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ABPN preCERT® Credentialing System FAQs

What is the ABPN preCERT® System?

The ABPN preCERT® credentialing system allows program directors to build and track residents' progress, including clinical skills evaluations, in preparation for graduation and application to the Board for certification. Utilizing this system allows for training program directors to attest to successful completion of residents' training dates. The preCERT® system is not utilized for the purposes of tracking resident progress and completion of a subspecialty fellowship with the exception of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry training.

New users to preCERT® can obtain a user ID and password through the ABPN website at www.abpn.org:
- Click on the orange preCERT® box on the homepage.
- On the preCERT® main page, click on the account request form.
- Complete and submit the user account sign up form and a password will be emailed to you.
- ABPN no longer assigns IDs for programs. Program Directors and Coordinators should enter their email address as their preCERT® login.

Why should I use the preCERT® system?

The ABPN only accepts online applications. Residents will be able to submit an online application via their ABPN Physician Portal account **only if** the required training information is listed in the preCERT® system.

Who will use the information? How will it be used?

This information is for use by the ABPN. We will also provide reports of this information to the ACGME and the appropriate RRC, as requested.

How often do I need to enter data into preCERT®?

We strongly encourage all training programs to begin entering their resident information in the ABPN preCERT® system in August of each year to ensure the residents will be able to apply for the exam by the application deadline. This information must be entered into the preCERT® system **no later than November 1st** to allow residents the ability to apply by the application deadline.

If I have a neurology program as well as a psychiatry program, will I need two separate logins? What about a separate child and adolescent psychiatry program, and a general psychiatry program?

Program Directors and Coordinators will no longer have separate logins for each of their programs. Instead, you will now be able to easily switch between each of your programs. When logged into your account, the top right corner of the page will list multiple programs. You can use the drop-down arrow to seamlessly switch between your programs without logging out of the system.

Do I still need to send ABPN a written letter?

In most cases, for residents whose completed training is entered into the preCERT® system, you will not need to send a letter to ABPN.

Programs can now upload training documents into each resident training profile for transfers OR for pg-1 year training completed outside of the program. Final attestation of completion of training will be done by the program director and accepted electronically through the ABPN preCERT® system.

Can I transfer the information from myEvaluations or New Innovations?

Not at this time. While myEvaluations and New Innovations are two popular tracking systems, there are many different systems in use by various training programs. The data collected by these other systems are in several different formats that would make file sharing difficult at best. But more importantly, there are legal and privacy issues with sharing data.

If I am entering this information into the ACGME Learning Profile system, why do I need to also enter it into the preCERT® system?

Based on the information we have from correspondence with the ACGME, their system data will be input by residents and NOT verified or attested to by the training program director. Conversely, the ABPN preCERT® system collects the data that is required to credential residents (potential candidates) for our certification examinations. This data is attested to by the training program director before a resident may be credentialed by the ABPN for examination. As the ABPN continues to refine the preCERT® system, and continues discussions with the ACGME, the ABPN will do its best to facilitate the transfer of data between the two systems if it becomes a possibility.

Am I able to import resident records from ERAS into preCERT®?

No, we do not allow for data transfers between ERAS and preCERT®.

Where can I get information on setting up an account and how to use the system?

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If you have questions concerning obtaining a login and password or how to use the ABPN preCERT® system, please contact the ABPN Credentials Department at 847-229-6510 or credentials@abpn.org.

How much does the ABPN preCERT® system cost?

It is free for training programs.