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The Mission of the ABPN

Transcript:

Hi, I'm Jeff Lyness. Welcome to the second of our short videos in a series of kind of fireside chats, telling you a little bit about what we do and how we think about things, and hopefully answering some questions you might have along the way. In this video, I want to talk with you a little bit about what drew me to working at the ABPN, including taking on my now new role as president and CEO and some of our early goals for the organization in the months ahead.

I will say that what drew me to the ABPN in a general way are the people and the mission. The people are superb, and I'm talking about both our staff and our volunteers, psychiatrists and neurologists who help further the work of the organization. We will give you a chance to hear more about the people in the communications ahead but let me tell you a little bit about the mission of the ABPN.

The ABPN'S work sits at the intersection of a variety of things that have been passionate foci of mine throughout my career, and I suspect for most of you watching this video as well. The development of clinical expertise in deploying that to provide excellent patient care. Education to help attain that expertise, education and training, and the assessment of learning and of competence in these areas.

Lifelong professional development. And professionalism, including the importance of professional self-regulation for medicine as a profession and for the fields of psychiatry and neurology. I will also note that certification is really the only national recognition of specialty and subspecialty expertise as distinct from obtaining a medical degree, as distinct from medical licensure.

Certification really focuses on that expertise and we worked really hard as specialists and subspecialists to gain that expertise. We should be proud of that. And certification is a marker of quality, a marker of what we've done to gain that kind of expertise and demonstrate our ability to provide excellent patient care in our fields.

And the ABPN, like our sister member boards as part of the American Board of Medical Specialties has been seen as, and is, and should be seen as, the gold standard for certification in our specialties. So, the mission of the ABPN is to assess and promote the skills it takes to provide such excellent specialty care and to promote lifelong learning in order to continue to be able to provide that care.

All in the end, in service and being able to provide reassurances to the public, in particular to patients and families about our abilities as specialists. So, our early goals for the organization in the months ahead include doing what we're trying to do with this video now, trying to communicate a bit more about what we're doing and why we're doing that.

And in the process also be able to hear feedback and suggestions and ideas from our diplomates and our colleagues and continue to continually improve what we do. In fact, we've been quite responsive to feedback in the past, have made a number of improvements over the years. I will say more about that, including our new and very warmly received article-based continuing certification program in a subsequent video.

In addition to communication, and I think related to it ultimately relates to our goals for diversity, equity, and inclusion, DEI. We need to continue to pay explicit and careful attention and effort to DEI within our organization, in our assessments and our products, and in our relationships with external constituents.

And we will have more to say about that in our communications, including our videos and on our website as well. So, I look forward to sharing that with you in future communications. Thanks for your attention.