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### Introducing Dr. Jeffrey Lyness, ABPN's new President and CEO

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#### Transcript:

Hello, I'm Jeff Lyness and it is an honor to serve in my new role as president and CEO of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. This is the first and what we hope will be a series of short videos, telling you a little bit about ourselves and what we do, and hopefully answering some questions that you might have along the way.

You might think of these as kind of fireside. Although, as you can see, there's no fireplace behind me. I gather it's against fire codes or something like that, but we will proceed in any case. I will say that I'm fortunate to be working in an organization that is in really excellent shape, thanks to the leadership of Dr. Larry Faulkner, these past 16 years and our superb staff. And our volunteers. Also, superb psychiatrists and neurologists who volunteer their time to work on our examinations and otherwise further the activities of the ABPN. In this video, I'd like to tell you a little bit about the background that I bring to working here at the ABPN.

I've had a faculty career at the University of Rochester for quite some time. I actually grew up in the New York City area but came to Rochester for college and medical school and an internship in internal medicine. I then went to New Haven, Connecticut to do psychiatry residency at Yale and returned to Rochester to do clinical and research fellowships in geriatric psychiatry, and then was on the faculty at Rochester for 32 years.

During that time, I got to work with great people and got to do lots of interesting things, really across all three missions of an academic health center. I took care of patients in a variety of clinical settings, inpatient and outpatient emergency consultation work. I also supervised residents and fellows as they took care of patients and developed their own clinical expertise.

In education, I also was very much involved with medical student education and continuing medical education for physicians in practice. Both physicians on the faculty in psychiatry, neurology, and other departments, as well as physicians in the community and in the region. And I was a clinical researcher as well with NIH funded research, looking at questions we had based on our clinical work in the area of late life depression.

I will mention that as part of my work really across all those missions, I also was fortunate to work closely with colleagues and friends from the Department of Neurology. And those collaborations were a big part of what made our work really interesting and valuable. And also drew me in part to the work of the ABPN where we worked really closely with our colleagues in neurology and psychiatry together.

I've been involved with the ABPN for over 15 years. I was on an oral examination team led by Dr. Chris Colenda back when we were still doing the oral examinations. I've served on certification and continuing certification examination committees for most of that time and for the past nine years, I've been one of the psychiatry directors and together with the neurology directors helping lead the organization, working closely with Dr. Faulkner and with the staff and other volunteers for the organization. It's been an incredibly rewarding experience to be here at the ABPN, and in our next video I'm going to tell you a little bit more about our mission and our vision and some of our early goals for the months ahead.