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# ABPN Extends Continuing Certification Requirements to 2022

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Dear ABPN Diplomates,

As the healthcare crisis continues this year and significant challenges remain for many of us, the [ABPN Board of Directors](#) wants to reiterate the importance of continuing to provide you with flexibility to meet the requirements of our Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC Program.

**Effective immediately, the ABPN will extend all the deadlines of all current 2020 and 2021 Continuing Certification Program examination and activity requirements until December 31, 2022.**

- For diplomates whose specialty or subspecialty certificates would have expired in 2020 or 2021, we will defer the deadlines for your Continuing Certification (CC)/MOC examination and activities until December 31, 2022. This extension does not apply to certificates that lapsed prior to 2020.
- For diplomates with specialty or subspecialty certifications expiring in 2020 and 2021, we will give you the option of participating in our new [Article Based Continuing Certification pathway](#) -- currently called the Pilot Project -- in 2022 to maintain your certification with no lapse. We will send personalized details to all diplomates in the CC Program later this year.
- For diplomates currently enrolled in the Pilot Project and scheduled to complete all article assessments in 2021, we will extend their article assessment completion date to December 15, 2022.
- For diplomates currently in our CC Program, we will not change your certification status negatively even if you have insufficient or incomplete activities (CME, Self-Assessment or PIP) recorded in Physician Folios at the end of 2021. Incomplete CC Program activities will be deferred until the end of 2022.
- Diplomates are not required to defer any component of their CC Program to 2022: CC examinations; Pilot Project article assessments; or CME, Self-Assessment, and PIP activities. The ABPN will continue to offer CC examinations this year and we encourage diplomates to keep up with CC activities, if possible.

**Diplomates in the CC Program will be contacted by ABPN via email by July 1, 2021 with an individualized email on next steps and future deadlines.**


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](mailto:questions@abpn.com).

Sincerely,



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