



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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Guide to commonly used acronyms, abbreviations and terms

Psychiatry and Neurology Organizations

AAAP	American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
AACAP	American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
AADPRT	American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
AAGP	American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
AAMC	Association of American Medical Colleges
AAN	American Academy of Neurology
AANEM	American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
AAP	Association for Academic Psychiatry
AAPL	American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
ABMS	American Board of Medical Specialties
ABPN	American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACGME	Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACNS	American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
ACP	American College of Psychiatrists
AES	American Epilepsy Society
AHA	American Hospital Association
AMA	American Medical Association
ANA	American Neurological Association
APA	American Psychiatric Association
APM	Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine
AUPN	Association of University Professors of Neurology
CMSS	Council of Medical Specialty Societies
CNS	Child Neurology Society
ECFMG	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates
FSMB	Federation of State Medical Boards
LCCME	Liaison Committee on Continuing Medical Education
LCGME	Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education
NBME	National Board of Medical Examiners
RRC	Residency Review Committee
SPCAP	Society of Professors of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Commonly Used Abbreviations and Terms

10-Year MOC	10-Year Maintenance of Certification Program applies to diplomates issued a 10-year time-limited certificate between 1994-2011 (primary specialties). This program will sunset in 2021.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act.
Applicant	A physician who has applied for but has not yet been approved to sit for an ABPN examination.
C-MOC	The Continuous Maintenance of Certification program applies to diplomates certified or recertified from 2012 to the present.
CME	Continuing Medical Education, which is educational activities that serve to maintain, develop, or increase the knowledge, skills, and professional performance and relationships that a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public, or the profession. CME is one of the four MOC components mandated by the ABMS for ABPN maintenance of certification.
CSE	Clinical Skills Evaluation.
Candidate	An applicant who has been approved to sit for an ABPN examination.
DSM-5	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition.
Diplomate	A physician who has passed an ABPN exam and who is currently board certified by the ABPN.
Folios	Refers to the ABPN Physician Folios account, which is used by candidates and diplomates for applying and paying for an exam, managing personal information and updating and tracking MOC requirements.
IFA	Information for Applicants booklets, which are unique documents with background information about each specialty, subspecialty or combined initial certification or MOC examination that the ABPN administers.
MOC	Maintenance of Certification
PIP	Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP). PIP is one of the MOC components mandated by the ABMS for maintenance of certification.
PreCERT®	Refers to the ABPN PreCERT® Credentialing System, used by training directors and coordinators to input and update resident training information.
SA	Self-Assessment. Self-Assessment is one of the MOC components mandated by the ABMS for ABPN maintenance of certification.
verifyCERT®	Refers to the ABPN verifyCERT® Certification and Status Verification System, used by credentialers and the public to identify physicians who have been certified by the ABPN and to view the status of their certificates.