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ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

November 2021

Larry R. Faulkner, MD, to step down as ABPN President and CEO on December 31, 2022

The ABPN Board of Directors announced today that President and CEO Larry R. Faulkner, MD, has decided to step out of his role in December 2022. For more information, read the [ABPN announcement](#).



New Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway Enrollment opens to Diplomates in November

The ABPN is excited to announce that enrollment in the new ABCC Pathway for continuing certification will be available to all diplomates with active certificate(s) in 3-year blocks beginning **November 15, 2021**.

The ABCC Pathway is an ongoing professional journal article-based assessment activity designed as an optional alternative to the current traditional 10-year recertification/CC examination.

From **November 15 through December 31, 2021**, diplomates will be able to view individualized ABCC Pathway article assessment requirements and enroll in the pathway through their [Physician Portal/Folios](#) account.

If no assessment pathway has been chosen by **January 1, 2022**, the ABCC Pathway will become the automatic default assessment option for diplomates with eligible active certificate(s) in 3-year blocks. Beginning on **January 15, 2022**, the ABCC article assessments can be accessed through the secure, newly designed ABPN Physician Portal.

Diplomates with 10-year certificates (expiring in 2022), non-time limited (Lifetime) certificates, and lapsed certificates will need to wait until early 2022 to apply for the article assessment pathway.

For more information, visit the new [ABCC Pathway](#) on the ABPN website.

ABCC Website is Go-to Guide to ABCC Pathway

Visit the new [ABCC Pathway website page](#) for details on this new alternative to the traditional 10-year examination. In this comprehensive section, diplomates will have several ABCC resources at their fingertips:

- Read the detailed [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) -- your guide to the ABCC Pathway.
- [Compare the ABCC Pathway](#) to the traditional 10-year recertification/CC examination.
- [View examples](#) of article requirements for different certifications and timelines.
- Access [written instructions and an instructional video](#) to assist with the online ABCC portal.
- Review a [sample article and related questions](#) for psychiatry, neurology, child neurology and child and adolescent psychiatry certifications.
- View the specialty and subspecialty [topic categories and journal articles](#) available for the ABCC.

ABPN Launches New Physician Portal

ABPN has launched a new and improved version of Physician Folios. The new [Physician Portal](#) interface features an easy-to-follow dashboard approach to personalized Continuing Certification (CC) Program requirements and deadlines.

Diplomates also can use the new Physician Portal to access ABPN's new [Article-Based Continuing Certification](#) article assessments beginning on **January 15, 2022**.



3-year CC Block Reset

Beginning **January 1, 2022**, the new Physician Portal will reset all active 3-year CC blocks with the years 2022-2024 to align article assessment and CC requirement completion deadlines. Any CC activities completed and attested to during the current CC block will be credited towards the 2022-2024 block, including CME, Self-Assessment, PIP, and Pilot article exams, if applicable.

Annual Fee Format Changes

Beginning in 2022, the annual CC fee amount will be calculated based on the number of active certificates: \$175 for one certification; \$300 for two certifications; \$395 for three+ certifications. The annual fee will cover either assessment pathway (ABCC or Exams) for all certificates in the CC program. Diplomates will no longer be required to submit a traditional recertification application and payment provided their certification(s) remain active.

Additional CME Offerings from Select Subspecialty Societies for ABPN Diplomates

The ABPN has announced that all ABPN diplomates, regardless of areas of subspecialty certification or society membership, will have access in 2021-22 to additional self-assessment and CME options from select professional societies at either typical member pricing or at no cost.

Through unrestricted educational grants from the ABPN, the following societies have posted or will post information on how diplomates can access activities to earn additional credits:

- Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (ACLP)
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAP)
- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL)
- American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
- American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM)
- American Clinical Neurophysiology Society (ACNS)
- American Epilepsy Society (AES)
- Child Neurology Society (CNS)
- Neurocritical Care Society (NCS)

See the [full announcement](#) on our COVID-19 Update webpage.



ABMS Supports Role of Medical Professionals in Preventing COVID-19 Misinformation

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) announced recently it is committed to preventing the spread of misinformation about COVID-19, which ABMS calls a “contributing factor hindering national efforts to combat the virus.”

The spread of misinformation and the misapplication of medical science by physicians and medical professionals threatens the health of communities and undermines the public trust in the profession and established best practices in care, the ABMS says. The spread by a diplomate of unscientific misinformation harmful to public health is unethical and unprofessional and may threaten certification by an ABMS Member Board. See the [announcement](#) for more information.

2022 CC/MOC Exam Schedules Posted

The ABPN [exam schedule for 2022](#) is available online. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select CC/MOC recertification exams to give diplomates more choices within a given year.

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