



ABPN Update for AADCAP

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I. ABPN Leadership for 2020

Psychiatry Directors

- **Paramjit Joshi, M.D.**
(ABPN Chair)
- Jeffrey Lyness, M.D.
- Joan Anzia, M.D.
- Christopher Thomas, M.D.
- Josepha Cheong, M.D.
- Robert Boland, M.D.
- Andrea Stolar, M.D.
- Sheldon, Benjamin, M.D.

Neurology Directors

- **J. Clay Goodman, M.D.**
(ABPN Vice Chair)
- John Bodensteiner, M.D.
- Allison Brashear, M.D.
- Steven Lewis, M.D.
- Nina Schor, M.D., Ph.D.
- Imran Ali, M.D.
- Amy Brooks-Kayal, M.D.
- Terry Cascino, M.D.
- Jaffar Khan, M.D.

Location

- Irvine, CA
- Rochester, NY
- Chicago, IL
- Galveston, TX
- Gainesville, FL
- Boston, MA
- Houston, TX
- Worcester, MA

Location

- Madison, WI
- Scottsdale, AZ
- Winston, Salem, NC
- Allentown, PA
- Bethesda, MD
- Toledo, OH
- Denver, CO
- Rochester, MN
- Atlanta, GA

II. ABPN Certification Processes

1. **New matrix format content outlines** have been developed for Psychiatry and Neurology/CN.
 - **Pool questions are being reclassified** according to the new content outlines.
2. **New matrix format content outlines will be developed for ABPN subspecialties.**
 - **Pool questions will be reclassified** according to the new content outlines.
3. New primary and subspecialty content outlines will be **combined into a single content outline.**
 - A **single question pool** will be established.
4. A formal **definition of “Board Eligibility”** has been developed.
 - **Seven years from residency graduation.**
5. ABPN **will now recognize training done in AOA-accredited programs** as long as the **resident graduates from an ACGME-accredited program.**
6. ABPN **does not recognize partial training done in Canada, except for PGY-I.**

III. ABPN Certification Fees and Costs

<u>Year</u>	<u>Certification Fee</u> <u>\$(%)</u>	<u>Est. Travel Expense</u> <u>\$(%)</u>	<u>Total Cost</u> <u>\$(%)</u>
2007	3,425 (100)	1,000	4,425 (100)
2008-10	3,000 (88)	1,000	4,000 (96)
2011-12	3,000 (88)	0*	3,000 (68)
2013	2,700 (79)	0*	2,700 (61)
2014-15	2,510 (73)	0*	2,510 (57)
2016-17	2,385 (70)	0*	2,385 (54)
2018	2,265 (66)	0*	2,265 (51)
2019	2,153 (63)	0*	2,153 (49)
2020	2,045 (60)	0*	2,045 (46)

Note: 2019 Member Board Certification Fees: **Mean = \$2,666 (ABPN fee is 23% below the mean).**

*Most candidates have no travel expense for the new Certification Examination.

IV. ABPN Combined Training Programs/PPPPs

1. The **ABPN now approves and monitors Combined Training Programs.**
 - **36 Combined Training Programs** have been approved
 - **Applications for new Combined Training Programs are due each year by February 1**
2. The **ABPN now approves and monitors PPPPs.**
 - **4 PPPPs** have been approved
 - **Applications for new PPPPs are due each year by February 1**
3. Review of Combined Training Programs and PPPPs will be done by an **ABPN Alternative Pathway Oversight** Committee.
 - 4 ABPN Directors
 - 4 Training Program Directors (Nominated by AADPRT and/or CNPD)
4. **Combined Training/PPPP Fees have been reduced.***
 - Application Fee: **\$1,000**
 - Annual Fee: **\$1,000**

Note: ACGME Training Program Fees: **Application = \$5,000;**
Annual = \$5,000.

V. ABPN Subspecialties

- I. **All ABPN subspecialties except CAP require fellows to complete a residency before entering into a fellowship.**
2. ABMS has approved a **new 2-year subspecialty in Neurocritical Care (NCC).**
 - A multidisciplinary subspecialty with the **ABPN, ABNS, ABA, ABEM** and **ABIM (ABS)** diplomates participate through the ABA)
 - A 6-year “grandfathering” period will exist until the ACGME accredits on training programs

V. ABPN Subspecialties (continued)

3. ABMS has approved a new **Focused Practice in CNS Endovascular Surgery (CNS ES)**.
 - A multidisciplinary collaboration with the **ABPN**, **ABNS**, and **ABR**

4. ABPN has approved **a new track into NDD for CNS**.
 - Under consideration by the ACGME

VI. ABPN Continuing Certification Update

I. Continuing Certification (CC) Program

- **Name change from MOC to CC (2019).**
- Began for diplomates **certified or recertified in 2012.**
- No end date on certificate.
- Requirements for CC:
 - **Unrestricted medical license(s)**
 - **Cognitive examination every 10 years**
 - **Specific CC activities every 3 years**
 - 24 CME hours of Self-assessment
 - 90 CME hours (includes the 24 SA CME)
 - 1 PIP Unit (Clinical or Feedback Modules)
 - **Annual registration on the ABPN Folio**
 - **Annual CC fee (\$175 for 2020)***
 - **No additional fee for one CC cognitive examination in 10 years**

*Note: Mean annual CC fee for Member Boards (2019) = **\$288.**

2. CC Part 2 Credit for Non-CME Self-assessment Activities

ABPN diplomates may now have **8 SA CME credits waived** for completing one of the following activities:

- **Certification/CC examination**
- **Peer reviewed grant**
- **Peer reviewed scientific paper**
- **Peer supervision (4 hours)**
- **Peer review committee review**
- **ABPN-approved registry participation**
- **ABPN Part III Pilot Project completion (16 SA CME credits waived)**

A maximum of **16 SA CME credits may be waived every 3 years** for two different activities.

3. CC Part 4 Credit for Diplomate Activities

- “Meaningful participation” in **the ABMS Portfolio Program** (1 PIP credit).
- Completion of **institutional QI activities** that fulfill ABPN MOC Part 4 requirements.
- Completion of **professional society QI activities** that meet ABPN requirements (e.g., Registries).
- Participation in **special accredited programs with QI activities** (e.g., Stroke Centers) for Part 4 Credit.
- Participation in relevant **JCAHO OPPE** activities for Part 4 credit.
- Completion of **international CC activities** (e.g., RCPS-C) that meet ABPN requirements.

4. CC Part 4 Credit for Feedback Modules

ABPN **diplomates may complete Feedback Modules to earn Part 4 Credit.** Diplomates may choose one of the following types of feedback activities to complete every 3 years:

- **Patient Surveys** (at least 5 patients selected by diplomate)
- **Peer Surveys** (of General Competencies)*
- **Institutional Peer Review** (of General Competencies)*
- **Supervisor Evaluation** (of General Competencies)
- **Resident Evaluations** (of General Competencies)*
- **360° Evaluation** (of General Competencies)*

*Must include at least 5 evaluators

5. ABPN Patient Safety Activity Requirements

- Part of the 2015 ABMS CC Standards.
- Begins for diplomates **certified or recertified in 2016.**
- Diplomates must complete an ABPN-approved Patient Safety Activity in the **3 years prior to certification or in the first 3-year period of the CC Program.**
- Non-CME Patient Safety Activities must be administered by accredited institutions (e.g., hospitals, clinics, training programs).
- **ABPN will accept any Patient Safety Activity developed by accredited institutions.**

6. CC Credit for Subspecialty Certification

- Diplomates who graduate from ACGME-accredited subspecialty fellowships and pass the ABPN subspecialty examination in 2012 or later **receive 3 years of CC credit** (SA, CME, PIP).

7. Requirement for ABPN Subspecialists (Other than CAP) to Maintain Primary Certification

- A clear majority of psychiatry and neurology organizations favor maintaining the current ABPN policy of requiring ABPN subspecialists (other than CAP) to maintain their primary certification.
- The ABPN has decided that **no change in policy will be made at this time for diplomates of ABPN subspecialties**, but it will continue discussions on this issue.
- The ABPN has decided that **diplomates with multidisciplinary subspecialties will be given the option of following the policies of the Administrative Board** with respect to maintaining primary certification.

VII. ABPN Continuing Certification (CC) Part III Pilot Project

- **Optional** alternative to the ABPN secure, proctored 10-Year CC Examinations.
 - Only for **Psychiatry, CAP, Neurology, and CN**
- **Begins in 2019.**
- Lasts three years (**2019-2021**).
- Eligible diplomates **must currently meet CC requirements.**
 - CC diplomates who passed MOC Examination in **2012-2014**
 - 10-Year CC diplomates whose certificates expire in **2019-2021**
- Participating diplomates read and answer 5 multiple choice questions on 30-40 journal articles.
 - **Online, open-book format** accessed via internet from a computer
 - **4 out of 5 questions** must be answered correctly to receive credit for an article
- Diplomates who **receive credit for 30 articles** during the Pilot Project will be **excused from the 10-Year CC Examination.**
 - 10-Year CC Examination available for diplomates who do not complete the Pilot Project

CC PART III PILOT PROJECT PARTICIPATION

CERTIFICATES	ELIGIBLE DIPLOMATES	ENROLLED DIPLOMATES	PARTICIPATION	COMPLETION
As of 1/1/2020	22,082 individuals	14,751 individuals	passed 1 or more mini-exam	passed 30 mini-exams
Psychiatry	14,612	9,742 (67%)	5,608 (58%)	2,675 (27%)
Neurology	5,777	3,895 (67%)	2,416 (62%)	1,177 (30%)
Child Neurology	880	663 (75%)	410 (62%)	193 (29%)
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	3,309	2,250 (68%)	880 (39%)	374 (17%)

CC PART III PILOT PROJECT SURVEY RESULTS

	Agree or Strongly Agree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree
Article is easy to access	96%	4%
Article is helpful to my practice	93%	7%
Test is a fair assessment of my understanding of this article	90%	10%
Questions are well-written	86%	14%
My experience of taking this test is satisfactory	90%	10%

(Number of completed mini-exams = 186,708)

CC Part III Pilot Project Transition Plan

- **All P, CAP, N, and CN diplomates** will be given the option of **participating in 2022.***
- **All other ABPN subspecialty diplomates** will be given the option of **participating in 2022.***

* **Pending approval by the ABMS.**

VIII. ABPN CC Fees: 2007-2020

Year	CC Exam Fee
2007	\$2,125 (100%)
2008	\$1,600 (75%)
2009	\$1,500 (71%)
2010	\$1,500 (71%)
2011	\$1,500 (71%)
2012	\$1,500 (71%)
2013	\$1,500 (71%)
2014	\$1,500 (71%)
2015	\$1,500 (71%)
2016	\$1,400 (66%)
2017	\$1,400 (66%)
2018	\$1,400 (66%)
2019	\$1,400 (66%)
2020	\$1,400 (66%)

*Note: ABPN CC Annual Fee = **\$175**
Average Member Board Annual Fee = **\$288**
(ABPN fee is 39% below the mean)

IX. ABPN Response to the ABMS Vision Commission Recommendations

1. Comply with new **2020 ABMS Standards for Continuing Certification.**
2. Change the name of “MOC” to “**Continuing Certification (CC)**.”
3. Expand the article based **CC Part III option for subspecialties.**
4. Continue to consider **non-intrusive ways for diplomates to document annual CC activities.**
5. Consider **modifying CC cycle length** to uniform standard.
6. Continue to consider **changing requirement for subspecialists to maintain primary certification.**
7. Continue **to support independent research** in certification and CC

IX. ABPN Response to the ABMS Vision Commission Recommendations (cont'd)

8. **Resist forcing diplomates with “life-time” certificates** to participate in CC.
9. Continue to consider strategies to **increase “public” input into the ABPN.**
10. **Resist the intrusive evaluation of diplomate professionalism.**
11. Continue to **give diplomates credit for their activities relevant to CC.**
12. Continue to **modify CC requirements based upon constructive diplomate feedback.**
13. Continue to **maintain CC fees below the average** for all Member Boards.
14. Continue to **support professional society products relevant to CC.**

X. ABPN Faculty Innovation In Education Award

- I. The ABPN has established a **Faculty Innovation In Education (IIE) Award** in 2013 to promote innovative education and/or evaluation initiatives for psychiatry and neurology residents or practitioners.
 - **Up to four psychiatry and four neurology faculty** supported per year
 - Each ABPN Fellow will receive **\$50,000 per year for two years**

2. The seventh group of **IIE Awardees were selected in October 2019 for 2020 – 2021.**

XI. ABPN Research Award

- I. The ABPN has established a **Research Award** in 2016 to support research related to the mission of the ABPN. It is expected that projects will focus on innovative approaches to assessing physicians as they prepare for and continue to practice psychiatry or neurology.
 - **Up to four psychiatry or neurology faculty** supported per year.
 - Awards will be **up to \$100,000**.
 - Projects may take **up to two years to complete**.
 - The third group of ABPN **Research Awardees were selected in October 2019 and will be funded in 2020**.

XII. ABPN Senior Resident Administrative Fellowship

1. **One senior psychiatry resident** and **one senior neurology resident** will be selected each year to **spend three months at the ABPN**.
 - Salary, housing allowance, and travel expenses are paid by the ABPN
 - Nominations are now made every other year by the ABPN Psychiatry Directors and AADPRT and by the ABPN Neurology Directors and AAN

2. ABPN Fellows will have an **organized and stimulating experience**.
 - **Learn about the structure and function** of the ABPN and the major professional organizations in psychiatry and neurology
 - Participate in a weekly **administrative seminar**
 - Complete a **research project** of their choice that has relevance to the ABPN and is suitable for presentation and publication
 - **Accompany the ABPN President and CEO** to professional meetings

3. **12 Fellows** through March 2020.

XIII. ABPN Crucial Issues Forums

1. The ABPN funds Crucial Issues Forums on **topics of importance to psychiatry and neurology**.
2. Relevant **professional organizations** in psychiatry and neurology are asked to **nominate representatives** to participate in the Forums.
3. Past Crucial Issues Forums
 - **Subspecialties** (2014)
 - **Resident Competence Requirements** (2015)
 - **Needed Innovations in MOC** (2016)
 - **Physician Wellness and Burnout** (2017)
 - **Future Directions for the ABPN** (2019)
4. Future Crucial Issues Forums
 - **Supporting and Promoting Women in Academic Psychiatry and Neurology** (2020)
 - **Obtaining Public Input Into the ABPN** (2021)