in 2013 or before will have three opportunities, or until December 31, 2016, to pass the Part II examination, whichever comes first.

Psychiatry candidates who do not pass the Part I examination in 2013 or before, or who do not complete the certification process by December 31, 2016, deadline will be required to submit documentation of satisfactory performance in the evaluation of clinical skills completed in an ACGME-accredited program as part of the ABPN credentialing process. To become certified by the ABPN in psychiatry, such candidates must then pass the new computer-administered certification examination.

### THE ABPN STAFF HONORS

Congratulations to Pat Janda, Director, Credentials and Meetings at the ABPN. Pat recently celebrated a 20-year milestone with the ABPN. The Board recognized Pat with great appreciation for her numerous contributions and commended her for her loyalty and dedication.

Congratulations to Jackie Pasternak, Manager, Computer Examinations Administration at the ABPN. Jackie recently celebrated a 20-year milestone with the ABPN. The Board recognized Jackie with great appreciation for her numerous contributions and commended her for her loyalty and dedication.

## The ABPN WELCOMES TWO NEW DIRECTORS



*Dr. Kailie Shaw, University of South Florida, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine*

**D**r. Kailie R. Shaw obtained her M.B., Ch.B., from the University of Cape Town Medical School, South Africa. She completed residencies and fellowships in both pediatrics and child psychiatry at both Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland and at the University of South Florida, College of Medicine, Tampa, Florida.

She later went on to complete a fellowship in Executive leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women, from the Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Shaw is the Vice-Chairperson, Director of Education, Professor, at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

Dr. Shaw's committee work in recent years has been with the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Her active involvement with the ABPN has included examining for over 75 Part II Psychiatry, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry examinations; CAP Written Examination Committee, Vice Chair; CAP Recertification Subcommittee, Chair; CAP Recertification Written Examination Subcommittee, Chair; Executive Subcommittee of the Committee on Certification in CAP; and CAP Steering Committee.



*Dr. Noor Pirzada, University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, Department of Neurology*

**D**r. Noor A. Pirzada obtained his medical degree from the Government Medical College in Kashmir, India where he also completed his internal medicine residency. His neurology residency was completed at the Postgraduate Medical Institute in Chandigarh, India and at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia. Subsequently, he completed a fellowship at Duke University in EMG/Neuromuscular Disease. Dr. Pirzada is a diplomate of the ABPN in neurology, vascular neurology, and clinical

neurophysiology, and a diplomate of the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

For close to thirteen years, Dr. Pirzada has been on the teaching staff at the University of Toledo (formerly Medical College of Ohio), becoming the Director of the Neurology Residency Program in July 2001.

Additionally, Dr. Pirzada is the Director of the EMG Laboratory and the Botox Clinic, positions he has held at the University of Toledo since 1997.

Dr. Pirzada has served the ABPN as a Part II examiner for over five years, and as a member of the Certification Committee in Neurology Part A. He also serves on the Board Committee on Core Competencies, the Strategic Planning Committee, and Committee on Research and Development for Neurology.

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### THE ABPN DIRECTOR HONORS

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO NALEEN ANDRADE, MD

Mental Health America of Hawai'i announced Naleen Andrade, MD, as the 2009 Mahalo Awardee for Outstanding Community Mental Health Leader. Dr. Andrade is Board Vice Chair of the ABPN.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRISTOPHER C. COLEND, III, MD

Christopher C. Colenda, III, M.D., was elected to a two-year term as an at-large member of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) Executive Board. Dr. Colenda is a Director for Psychiatry of the ABPN.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVEN T. DEKOSKY, MD

The Geoffrey Beene Gives Back® Rock Stars of Science ad campaign (featuring famous rock musicians), recently honored Dr. Steven T. DeKosky as a researcher who saves lives and helps to make "science rock" as a career choice for the next generation. Dr. DeKosky is a Director for Neurology of the ABPN.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO RALPH F. JOZEFOWICZ, MD

The AAN will present the 2010 A.B. Baker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Neurologic Education to Ralph F. Józefowicz, MD. Dr. Józefowicz is a Director for Neurology of the ABPN.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN PERCY, MD

Dr. Percy was recently honored when he received the Art of Caring Award at the International Rett Syndrome Foundation's 25th annual conference. Dr. Percy is an Emeritus Director for Neurology of the ABPN.

## ABPN EXAMINATION HOST SITES

The ABPN gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our hosts for opening their facilities for the ABPN Part II examinations for psychiatry, neurology, neurology with special qualification in child neurology and the subspecialty child and adolescent psychiatry (oral) examinations.

Each host site works closely with the ABPN staff for months before the examination to ensure that all details receive proper attention. Each site provides not only space for the examiner headquarters, candidate waiting areas, testing rooms, and equipment, but also provides patients for examination and staff to assist in the administration of the examinations.

Special gratitude is extended to the following host sites:

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**Portland, OR**

**January 2008**

**Oregon Health and Science University  
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare  
Portland VA Medical Center  
Providence Portland Medical Center**

**Baltimore, MD**

**June 2008**

**Walter P. Carter Center  
Johns Hopkins Hospital and Fairmount School  
Sheppard Pratt Hospital  
University of Maryland Medical Systems  
Baltimore VA Medical Center  
Children's National Medical Center (D.C.)  
D.C. VA Medical Center**

**Chicago, IL**

**May 2008**

**Jesse Brown VA Medical Center  
Loyola University Chicago  
Mt. Sinai Hospital  
Northwestern University Medical School  
Rush University Medical Center  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Neuropsychiatric Institute  
Hines VA Hospital**

**St. Louis, MO**

**September 2008**

**BJC Behavioral Health (Central, North and South)  
St. Louis University**

**Philadelphia, PA (CAP Exam)**

**November 2008**

**Devereux Beneto  
St. Francis/St. Joseph Homes for Children  
Wordsworth Academy  
Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament**

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## MILESTONE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009

The ABPN recognizes the following diplomates who reached "milestones" in 2009 in their service to the Board as Part II and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (oral) examiners.

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### 10 EXAMINATIONS

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### 90 EXAMINATIONS

Janice L. Forster, MD  
Melvin Jerome Steinhart, MD

### 60 EXAMINATIONS

James S. Eaton, Jr., MD  
Sharon Diane Jacobson, MD  
Stanley D. Johnsen, MD  
James L. Stinnett, MD  
Kenneth Evan Towbin, MD  
David H. VanDyke, MD  
Melinda Louise Young, MD

### 30 EXAMINATIONS

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John R. Sharp, MD  
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Melvyn Robert Haas, MD  
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### 50 EXAMINATIONS

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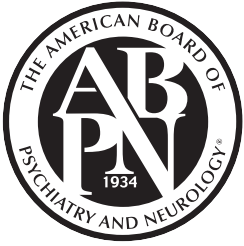
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### Maintenance of Certification

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Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, Ronald O. Rieder, MD & Ms. Michelle Melendez  
Kaiser Permanente, Dept. of Neurology, William Nicholas Devor, MD & Ms. Cindy West  
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Duke Hospital South, Ms. Deborah Tingle  
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry, Anthony Frank Lehman, MD & Ms. Vertell Porter-Brown  
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  - **Employers** may utilize the system as a resource to verify Board-certification status.
  - **The public** can search for Board-certified physicians by specialty, city, and state.

The ABPN encourages all diplomates to submit address changes to the Board to facilitate functionality of this system.

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