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### Criteria for Approving Neurology/Child Neurology Clinical Skills Evaluation Forms

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In lieu of using the clinical skills evaluation forms posted on the ABPN website, neurology and child neurology residency programs may submit forms to the ABPN for approval.

In order to be approved, the evaluation process, as represented by the evaluation form, must satisfy these criteria:

- The resident's mastery of three competencies is evaluated: medical interviewing skills; neurological examination skills; and humanistic qualities, professionalism, and counseling skills.
- The resident's performance of each of the three competencies is evaluated on a scale that differentiates between acceptable and unacceptable performance, although those specific terms to designate the categories do not have to be used.
- To meet the ABPN's criteria for mastery, an "acceptable" score is required for all three areas (medical interviewing skills; neurological examination skills; and humanistic qualities, professionalism, and counseling skills).
- Regardless of when during training the resident is evaluated, the standards for acceptable performance of the three competencies remain the same.

Programs may add additional competencies/items to the form.

Programs should submit their form to the ABPN office by mail, fax, or email. Programs will receive either written approval or feedback on changes that need to be made for approval to be given.

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