Coronavirus (COVID-19) and ABPN Activities

The ABPN has been actively monitoring the events and circumstances surrounding the spread of COVID-19 and the impact on our candidates, diplomates, and volunteers. We are providing updates on ABPN activities on a regular basis. Following are some recent posts:

- Announcement for Candidates for the September and October 2020 Specialty and Subspecialty Initial Certification Exams
- COVID-19 Notices for Resident Training Programs

Reminders About Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC Requirements

- In April, the ABPN announced that Continuing Certification/MOC requirements have been updated to add more flexibility. Diplomates now have options if they are unable to sit for their scheduled Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC exam or complete CC/MOC activity requirements this year due to the current healthcare crisis. Read the full announcement for more information.

- If your certificate expires in 2020 and you are due for psychiatry, neurology, child neurology or child and adolescent psychiatry recertification, you should have received a customized email on May 7, 2020 with details on your options for this year. If you did not receive it, please contact us at questions@abpn.com.

- Due to educational grants given by the ABPN, diplomates now have complimentary access to the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Spring Highlights Meeting 2020 presentations and Focus LIVE! virtual events, as well as the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) 2019 Meeting programming to fulfill CME and Self-Assessment CME activity requirements. Read the announcement for more information.

- All diplomates in Continuing Certification/MOC are reminded to click on the Requirement Status tab in their ABPN Physician Folios account to update their medical license(s), attest to completed activities, and pay their annual fee.
Continuing Certification/MOC Part III Pilot Project News: 2020 Applications Become Available June 10

If your psychiatry, neurology, child neurology or child and adolescent psychiatry certificate expires in 2020 and you wish to participate in the Pilot Project, eligible diplomates must complete these steps in order to be exempt from the traditional MOC computerized exam:

1. Enroll in the Pilot to access the article mini-exams.
2. Apply and pay for the Pilot. Applications will be available between June 10 and September 1, 2020 in your ABPN Physician Folios account.

Enrolled diplomates will receive an email in mid-June with further application and deadline information. All Pilot Project participants should review Deadlines and Next Steps on our website for more information or contact us at questions@abpn.com.

Read more about the Pilot Project

Thank you to our Test Development Committee Members

The ABPN would like to thank our dedicated 2020 test development committee members, who continue to provide their expertise during this difficult time.

Click here to view our 2020 committee names and members, including the new Pilot Project committees.

Thank you for your service.

Request for your COVID-19 Stories

The ABPN is interested in our diplomate's experiences surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak and would like to hear from you. Do you have an experience or observation that may be of interest to your psychiatry or neurology colleagues?

Please email us at ABPNcommunications@abpn.com with your stories and we will share some in a future communication to diplomates.

Thank you, ahead of time, for your input.

Current 2020 and 2021 Exam Schedules Now Posted

- The current 2020 and 2021 exam schedules are available on our website.
- ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select Continuing Certification/MOC exams to give diplomates more choice within a given year.
The ABPN has issued its 2019 Annual Report. The report details ABPN committees and initiatives, exam results and statistics, messages from an outgoing director and 2019 administrative fellows, and other Board activities.