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## ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

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### Greeting from Dr. Jeffrey Lyness, ABPN President and CEO

As this is the ABPN's first quarterly update since I began as President and CEO in January, I want to say how proud I am to have the chance to work with our directors, staff, and over 300 physician volunteers from our test development committees. I have begun attending many professional society meetings in our fields, and I look forward to learning from you, our diplomates, about your activities, interests, and concerns so that we can continue to improve the ABPN's products and programs.



In this update you will find brief summaries of some of the work we are doing and how to keep up with your continuing certification activities. Many of the brief pieces here will link to more information on our website. Please let us know if you have questions or anything we can help with!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jeffrey M. Lyness'.

### Video Messages from Dr. Jeffrey Lyness

In these brief [videos on the ABPN website](#) Dr. Lyness discusses the mission of the ABPN and the value of lifelong learning through ABPN's Continuing Certification program and the new ABCC Pathway. Look for more video messages to follow on the ABPN website.

### ABPN Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway Articles Posted

The following 2023 [topic categories and journal articles](#) for both specialty and subspecialty certifications are now available in the [Article-Based Continuing Certification \(ABCC\) Pathway](#).

All diplomates with active Continuing Certification (CC) certificates in the 2022-2024 block, **regardless of your last examination date**, need to successfully complete article exams by December 15, 2024, to have them count in lieu of your next scheduled recertification examination. If all article exams are not successfully completed in the 2022-2024 CC block by the end of 2024, diplomates will not be able to continue with the article assessment pathway. In addition to the article exams, diplomates need to complete all CC activity requirements. Your [Physician Portal](#) outlines your CC Program requirements and deadlines.

Diplomates participating in the ABCC Pathway will be required to successfully complete article assessments every three-year CC block. **Diplomates who successfully participate in the ABCC pathway option for continuing certification will not need to take a 10-year recertification exam for that cycle.**

Diplomates with multiple certificates will be able to take a combined article assessment option. The number of articles to successfully complete every three-year CC block is:

- 30 for one certificate
- 50 for two certificates
- 70 for three certificates
- 90 for four certificates

Diplomates are invited to [submit professional journal articles](#) for possible inclusion within the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway. The traditional Continuing Certification (CC) computerized examination will continue to be offered as an option for all ABPN specialties and subspecialties.

## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Report Card Shows ABPN Progress and Future Plans**

The ABPN has unveiled a new webpage devoted to our focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The [DEI webpage](#) highlights ABPN's DEI Strategic Plan Activities Report Card, which includes action items that were developed through the 5-year DEI plan. The action items will be continuously reviewed, monitored and updated by the ABPN Board and DEI Committee. ABPN is excited to host an upcoming Crucial Issues Forum in April 2023 entitled "Supporting and Promoting Physicians from Racially and Ethnically Underrepresented Groups in Academic Psychiatry and Neurology." The Forum will include keynote speakers, panelists, and attendees will be present from psychiatry and neurology professional organizations. A publication on the

Forum will be distributed later this year with a summary and outcomes from the Forum.

## **ABPN Recruiting New Members for Exam Committees**

The ABPN is recruiting new members for our exam committees in psychiatry, neurology, child neurology, and most of our subspecialties. Candidates for committee membership must be certified in the applicable field by the ABPN, including active participation in continuing certification.

Anyone interested in joining an exam committee should submit their CV and a cover letter to [committee@abpn.com](mailto:committee@abpn.com). The cover letter should highlight any expertise or experience of relevance to ABPN work, including any experience with exam-question writing or other educational assessments. However, please note that many of our committee members work in non-academic settings and/or do not have such experience prior to volunteering for our committees.

The ABPN emphasizes multiple elements of diversity for its test development committees, including but not limited to factors such as subspecialty or other specific expertise, practice type and work setting, geographic distribution, and sociodemographic characteristics and other lived experiences that foster the work of the ABPN. Your cover letter may highlight any such experiences or attributes of relevance in this regard.

Look for more information to follow on the ABPN website.

## **ABPN Director Nomination Process Now Open**

The ABPN Board has started the annual process of selecting a new psychiatrist and neurologist director to begin in 2024. Per the ABPN bylaws and longstanding practice, the ABPN seeks nominations from the American Psychiatric Association, American College of Psychiatrists, American Medical Association, American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association. As well, current directors can nominate colleagues, who are then invited to apply.

New for this year, and in keeping with the ABPN's goals of increasing transparency and working toward our DEI goals, the ABPN also will accept self-nominations from diplomates. Initial inquiries can be sent to [DirectorNominee@abpn.com](mailto:DirectorNominee@abpn.com).

## **Visit the ABPN booth at the APA and AAN Annual Meetings**

Have questions about certification? ABPN staff members will be in attendance at the following meetings to assist you with all of your certification inquiries:

- [American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting](#) on May 20-24 in San Francisco.

- [American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting](#) on April 22-27 in Boston.

## ABPN Board of Directors Announced

The ABPN recently announced its [2023 Board of Directors](#). The board's term runs through December 2023.



Dr. Joan M. Anzia was elected Chair. Dr. Anzia is Vice Chair for Education and Residency Training Director in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill. She also serves as the Physician Health Liaison for Northwestern Medicine and is a member of the Graduate Medical Education Committee.



Dr. Allison Brashear was elected Vice Chair. Dr. Brashear is Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo in Buffalo, N.Y. She is an internationally renowned neurologist and researcher whose work has fundamentally transformed the way spasticity and dystonia are treated.

## New Features Available in Physician Portal

Your [ABPN Physician Portal](#) is your personal account to guide you through maintaining your Board certification. You can now request verification of certification and retrieve emails and receipts through the Physician Portal. You can locate these new features on the upper right corner of the Portal in the main menu.

In addition, your Portal account is a customized and secure account to:

- Manage and update personal contact information.
- Keep medical licenses up to date.
- Apply and pay for exams or access the ABCC article exam platform.
- View and attest to your CC requirements.

- Pay your annual fee.
- View score results.

## 2024-2025 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award and Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education in Research Award Applications Now Available

[Applications](#) for the 2024-2025 ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award and the 2024-2025 ABPN Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award are now available. For more information, including previous winners, visit the [ABPN Awards Program page](#).

## 2023 Exam Schedule Posted on abpn.com

The current [2023 exam schedule](#) is now posted on the ABPN website. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select Continuing Certification (CC) exams to give diplomates more choices within the year.

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