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ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

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ABPN Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway Now Available

Diplomates who successfully participate in the ABCC pathway option for continuing certification won't need to take a recertification exam again in the future.



All diplomates with active certificates, *regardless of your last examination date*, need to successfully complete article exams in 2022-2024 to be excused from your next scheduled recertification examination.

The ABPN is now offering the [Article-Based Continuing Certification \(ABCC\) Pathway](#) to all ABPN diplomates as a permanent alternative to the traditional Continuing Certification (CC) computerized examination. Diplomates taking the ABCC Pathway will be required to successfully complete article assessments every three-year CC block. Visit your personalized [ABPN Physician Portal](#) account for details and deadlines.

Diplomates with multiple certificates will be able to take a combined article assessment option. The number of articles to successfully complete every three-year CC block is:

- 30 for one certificate
- 50 for two certificates
- 70 for three certificates
- 90 for four certificates

Diplomates are invited to [submit professional journal articles](#) for possible inclusion within the Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway. The following [topic categories and journal articles](#) for both specialty and

subspecialty certifications are now available in the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway.

The traditional Continuing Certification (CC) computerized examination will continue to be offered as an option for all ABPN specialties and subspecialties.

Deadlines for Certificates Issued in 2010 and 2011

Diplomates who were awarded 2010 and/or 2011 primary and/or subspecialty certificates must recertify this year to maintain certification. All diplomates can either recertify by the *new* Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway OR the Exam Pathway.

- Diplomates who choose the article-based pathway must complete 30 article exams per certification by December 15, 2022. An article assessment application and recertification fee are due by September 1, 2022. Diplomates will have access to the article exams as soon as they submit a Continuing Certification article assessment application. For more details, check the [article deadline chart](#).
- Diplomates who choose the traditional CC/recertification exam pathway for a primary recertification/CC exam, can still apply for this year's August 1 – September 9 exam administration. Applications and recertification fees are due by May 3, 2022. The next available subspecialty recertification exams will be offered in 2023. Click to view the [Exam Schedule](#).

New 2022 Combined Annual Fees

Diplomates who hold multiple active certifications qualify for a combined discount on their annual fees in 2022. The fees will cover participation in the ABCC Pathway or the Exam Pathway. Diplomates will no longer be required to submit a traditional recertification application and payment provided their certification(s) remain active.

A diplomate will only be required to apply and pay the recertification fee if certification lapses, and they wish to regain certification.

The 2022 combined CC annual fees will be:

- \$240 for 2 certificates
- \$310 for 3 or more certificates

Reminder: Continuing Certification Requirements

Due to the pandemic extensions and block reset for the launch of the new ABCC Pathway, the Board has provided all diplomates with additional time and flexibility to accommodate the completion of the certification requirements.

All previous 3-year blocks were reset to 2022-2024 to align CC program activity requirements and article-based pathway deadlines. Activities attested to in the previous block have been credited to the current 2022-2024 block.

Printed Certificates for the CC Program

With the end of the 10-year MOC program, the ABPN will no longer issue Continuing Certification certificates. All certificates issued from 2012 to the present do not have an expiration date as certification is dependent upon meeting all ongoing continuing certification program requirements (CME, Self-Assessment, PIP, licensure, fees, etc.). Without expiration dates on certificates, there is no reason to print additional certificates for diplomates who remain certified in good standing. Diplomates can visit their ABPN Physician Portal for free downloadable CC program status certificates. Verification letters also will be available for download in the future.

The ABPN will always continue to issue certificates for initial certification and for diplomates who are pursuing re-entry after a lapse in certification.

NEW ABPN Physician Portal

Based on feedback over the years and input from a diplomate focus group, the Board is excited to provide you with a new personalized online portal. Additional enhancements will be coming soon.

Diplomates should log in to the new, streamlined [Physician Portal](#) (previously Folios) to view and update their current 3-year block of Activity Requirements, Annual Fees, and Medical License information. Diplomates are required to satisfy all the certification requirements every 3-year CC block to maintain certification.

The screenshot displays the 'PHYSICIAN PORTAL' interface for a user named 'M.D.'. The main section is titled 'CONTINUING CERTIFICATION STATUS 2022 - 2024'. It includes several sub-sections:

- Assessments:** A table showing 'Article Exams Due By' 12/15/2024. It lists 'Psychiatry' with 2/29 passed and 0 failed, 'Forensic Psychiatry' with 3/20 passed and 0 failed, and 'Total' with 5/49 passed and 0 failed. A note states: 'You have passed 5 of 50 total article exams. At least 20 article exams are required in each certification to meet requirements. You have 45 article exams remaining.' There are buttons for 'Access Article Exams' and 'Show Detail'.
- Continuing Certification Activity Requirements:** Shows 'Total CME Credits' as 174/160. It includes 'Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)' with a checkmark, 'Patient Safety' (Not Met), and 'CME/MSB/SE' (Not Met). There are 'Add and Subtract' buttons.
- Annual Fees:** A table showing fees for 2022, 2023, and 2024. For 2022, the fee is 'Paid'. For 2023 and 2024, the fee is 'Not Paid: \$200'. There is a 'Pay Annual Fee' button.
- Medical Licensure:** A table listing licenses for NY and CT states, both expiring on 12/31/2022 and with a status of 'Active'. There are 'Edit' buttons for each license and an 'Add License' button at the bottom.

On the right side of the portal, there are sections for 'Examinations' and 'Certifications'. The 'Examinations' section shows a 'FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION' with a 'Grade' of 'Passing', 'Apply to Exam', and 'View Exam History' buttons. The 'Certifications' section shows two entries: 'PSYCHIATRY' (Certified) and 'FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY' (Certified), each with 'Awarded', 'Revised', and 'Certificate Number' fields, and 'Clinical Status' (Clinically Active) and 'Continuing Certification Status' (Meeting) indicators. There are 'Edit' buttons for each certification. At the bottom of the 'Certifications' section, there is a 'Print Continuing Certification Status Certificate' button.

ABPN Presentations at the Upcoming Spring Professional Meetings

ABPN directors will be discussing the Continuing Certification Program, including the new ABCC pathway, at the [American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting](#) and the [American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting](#).

- **AAN Annual Meeting**

April 2-7, 2022, Seattle

Dr. John Bodensteiner will present the ABPN Continuing Certification Information Session at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 3, in the Washington State Convention Center, Room 606, at the AAN meeting. ABPN staff will also be available at the exhibit booth to assist with initial and continuing certification questions.

- **APA Annual Meeting**

May 21-25, 2022, New Orleans

Drs. Robert Boland and Christopher Thomas will be presenting “New and Improved! The ABPN Continuing Certification Program” at 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 23. They will discuss how ABCC is being implemented for all diplomates. ABPN staff will also be available at the exhibit booth to assist with certification and continuing certification questions.

New CNS Endovascular RFP Exam offered by American Board of Neurosurgery (ABNS)

A new CNS endovascular surgery Recognition of Focused Practice(RFP) designation exam is scheduled on Friday, May 13, for eligible neurologists and child neurologists.

The RFP is approved through ABMS with the goal of recognizing candidates who have successfully completed a standardized neuroendovascular training program and met practice criteria. The RFP is administered by ABNS and co-sponsored by the ABPN and the American Board of Radiology. The application deadline, eligibility requirements, and more information can be found on the [ABNS website](#).

ABPN Board of Directors Announced

The ABPN announced its [2022 Board of Directors](#). The board’s term runs through December 2022.



Dr. John B. Bodensteiner, a nationally recognized child neurologist who practiced for many years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was elected Chair.



Dr. Jeffrey M. Lyness, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY, was elected Vice Chair.

2022-2023 exam schedule posted on ABPN.com

The current [2022-2023 exam schedule](#) is now posted on the ABPN website. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select Continuing Certification (CC) exams to give diplomates more choices within the year.

2023-2024 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award Applications Now Available

[Applications](#) for the 2023-2024 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award and the 2023-2024 ABPN Research Award are now available. For more information, including previous winners, visit the [ABPN Awards Program page](#).

Multi-Disciplinary Certifications Recertification Assessment Options

ABPN diplomates with certificates in Pain Medicine and Sleep Medicine may participate in the administering Board's continuing certification longitudinal assessment options by applying through their ABPN Physician Portal. Any questions about these options may be emailed to questions@abpn.com.

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