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ABPN Pilot Project Approved as Permanent Alternative to 10-year MOC Examination

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The ABPN is very pleased to announce that the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) has approved the ABPN Article Assessment Pathway -- currently called the Pilot Project -- as a permanent alternative to the secure, proctored 10-year Continuing Certification (CC/MOC) examination.

ABPN will offer the Article Assessment Pathway to all Diplomates beginning with the 2022 assessments and exams, including ABPN subspecialties.

Since its introduction in 2019, the Pilot Project has offered greater flexibility to ABPN diplomates for meeting their CC/MOC Part III program requirements.

"It will now be easier than ever for our Diplomates to meet CC/MOC program requirements with the new Article Assessment Pathway," said Larry R. Faulkner, MD, ABPN President and CEO.

In surveys of all Pilot Project participants, more than 90 percent of the responders rated the articles as easy to access and helpful to their practice. These results are based on approximately 250,000 completed article assessment mini-exams.

Feedback from more than 15,000 Pilot Project participants includes:

- "I found it really interesting, fun, worthwhile, and a valuable experience. It was also very convenient. The test questions were by and large fair and appropriate." – *A.D., psychiatry*
- "A great and very educational alternative to traditional exam. Most of the articles selected were very highly relevant to clinical practice and the questions were very fair. I hope ABPN implements this pilot program in lieu of the traditional exam, or at least as an option." – *D.C., neurology*
- "The pilot process was a more convenient and effective way to complete my recertification. Overall, the articles were relevant to my work. The freedom to choose articles allow me to customize the process, again making this more relevant and effective." – *R.B., child neurology*
- "I was leery at first, but after doing a couple I believe that this was a good experience and a better substitute for the 10-year test. ..." – *L.F., child and adolescent psychiatry*

The Article Assessment Pathway will be offered to all ABPN diplomates beginning in 2022. More details will be available in 2021. Please visit our website, read the Quarterly Update newsletters, and check your emails from ABPN for the latest updates.

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