



## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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# ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

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## Article-Based Pathway Update

- Diplomates who were awarded a certificate in 2010 and/or 2011 and who submitted an application to participate in the [Article-Based Continuing Certification \(ABCC\) Pathway](#) must complete the article exams by December 15, 2022, to remain board certified. All article exams for 2022 will be finalized after December 15, 2022, and certificates will be issued within 12 weeks after finalization.
- Diplomates who were awarded certificates in 2012 and after are required to successfully complete article assessments during every three-year CC block, beginning with the 2022-2024 block requirements. Visit your [ABPN Physician Portal](#) account for details and deadlines. **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.**



## ABPN Certification Matters

The value of board certification by the ABPN should not be understated, as patients trust board certification because it signifies that a physician has demonstrated the knowledge, judgment and skills to provide safe and high-quality specialty care and delivers such care consistent with the professional norms expected of a board-certified physician.

The ABPN is concerned that a number of alternative entities claim to certify diplomates but do not have the same rigorous standards. Only ABPN has the authority to recertify a diplomate through its [Continuing Certification](#) program. Claims of equivalence to ABPN certification are misleading to the profession and to the public who trust ABPN board certification.

The ABPN encourages diplomates to clearly identify their certification status and their certifying body by using Board Certified: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties).

### **Reminder: Attest to Continuing Certification Requirements by End of 2022 to Keep Certification Status Updated**

As a reminder, if you still need to catch up with incomplete CC requirements that were deferred due to the pandemic, all requirements must be met by the end of 2022 to keep a certification status of 'Certified-Meeting MOC Requirements.' If your CC requirements have not been completed by the end of this year, your certification status will change to 'Certified-Not Meeting MOC Requirements.' Diplomates have been sent multiple email reminders on an annual basis alerting them of the requirements and deadlines.

The new [Physician Portal](#) has reset all previous 3-year CC blocks, in good standing, 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.

### **Neurodevelopmental Disabilities diplomates from ABP transferring to ABPN**

Beginning in January 2023, physicians who are currently certified or have been certified in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) through the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) will maintain their certification through the ABPN.

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) approved ABP to discontinue their co-sponsoring status for NDD. This means that NDD certificates issued by ABP will be transitioned to ABPN. Currently, those wishing to pursue certification in NDD may do so through ABPN. No new certificates in NDD have been issued by ABP since 2007. Maintaining NDD certification through ABPN will enhance the NDD continuing certification (CC) process and assist in maintaining a high level of knowledge, judgment, and skills in NDD.

All NDD continuing certification requirements and activities will move from ABP to [ABPN's Article-Based Continuing Certification \(ABCC\) pathway](#), which requires successfully completing 30 article assessments every three years to continue to be certified.

### **Crucial Issues Forum Report on Supporting and Promoting Women in Academic Psychiatry and Neurology**

The ABPN 2022 Crucial Issues Forum, held in April at ABPN headquarters, addressed supporting and promoting women in academic psychiatry and neurology. Speaker presentations and summaries of small group discussions are available in the recently published [Crucial Issues Forum Report](#).

## 2023 Examination Schedule Available

The [ABPN exam schedule](#) for 2023 is available online. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select CC recertification exams to give diplomates more choices within a given year.

A new CNS Endovascular Surgery Recognition of Focused Practice designation exam is scheduled on Friday, December 2, for eligible neurologists and child neurologists. For more information on the application deadline and eligibility requirements, visit the [ABNS website](#).

## Update Medical License Information and Email Address

Don't forget to update your medical license and email address with ABPN. All ABPN-certified diplomates are required to maintain an active, full, unrestricted U.S. or Canadian medical license on file to remain Board certified.

- If you have a Physician Portal account with ABPN, please log into your account, [www.abpn.com/physicianportal](http://www.abpn.com/physicianportal), to update your medical license information on file.
- If you do not have a Physician Portal account or do not know if you have an account, please email [Questions@abpn.com](mailto:Questions@abpn.com) for assistance.
- If you are retired, no longer practicing and you allowed your license to lapse (did not surrender to avoid disciplinary action) the ABPN has an option to publicly report diplomates as "Certified-Retired." The required form to report your certification status as retired can be accessed at [Certified-Retired Form](#).

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