



## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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# ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

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## November 2023 Quarterly Update Topics

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## New CEO videos from Dr. Jeffrey Lyness answering Frequently Asked Questions on Certification and Continuing Certification

In the latest videos posted on the ABPN website, President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Lyness answers some frequently asked questions about [initial certification](#) and [continuing certification](#).

## ABPN's New Feature: Spotlight On

The ABPN is unveiling a new feature that showcases various ABPN stakeholders and provides a personal look at directors, committee members, and diplomates. You'll get to learn more about the people who help the ABPN carry out its mission.

In the inaugural [Spotlight On](#), the ABPN talks with [Drs. Amy Brooks-Kayal](#) and [David Henderson](#), who each serve on the ABPN Board of Directors. Some highlights from the Spotlight On include:

**Amy Brooks-Kayal, MD**, is Professor and Chair of Neurology, and the Andrew John Gabor, MD, PhD Presidential Endowed Chair at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine in Sacramento, CA.



**What do you want to achieve with the ABPN Board?** I was particularly excited to help the ABPN transition to a continuing certification program that provided ongoing learning in a format that worked for busy clinical neurologists and was seen to be of benefit to and valued by our diplomates. I think the new Article-Based Continuing Certification program has met these goals, and I look forward to continuing to iterate and improve this program based on diplomate feedback. Read [Dr. Brooks-Kayal's full Spotlight On here](#).

**David Henderson, MD**, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at the Boston Medical Center in Boston, MA.



**Why did you want to join the ABPN Board?**

It has been an honor to become a board member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. I was excited to be nominated for consideration to be a Director and was thrilled to be selected. The mission that ABPN has, which is to promote and assess the competence of psychiatrists and neurologists to provide high quality patient care in an equitable and inclusive manner to diverse populations, is consistent with my focus in my career both locally and globally. [Read Dr. Henderson's full Spotlight On here](#)

## Keep up with your Continuing Certification (CC) Program Deadlines

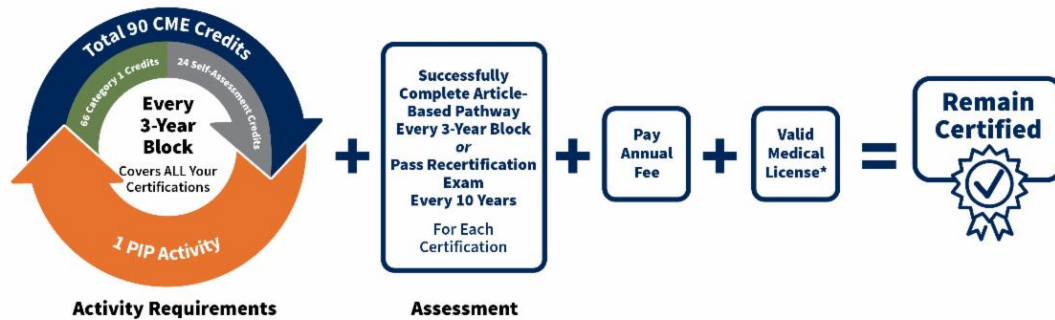
All Continuing Certification (CC) Program requirements are represented in the Physician Portal in ongoing three-year blocks based on your year of board certification/recertification. Personalized CME, Self-Assessment, PIP, and article exam progress can be viewed in the [Physician Portal](#).

The 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 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 your next scheduled recertification examination.

If you do not successfully complete the article exams by the due date in your Physician Portal, 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 CC program requirements, email [questions@abpn.org](mailto:questions@abpn.org) or call 847-229-6512.

## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Continuing Certification



- \*Must be a full, active, unrestricted US state/territory or Canadian medical license  
- One-time Patient Safety activity required first Continuing Certification block only

### Changes to Online Credit Card Payments in 2024

ABPN certification and continuing certification fees will remain unchanged in 2024. ABPN will implement a new option for online payments. For those who choose to pay the fees for initial specialty or subspecialty certification exam fees over time, ABPN will use a third-party vendor, Affirm, to simplify those split payments. The applicant can determine the payment schedule and Affirm will collect installment payments and any applicable interest.

For those who choose to pay exam fees in their entirety upfront, and for everyone paying their continuing certification annual fees, it will still be possible to pay by credit card, debit card, or electronic check. ABPN will charge a convenience fee for credit card payments only, as is common practice to help support the costs of processing such payments. Payments by debit card or electronic check will not be subject to a convenience fee.

All fees and payment options will be clearly described in your Physician Portal so you can choose which payment option works best for you. More details can be found on the [ABPN website](#) and in your [Physician Portal](#).

### 2024 Exam Schedule available

The [ABPN exam schedule](#) for 2024 is available online. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select CC recertification exams to give diplomates more choices within a given year.

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