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.

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.

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.

Read more about the Pilot Project

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.

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.

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.