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ABPN Update to Training Programs

Reminder of Return to In-Person Clinical Skills Evaluations (CSEs) effective July 1, 2023

Dear Program Directors, Administrators, and Trainees,

As noted in an update from Larry Faulkner, MD, in July 2022, the ABPN board believes strongly in the importance of face-to-face clinical skills evaluations. During the first years of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ABPN accepted virtual CSEs completed via a remote conferencing platform (e.g., Zoom) as part of the credentialing requirements to sit for an ABPN initial certification exam.

As pandemic restrictions began to ease last year, Dr. Faulkner noted that many programs had already returned to in-person activities. The ABPN extended the option of virtual CSEs through June 30, 2023, in the spirit of offering continued flexibility during a time of complex transitions back to a 'new normal.' He also stated that we expected to return to the face-to-face CSE requirement on *July 1, 2023*.

This letter serves as a courtesy reminder of this deadline. In other words, *the ABPN will only accept CSEs completed on or after July 1, 2023 if they are done in person.* (To be clear, virtual CSEs previously completed during the pandemic but prior to July 1, 2023 will still be accepted by the ABPN.)

Thank you for your perseverance during these trying years. As always, if you have additional questions, please contact us at credentials@abpn.com.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Lyness, M.D.
President and CEO

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