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# ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

August 2020

## 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. Here is a recent post:

- Taking an exam at a Pearson VUE test center soon? Read our [Guidelines and FAQ](#) about precautions being taken to protect the health and safety of test takers.

## Flexible Options for Continuing Certification/MOC Requirements

- For additional flexibility during this difficult time, diplomates due in 2020 for either a recertification exam or for completion of their 2018-2020 block of requirements now have the **option** to defer until 2021 without a change of certification status. Read the [full announcement](#) for more information.
- ABPN has provided educational grants so diplomates now have complimentary access to:
  - Recordings and slide downloads for all presentations given at the [American Psychiatric Association \(APA\) Spring Highlights Meeting 2020](#), a virtual event held April 25-26, 2020.
  - APA's journal articles, including CME, selected for ABPN's Part III journal article-based pilot project. [Click here](#) to learn more.
  - CME and Self-Assessment CME credits through programming from the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Annual Meeting on Demand 2019 program and the NeuroSAE 2019 Annual Meeting Edition. Log in to the [AAN website](#) for more information.



## Continuing Certification/MOC Part III Pilot Project News

If your Psychiatry, Neurology, Child Neurology or Child and Adolescent Psychiatry certificate expires in 2020 and you wish to participate in the Pilot

Project, you have the option to finalize the recertification process this year OR defer until 2021 without a change of your certification status. To finalize this year, you must complete these steps in order to be exempt from the traditional CC/MOC exam in 2020:

1. [Enroll in the Pilot](#) to access the article mini-exams.
2. Apply and pay for the Pilot. Applications and payment are due September 1, 2020 in your [ABPN Physician Folios account](#).
3. Successfully complete 30 article mini-exams by December 15, 2020.

If you choose to defer until 2021, do not submit the 2020 Pilot application. You will need to follow the [2021 Pilot dates and deadlines](#). ABPN will automatically extend certificates until December 31, 2021 before the end of this year for diplomates who do not submit a 2020 application and/or are unsuccessful with the 2020 Pilot.

All Pilot participants should review the Part III Pilot tab in their [ABPN Physician Folios account](#) for more information or contact us at [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).

[Read more about the Pilot Project](#)

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER: Keep up with your CC/MOC Requirements and Timeline Before the End of the Year

- It's not too late to catch up with your Continuing Certification/MOC activities.
- The ABPN encourages you to review the Requirement Status tab in your [ABPN Physician Folios account](#) for specific requirements and a CC/MOC timeline. Also, be sure to update your medical license(s), attest to completed activities, and pay your annual fee.
- For questions about your certification status, contact us at [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).

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## Details on Select 2021 CC/MOC Exams Posted on our Website

- Information on [Psychiatry](#), [Neurology](#), [Child Neurology](#) and [Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](#) CC/MOC Exams, offered in both February and August/September 2021, is now available on our website. Log into your [ABPN Physician Folios account](#) to apply.
- For physicians who wish to recertify in more than one specialty or subspecialty at the same time, details on [Combined CC/MOC Exams](#) are also available.
- The subspecialties of Brain Injury Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Pain Medicine, and Sleep Medicine are NOT available in the combined format.
- See our [website](#) for more information and a full [exam schedule](#).

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## Applications Due in October for 2021-22 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Awards and Research Awards

The ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Awards and the Research Awards have been reinstated for 2021-2022 and applications are due in October. These awards were put on hold earlier in the year due to the disruption related to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Applications and detailed information, including previous recipients, are now available on our [ABPN Awards Program page](#).

ABPN Physician Folios - your source for personalized CC/MOC info

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