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Greetings from Dr. Jeffrey Lyness, ABPN President and CEO

Welcome to our June Quarterly Update! In this issue we have updates on our work advancing our goals in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, as well as information about our latest Annual Report, our Article-Based Continuing Certification program, and applications for our grant award programs among other topics. These past few months I have been attending many of the professional society meetings in our fields, and I’ve really appreciated the feedback, suggestions, and support from so many of you, our diplomates and colleagues. Wishing you all well during this spring-into-summer season.
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - ABPN Crucial Issues Forum and Video Messages from Dr. Jeffrey Lyness

In April 2023, the ABPN hosted a Crucial Issues Forum “Supporting and Promoting Physicians from Racially and Ethnically Underrepresented Groups in Academic Psychiatry and Neurology.” The Forum included keynote speakers, panelists, and attendees 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.

In this brief video on the ABPN website posted prior to the Forum, ABPN President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Lyness discusses ABPN’s efforts on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), including ABPN’s DEI Strategic Plan Activities Report Card, which includes action items developed through ABPN’s 5-year DEI plan.

ABPN issues 2022 Annual Report

The ABPN issued its 2022 Annual Report last month; the report is typically released in April in order to contain complete data about the prior year’s examinations. The 16-page report celebrates the retirement of former ABPN President and CEO Larry Faulkner, as well as Neurology and Psychiatry Appreciation events. The report also includes examination results and statistics, committee and presentation lists, and board member honors and awards.

ABPN Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) deadlines

Diplomates with active CC certificates in the 2022-2024 three-year block need to successfully complete article exams by December 15, 2024, to have them count in lieu of their next scheduled recertification examination. If all article exams are not successfully completed in the 2022-2024 CC block by the December 15, 2024, diplomates will not be able to continue with the article assessment pathway. Please check the Physician Portal for personalized certification requirements.

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.

Your article exam progress can be viewed in the Physician Portal. If you do not successfully complete the article exams by December 15, 2024, or if you are
enrolled in the exam pathway rather than the ABCC pathway, you will need to pass the traditional CC/recertification exam by your exam due date shown in your Physician Portal in order to maintain certification.

For questions about ABCC pathway requirements, email questions@abpn.com or call 847-229-6512.

Overview of the ABPN Continuing Certification Program

The ABPN’s Continuing Certification (CC) program is an ongoing process, so board certification does not have a specific end date. Board certification status is contingent on meeting all CC requirements, which are largely grouped into three-year CC cycles, as outlined in the graphic below. Diplomates can view the requirements for their three-year CC cycle and dates of important milestones by accessing their ABPN Physician Portal at www.abpn.com/physicianportal.

The ABPN is determined to support its diplomates in their efforts to pursue and document their lifelong learning, to promote the highest evidence-based guidelines and standards of care, and to advance the clinical practices of psychiatry and neurology.

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August deadlines for 2024-25 grant award applications

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. Submissions deadlines for these grant awards are:

- August 1, 2023, for the Faculty Innovation in Education Award
- August 8, 2023, for the ABPN Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award.
**2024 Exam Schedule available**

The ABPN certification and continuing certification examination schedule for 2024 is now posted on the ABPN website. Exam fees in 2024 remain unchanged.

Please note, the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) will administer the final traditional CC examination in Pain Medicine in 2023. Beginning in 2024, all current ABPN diplomates in Pain Medicine will continue certification using the ABA's Longitudinal Assessment (LA). The application for the Pain Medicine Longitudinal Assessment is currently open in the ABPN Physician Portal in the Examinations section with a submission deadline of November 30, 2023.

**ABPN diplomates eligible to pursue training and certification in HALM through ABEM**

The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) will administer the new subspecialty of Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM) that was approved by the ABMS Board of Directors. ABPN diplomates are eligible to apply for the HALM certification through ABEM. HALM certification examinations will be offered in even-number years, beginning in October 2024.

Certification in HALM will provide physicians the opportunity to enhance their practice and set standards in physician leadership. It integrates expertise from medicine, health systems science, quality improvement, patient safety, business, public health, communication, computer science, economics, law, and other disciplines in a singular subspecialty certification. The new subspecialty is geared toward institutional leaders, including emergency physicians who work in community hospitals. Physicians with experience in health systems leadership will be encouraged to apply.

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