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ABPN Announces Flexibility with Continuing Certification Requirements for our Diplomates

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Dear ABPN Diplomates:

The ABPN is announcing additional support for our diplomates during this difficult time.

Effective immediately, the Continuing Certification requirements have been updated to add more flexibility to the Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC Program.

ABPN will provide the following options if a diplomate is unable to sit for their scheduled Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC exam in 2020 or complete CC/MOC activity requirements in 2020 due to the current healthcare crisis:

- **For diplomates whose specialty or subspecialty certificates would have expired in 2020**, we will defer the 2020 Continuing Certification(CC)/MOC exam requirement for one year until December 31, 2021. Therefore, certificates expiring in 2020 will be extended to the end of 2021. This extension does not include certificates that lapsed prior to February 1, 2020.
- **For diplomates enrolled in the Pilot Project and scheduled to complete all article assessments in 2020**, we will extend their article assessment completion date to December 15, 2021.
- **For diplomates currently in the CC Program**, we will not change a certification status negatively even if there are insufficient or incomplete activities (CME, Self-Assessment or PIP) recorded in [Physician Folios](#) at the end of 2020. **Incomplete CC Program activities will be deferred until the end of 2021.**

For those diplomates who have certificates expiring in 2020:

- **As of now, we still plan on offering [ABPN examinations this year](#).** Diplomates with certificates expiring in 2020 are not required to take a deferment and may still choose to sit for the CC/MOC exam or complete the Pilot article assessments this year.
- **You will be contacted** by the ABPN about next steps on how to elect for a deferment, if needed:
 - Before May 1, 2020 (for approved subspecialty CC/MOC exam applicants) and
 - Before June 1, 2020 (for primary specialty CC/MOC exam applicants)

We want to reassure our diplomates that their certification status will not be negatively impacted by this healthcare crisis. The ABPN remains committed to supporting you and thanks you for all that you do to care for your patients and for each other.

If you have questions, please contact questions@abpn.com.

Sincerely,

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