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ABPN Position on Advocacy for Board Certification and MOC

- The ABPN has never advocated for board certification as a requirement for state medical licensure and does not believe that board certification or maintenance of certification (MOC) should be requirements for initial licensure or for maintenance of licensure (MOL). The ABPN strongly recommends to state medical boards, however, that if diplomates do complete the requirements of MOC then that accomplishment should suffice for MOL.
- While the ABPN recognizes that board certification has long been considered by clinical institutions and the public at large as a valid measure of the training and competence of physicians to provide quality patient care, the ABPN has never advocated that board certification or MOC be used as a credentialing requirement by any institutions or programs other than for faculty and program directors in ACGME-accredited or ABPN-approved training programs. The ABPN does believe, however, that the medical staff of clinical institutions should be free to select for themselves what their credentialing criteria will be.

ABPN Decreases Fees for 2018 Initial Certification Exams

- Beginning with the 2018 Initial Certification Exams, ABPN is decreasing its fees by 5%.
- ABPN fees remain in the bottom half of the 24 ABMS Member Boards.
- Applications for 2018 Initial Certification Exams will be available in November 2017.

ABPN Award Applications Due in August

- Applications for the ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award and the ABPN Research Award are due August 14, 2017 and August 28, 2017, respectively. Information on funding, eligibility, and other details is available on our [website](#).

Visit Us at the AANEM Meeting in September to Get Your Questions Answered

- ABPN will have staff available to answer questions about certification and MOC at the [American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine Annual Meeting](#), September 13-16, 2017 in Phoenix, AZ.

Northwestern University Seeks Psychiatrist Participants for Study

- For more information and to participate, see the [announcement](#) on our website.

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