



## **American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.**

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

### **Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Policy Statement**

I agree the Board is the final judge of my qualifications for admission to examination and for certification. I agree that the Board may disqualify me from examination, from certification, or may cancel my certification in the event that the Board determines that any information furnished by me was false or that I violated any Board rule or policy.

I agree that irregular or improper behavior, such as giving, obtaining, or receiving information or aid, failing to comply with instructions, disregarding time limits, taking any recordings of the examination or other disruptive behavior will be considered an attempt to subvert the certification process. I understand that the examination material is confidential and copyrighted. I agree not to copy, reproduce, record, stream, or disclose examination materials or content, at any time. These and other irregular or improper behaviors, as evidenced by observation, by subsequent statistical analysis, or by other means, may be cause for the Board to terminate my examination, invalidate my examination results, bar me from admission to future examinations or certification, and to take other appropriate actions.

I agree not to share questions or answers included in the examinations. I will not choose journal article exams for which I am an author.

Professionalism forms the basis of medicine's contract with society. The ABPN is concerned with those aspects of professionalism that are demonstrated through a physician's clinical competence, commitment to lifelong learning and professional improvement, interpersonal skills, and ethical understanding and behavior. In its credentialing, certification, and CC/MOC programs, the ABPN seeks to assess and document that its candidates and diplomates possess and maintain these aspects of professionalism.

Pursuant to HIPPA, any related regulations, and any applicable state laws, I agree not to use or disclose health information used or disclosed in any Board examination.

I understand that the Board makes academic and scientific judgments in its evaluation of the results of its examinations, and that situations may occur, even through no fault of mine, that will render my examination results unreliable in the judgement of the Board. I agree that if the Board determines that the results of my examination are unreliable, the Board may require me to retake that examination.

I consent to the fact that my certification status is public information and that the Board will make it publicly available. In addition, I authorize the Board to release information about me in accordance with the Board's Privacy Policy, <https://www.abpn.com/terms-of-use/> including but not limited to informing program director(s) from which I took training as to my performance on any or all of the Board's examinations taken by me at any time. In addition, I also authorize the Board to, at its discretion, release information contained in this application, my examination results, and examination scores to researchers selected by the Board to study the testing and evaluation programs of the Board under appropriate

conditions of confidentiality established by the Board. Any studies reported by the Board will contain information about candidates and diplomates only in the aggregate, and the names of individuals will not be revealed in any publications. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Board and any of the Board's employees, directors or representatives from any liability arising out of the Board's disclosing of information pertaining to me. This release and hold harmless includes liability for the inaccuracy of such information, so long as such information was provided in good faith.

I hereby release and discharge the Board, its directors, officers, employees, examiners, representatives, and agents from any actions, suits, obligations, claims, or demands arising out of, or in connection with participation in the Continuing Certification program and Article based Assessment pathway, the scoring given with respect to any examination, or the failure of the Board to issue me such certificate.

Notwithstanding the preceding release, if a claim is allowed, I AGREE AND CONSENT TO THE JURISDICTION AND THE LAWS OF ILLINOIS AND EXCLUSIVE VENUE IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. In addition, I EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CLAIMS (whether before a jury, judge, administrative judge or board or in arbitration) AGAINST THE BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OR MEMBER IN ANY CLASS ACTION, except where such waiver is prohibited by law. To the extent either party is permitted to proceed with a class action, the parties agree that (i) the prevailing party shall not be entitled to recover attorneys' fees or costs associated with pursuing the class action and (ii) the party who participates as a member of a class action will not submit a claim or otherwise participate in any recovery secured through the class action, by settlement or judgment.

See the website for additional Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) information.

See the General Policies regarding taking a CC/MOC examination here: <https://www.abpn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/2022-ABPN-General-Information-and-Board-Policies.pdf>

No extensions or additional time will be granted for completing the journal article assessments. All assessments must be completed and submitted by the date indicated in the Physician Portal/Folios account.

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