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ABPN Names Dr. Jeffrey Lyness as President and CEO

June 17, 2022, Deerfield, Ill. --- The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) has selected Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD, FACPpsych, DFAPA, to be its new President and Chief Executive Officer, beginning Jan. 1, 2023. Dr. Lyness will succeed Larry R. Faulkner, MD, who will retire Dec. 31, 2022, after serving 16 years with the ABPN.

Dr. Lyness, an ABPN Director and Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, is certified by the ABPN in psychiatry and geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Lyness serves on the ABPN's Executive Committee as Board Vice Chair and as Chair of the Psychiatry Council.



"The ABPN Board is excited to have Dr. Lyness lead the ABPN," said Dr. John B. Bodensteiner, ABPN Board Chair. "Dr. Lyness has a passionate commitment to board certification and a dedication to lifelong learning. He will play a critical role in advancing the ABPN mission."

During his tenure at the University of Rochester, Dr. Lyness has overseen faculty affairs and faculty development activities for the school's 2,100 faculty members and supported the recruitment and development of department chairs and faculty leaders. Dr. Lyness also had served as Chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Group on Faculty Affairs and is a Past President of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry.

Other prior leadership roles at the University of Rochester included Director of Curriculum for medical student education and Medical Director for Continuing Medical Education. In the department of psychiatry, Dr. Lyness also served as Associate Chair for Education and Director of the Geriatric Psychiatry Program at the University of Rochester.

Dr. Lyness serves as Chair of the American Board of Medical Specialties Health Policy and Strategy Committee. Research by Dr. Lyness has examined the relationships between depression and medical illnesses in later life and has been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, foundations, and industry.

Dr. Lyness received his MD degree with Honor and with Distinction in Research from the University of Rochester, completed his internship in internal medicine there, and then was a psychiatry resident at Yale University. He completed clinical and research fellowship training in the Geriatrics and Neuropsychiatry Program at Rochester. He has over 230 publications including journal articles, book chapters, and books, and has been fortunate to receive several awards for his clinical, teaching, and scholarly efforts, including the

American Psychiatric Association's Vestermark Psychiatry Educator Award and being named an Apple Distinguished Educator.

Dr. Lyness will begin the CEO transition process in November. He and his wife, Diane, who is a nurse, have three adult children and will relocate to the Deerfield, Ill., area.

Search Process

The ABPN Board of Directors began a nationwide search for a new president and CEO in 2021. The national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller, assisted in the search.

"We selected Dr. Lyness based on his outstanding qualifications, his vision for board certification, and his longstanding commitment to promoting and assessing the competence of psychiatrists and neurologists," said Dr. Allison Brashear, ABPN Board member and co-chair of the search committee. "We believe Dr. Lyness has the leadership expertise and the passion to lead the ABPN."

"The ABPN Board of Directors is confident in Dr. Lyness's abilities to ensure that our certification programs are relevant and have value to both clinicians and patients," said Dr. Joan Anzia, ABPN Board member and co-chair of the search committee. "Dr. Lyness has an unyielding commitment to standards of excellence in health care."

About the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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