

# 2023 Annual Report



**American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.**

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# BY THE NUMBERS

**61,000**

**ACTIVE  
DIPLOMATES**



**3,000**  
CHILD NEUROLOGY

**3,000**

**NEW DIPLOMATES  
PER YEAR**



**100**  
CHILD NEUROLOGY



**PSYCHIATRY  
SUBSPECIALTIES**

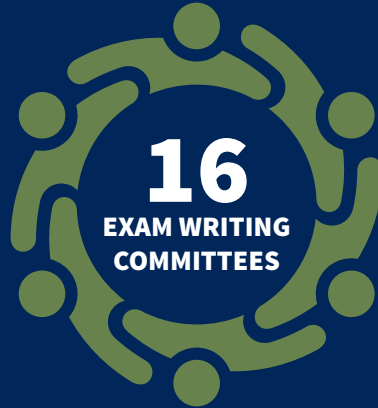


**NEUROLOGY & CHILD NEUROLOGY  
SUBSPECIALTIES**

# PHYSICIANS ENGAGEMENT



**PSYCHIATRY &  
SUBSPECIALTIES**



**NEUROLOGY,  
CHILD NEUROLOGY,  
& SUBSPECIALTIES**



**PSYCHIATRY,  
NEUROLOGY,  
CHILD NEUROLOGY,  
& SUBSPECIALTIES**





## Reflecting on accomplishments and preparing for new initiatives

As I begin my second year of service as President and CEO, I find it helpful to reflect with appreciation on the ABPN's activities and accomplishments in 2023. Here I will note some highlights.

Prime foci for the ABPN have been redoubling our efforts in *communications* and in *fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)*, mutually reinforcing themes that relate to almost everything we do. To take these in turn:

We recognize that our *communications* must be multi-directional, with our listening to the perspectives of our many constituents as well as conveying what we are doing and why. Venues to do so have included formal and informal presentations and conversations at national meetings of the professional societies in our fields; additional leadership meetings in person or virtually with several of the larger organizations; a highly successful Crucial Issues Forum in April (c.f., the next section on DEI); and improvements to and 'refreshes' of the materials on our website (which continues in progress) and in our Quarterly Updates emailed to all diplomates. We also have prepared new presentations aimed at later-stage physician trainees (i.e., senior residents and fellows) about lifelong learning after the completion of formal training and how specialty certification is part of that landscape — these presentations

were piloted live-on-Zoom with trainees at a couple of programs, and will soon be made available on our website with encouragement for all trainees, and their program directors, to use them as springboards for further group discussion.

One additional constituent group of importance to the ABPN is the public — including patient and family advocates related to the conditions treated by psychiatrists and neurologists, and other advocates for health care policy and quality improvement. We will hold our first Public Advisory Forum in April 2024 with attendees representing such perspectives. The goals are to foster dialogue with our board of directors and senior staff to better inform us about their viewpoints and concerns, as well as to help the public attendees better understand the role of the ABPN as a specialty certification board in the complex world of U.S. healthcare and medical education.

Our *DEI strategic plan* continues to grow even as we have made substantial progress toward many of the goals articulated by our board. An expanded action plan report card on our progress, to inform public accountability, is available on our website. DEI is a prominent theme in all leadership meetings internally and externally. Our April 2023 Crucial Issues Forum, focused on supporting and promoting

physicians from racially and ethnically underrepresented groups in academic psychiatry and neurology, generated many ideas for the ABPN and for the professional societies who participated. A full report of the Forum is available on our website, and many of its recommendations are now included in our expanded DEI strategic plan.

Examples of actions taken in 2023 toward our DEI goals include: new, more open processes for soliciting physician volunteers for our test development committees as well as for director positions on our board; the development of internal guidelines to improve the inclusiveness of our examinations; signposting DEI content in the journal articles used for our Article-Based Continuing Certification pathway; and improvements to the visual inclusivity at the ABPN office. The latter includes displaying photos of our directors and our exam and ABCC committee volunteers that convey at least some aspects of the impressive diversity of the many physicians engaged in our work.

Our *certification examinations* in 2023 ran well and continued to be of demonstrably outstanding quality. Feedback from the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway, extremely positive from the outset, has continued to improve further as we gain experience across all our specialties and

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subspecialties. Development of ABCC for Neurocritical Care is well underway and will become available in 2025, at which time the ABCC pathway will be an option for all the specialties and subspecialties administered by the ABPN.

To stimulate innovations in education and education research related to our mission, we continue to offer our *grant awards programs* (described on page 15). In 2023, the ABPN board again authorized grants to the American Academy of Neurology and to the American Psychiatric Association in support of their respective *Axon and PsychPRO patient registries*. Patient registries are a helpful tool for physicians to compare their own patient outcomes with others. Diplomates participating in such a registry receive credit for both performance-in-practice (PIP) and self-assessment CME toward their Continuing Certification activity requirements.

The ABPN board recently approved a change in the *eligibility requirements for Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (NDD) certification*: we no longer require certification in pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). This change reflects the evolution of the subspecialty

and received support from the relevant professional societies. In particular, many child neurologists trained in recent years are not eligible for certification in pediatrics because of not meeting specific rotation requirements by the ABP. Our requirements now recognize that some may still choose rotations that make them eligible for certification in pediatrics, but some may not. The result is a larger pool of potential candidates for NDD, including via the relatively newer child neurology pathway to NDD training and certification.

Thanks to continued prudent financial management, the ABPN will *maintain its fees* at the same levels in 2024. Initial certification fees remain at 44% of what they were in 2007 (in absolute, i.e., non-adjusted, dollars). Our annual certification fee also remains among the lowest of the 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. However, as in all other aspects of our lives, the ABPN does face substantial inflationary pressures on our expenses, and so we anticipate that we may need to increase fees in a future year. We continue to manage costs in order to postpone and minimize any future fee increases.

In 2024 the ABPN board will systematically re-examine our entire organizational strategic plan. This effort likely will result in new or expanded initiatives in service to our mission, and I look forward to sharing our plans with our diplomates and other constituents after the board makes such decisions.

Our successes this past year, as ever, reflect the extraordinary dedication and skills of our leadership — our directors and our senior staff vice presidents — working together with our physician volunteers and staff members. We are fortunate that the 2024 ABPN board will be led by our superbly capable colleagues, Drs. Steven Lewis, Nina Schor, and Christopher Thomas, even as we thank departing directors Drs. Joan Anzia, Allison Brashear, and Terry Cascino for their many years of outstanding leadership and service.

In gratitude, and with eager anticipation for the year to come,

Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD  
President & CEO, ABPN

# 2023 Computer Examination Results

- The ABPN administered 25 computer-based specialty and subspecialty certification and continuing certification (CC) examinations in 2023. (Most CC examinations had two forms. The Psychiatry, Neurology, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry exams had two administrations; Child Neurology offered two but only needed to administer one).
- In addition, 13 combined CC examinations (specialty and subspecialty or multiple subspecialties) were administered to 41 ABPN diplomates, of whom 38 (93%) passed.
- 5,188 (4,903 certification and 285 CC/MOC) ABPN individual computer-based examinations were administered at Pearson VUE testing centers.
- 55,956 ABPN diplomates are enrolled in the Continuing Certification program. Of these, 52,826 are participating in the article-based pathway (ABCC), 2,751 are in the exam pathway, and 379 are in both pathways for different certifications. Based on certifications, 67,945 continuing certifications are in ABCC and 3,987 are in the exam pathway, bringing the total count of continuing certifications to 71,932.
  - The first ABCC evaluation will take place at the end of 2024.
- 135 article assessments (ABCC) were administered to ABPN diplomates for recertification into the CC program or regaining lapsed certification.
- The ABPN administered a multidisciplinary subspecialty CC examination in Neuromuscular Medicine to 1 diplomate from the ABPN and 5 diplomates from the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- Three additional subspecialty certification examinations, 2 subspecialty CC examinations, and 2 CC longitudinal assessments were administered by other ABMS boards.
  - The American Board of Anesthesiology administered the certification examination, the CC examination, and the CC longitudinal assessment in Pain Medicine.
  - The American Board of Internal Medicine administered the certification examination, the CC examination, and the CC longitudinal assessment in Sleep Medicine.
  - The American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation administered the certification examination in Brain Injury Medicine.
- Additional 2023 statistics are available at [abpn.org/about/facts-and-statistics](https://abpn.org/about/facts-and-statistics).



# 2023 Computer Examination Results

Examination Type	Examination	Number Passing	Number of Examinees	Percent Passing
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>				
Specialty	Psychiatry Certification	2,009	2,374	85%
Specialty	Neurology Certification	901	1,169	77%
Specialty	Child Neurology Certification	157	190	83%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	474	585	81%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	178	187	95%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	202	238	85%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	139	152	91%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	4	8	50%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine*†	12	12	100%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine*†	52	60	87%
<b>CERTIFICATION REENTRY ASSESSMENT</b>				
<b>Article-based re-entry assessment**</b>				
Subspecialty	Psychiatry	42	46	91%
Subspecialty	Neurology	22	22	100%
Subspecialty	Child Neurology	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	5	6	83%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	10	11	91%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	13	17	76%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	6	7	86%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	1	1	100%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	4	5	80%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	1	1	100%
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine*	4	4	100%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	6	9	67%
<b>Exam-based re-entry assessment**</b>				
Specialty	Psychiatry	51	63	81%
Specialty	Neurology	12	16	75%
Specialty	Child Neurology	1	2	50%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	5	7	71%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology (General, EEG, EMG)	2	4	50%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	3	4	75%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	1	1	100%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	2	2	100%
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine*	2	2	100%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)*†	1	3	33%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)*†	12	17	71%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	1	1	100%

\*ABPN diplomates only

\*\*Re-entry assessments are those used by a diplomate to regain an expired certification

†Administered by other ABMS boards

# Continuing Certification: Assessment 2023

Assessment Pathway Participation						
Exam Type	Certification	ABCC*	%	Exam	%	Total
Specialty	Psychiatry	32,568	94%	2,167	6%	34,735
Specialty	Neurology	14,973	97%	462	3%	15,435
Specialty	Child Neurology	2,378	99%	37	2%	2,415
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	1,211	93%	102	7%	1,313
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	6,673	94%	409	6%	7,082
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	1,950	92%	103	8%	1,304
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	1,193	95%	111	5%	2,053
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	1,943	98%	48	3%	1,991
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	1,319	94%	91	6%	1,410
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	1,229	90%	147	10%	1,376
Subspecialty	Neurocritical Care**	TBD 2025				
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	174	99%	2	1%	176
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	663	95%	35	5%	698
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	1,493	97%	56	3%	1,549
TOTAL		67,773	94%	4,102	6%	71,875

Exam-based Performance 2023				
Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Specialty	Psychiatry	77	80	96%
Specialty	Neurology	15	15	100%
Specialty	Child Neurology	0	0	0
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	1	2	50%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	19	21	90%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology (General, EEG, EMG)	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	1	1	100%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	2	2	100%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	7	7	100%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	8	8	100%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	0	0	0
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	0	0	0
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	1	1	100%

Administered by Other ABMS Boards** - Assessment Pathway Participation						
Exam Type	Certification	LA†	%	Exam	%	Total
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	71	26%	203	74%	274
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	88	29%	214	71%	302
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	178	13%	1,156	87%	1,334

Administered by Other ABMS boards** - Exam-based Performance 2023				
Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	1	1	100%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	4	7	57%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	16	23	70%

\*ABCC Pathway is an ongoing professional journal article-based assessment activity designed as an optional alternative to the Continuing Certification traditional 10-year recertification/CC examination.

\*\*ABPN diplomates only

†Longitudinal Assessment (LA)

# 2023 Total and Active Certifications

Specialty/ Subspecialty	First Exam	All certificates awarded	Specialty certificates awarded 1989 - Present (excludes non-time limited)†	Non-Time Limited Certificates (specialty certificates awarded between dates below)‡		TOTAL
			Active/Total (%)	Active/Total (%)		Active/Total (%)
Psychiatry	1935	72,017	36,732/41,509 (88%)	1989 - October 1994	6,011/7,509 (80%)	42,743/49,018 (87%)
Neurology	1935	24,748	17,455/18,681 (93%)		1,758/2,132 (82%)	19,213/20,813 (92%)
Neurology with special qualification in Child Neurology	1968	3,569	2,733/2,876 (95%)		253/288 (88%)	2,986/3,164 (94%)
Neuropsychiatry***	1935	824	0		0	0
Addiction Psychiatry	1993	2,965	1,387/2,129 (65%)			1,387/2,129 (65%)
Brain Injury Medicine**	2014	283	269/279 (96%)			269/279 (96%)
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1959	13,123	8,381/9,205 (91%)		1989 - December 1994	866/1,031 (84%)
Clinical Neurophysiology	1992	3,672	2,407/3,201 (75%)			2,407/3,201 (75%)
Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	2005	2,044	1,501/1,888 (80%)			1,501/1,888 (80%)
Epilepsy	2013	2,321	2,229/2,271 (98%)			2,229/2,271 (98%)
Forensic Psychiatry	1994	2,814	1,536/2,207 (70%)			1,536/2,207 (70%)
Geriatric Psychiatry	1991	3,754	1,429/2,461 (58%)			1,429/2,461 (58%)
Neurocritical Care*	2021	483	483/483 (100%)			483/483 (100%)
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities§	2001	366	64/87 (74%)			64/87 (74%)
Neuromuscular Medicine*	2008	1,074	876/1,017 (86%)			876/1,017 (86%)
Pain Medicine**	2000	442	280/383 (73%)			280/383 (73%)
Sleep Medicine**	2007	1,753	1,288/1,603 (80%)			1,288/1,603 (80%)
Vascular Neurology	2005	2,264	1,881/2,116 (89%)		1,881/2,116 (89%)	

1. The "All Certificates" columns reflect the total number of certificates issued, including diplomates known to be deceased and/or those whose certificates are no longer active.

2. The 'Active/Total (%)' columns reflect the number of active (not expired or not revoked) certificates held by diplomates who were certified in their primary specialty in 1989 or later (assuming a 35-year career post initial primary certification) and known not to be deceased.

3. Joint board examinations administered by the ABPN are noted with a single asterisk (\*). The numbers in this table reflect ABPN diplomates only.

4. Joint board examinations administered by another ABMS board are noted with a double asterisk (\*\*). The numbers in this table reflect ABPN diplomates only.

5. \*\*\*The last Neuropsychiatry certificate was awarded by the ABPN in 1959.

6. †Currently, ABPN maintains the Continuing Certification (CC) program for candidates who pass an assessment (initial certification exam, CC exam, CC article-based exam) in 2012 or later. CC status is contingent on a diplomate meeting all ABPN requirements of the CC Program and, therefore, certification does not have an expiration date.

7. ‡The ABPN awarded non-time limited certificates for Psychiatry, Neurology, and Child Neurology through October 1994 and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry through December 1994. These certificates do not have an expiration date.

8. §In 2022, NDD certificates issued by the American Board of Pediatrics were transitioned to the ABPN for initial certification and continuing certification.

# Test Development Committee Members 2023

The ABPN is grateful to the physician volunteers who served on our test development committees in 2023.

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# ABPN Test Development Committees

## Certification and Continuing Certification (CC) Committees

### Child Neurology

#### Neurology

- General Neurology Subcommittee
- Behavioral Neurology, Cognition, and Psychiatry Subcommittee
- Clinical Neurology Subcommittee

#### Psychiatry

- General Psychiatry Subcommittee
- Basic Neurology and Neuroscience Subcommittee
- Clinical Psychiatry Subcommittee

#### Neurology Subspecialty

- Clinical Neurophysiology
- Epilepsy
- Neurocritical Care
- Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
- Neuromuscular Medicine
- Vascular Neurology

#### Psychiatry Subspecialty

- Addiction Psychiatry
- Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
- Forensic Psychiatry
- Geriatric Psychiatry

### Professionalism

## Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Committees

### Child Neurology

#### Neurology

#### Psychiatry

#### Neurology Subspecialty

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- Epilepsy
- Neurocritical Care
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# Ambassadors Communicate Continuing Certification Messages to Specialty and Subspecialty Groups

The ABPN CC Ambassador Program was developed in 2011 in anticipation of launching the Continuing Certification (CC) Program in 2012. With this program, trained volunteer diplomates communicate a consistent positive message about lifelong learning and maintenance of certification to our diplomates via presentations for professional organizations, group practice settings and other groups. Our goal is to work together with the CC Ambassadors to continue to keep the field informed about ABPN policies and programs.

Thank you to the following psychiatrists and neurologists:

## Psychiatry Ambassadors:

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Alexis Cohen-Oram, MD  
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Aatif Husain, MD  
Avni Kapadia, MD  
John Kincaid, MD  
Enrique Leira, MD  
Tahseen Mozaffar, MD  
Sarah O'Shea, MD  
Robert Pascuzzi, MD  
Marc Patterson, MD, MBBS  
Mark Ross, MD

## Awards and Honors

Current members of the ABPN Board of Directors and staff received several awards in 2023.

**Allison Brashear, MD, MBA**, ABPN director, received the ATHENA Leadership Award from the Buffalo Niagara Partnership.

**Amy Brooks-Kayal, MD**, ABPN director, was awarded the Child Neurology Society's Bernard Sachs Award for her groundbreaking research in epilepsy.

**Terrence L. Cascino, MD**, ABPN director, was recognized for his championing of leadership development programs at the American Academy of Neurology when the organization presented the first Terrence L. Cascino Award for Physician Leadership, which highlights contributions to neurology through exemplary leadership.

**Sandra DeJong, MD**, ABPN director, received a Presidential Commendation from the American Psychiatric Association.

**Ericka Greene, MD**, ABPN director, received the Excellence in Education Award from the Houston Methodist Academic Institute.

**David Henderson, MD**, ABPN director, received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Psychiatric Association.

**Jaffar Khan, MD**, ABPN director, was named Chair of the Department of Neurology at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Khan also was awarded an FY23 Platinum Provider – Top 10% Provider Recognition by the Emory Healthcare Physician Group Practice.

**Steven L. Lewis, MD**, ABPN director, was awarded the American Neurological Association's Award for Excellence in Education for his work as an educator in the field of neuroscience.

**Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD**, ABPN President and CEO, was elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Psychiatrists.

**Nina F. Schor, MD, PhD**, ABPN director, was appointed the National Institute of Health Deputy Director for Intramural Research.

## Publications

ABPN staff and Board members contributed the following articles that were published in 2023.

### ABPN-related publications:

Schor NF, Cudkowicz ME, Banwell B: Academic Neurology and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Resilience, Hope, and Solutions. *Neurology*, 100(9): 430-436, February 2023.

Boerwinkle VL, Schor NF, Slomine BS, Molteni E, Ramirez JM, Rasmussen L, Wyckoff SN, Gonzalez MJ, Gillette K, Schober ME, Wainwright M, Suarez JI: Proceedings of the First Pediatric Coma and Disorders of Consciousness Symposium by the Curing Coma Campaign, Pediatric Neurocritical Care Research Group, and NINDS: Gearing for Success in Coma Advancements for Children and Neonates. *Neurocritical Care*, 38(2): 447-469, April 2023.

Benjamin, S: Dual Residency Training in Neurology and Psychiatry: History and Current Practice. *Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience*, 36 (1): 13-21. Published online September 2023.

Lyness JM; McMahon GT: The Role of Specialty Certification in Career-Long Competence. *Academic Medicine*, 98(10):1104-1106, October 2023.

## ABPN Participation in American Board of Medical Specialties Committees and Groups

The ABPN continues its active involvement with the ABMS. The following ABPN diplomates, directors, emeritus directors, and staff served on ABMS committees and other groups in 2023:

**Joan M. Anzia, MD**  
Committee on Continuing Certification

**Joseph A. Cheong, MD**  
Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education

**Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD**  
Board Member

**Diane Reis, MD, MPH**  
Stakeholder Council

**Barbara S. Schneidman, MD, MPH**  
Awards Committee

**Christopher R. Thomas, MD**  
Ethics and Professionalism Committee

ABPN Staff:

**Jessica Rogers**  
ProNet

**Patrick Reilly**  
ComNet

**Patricia Vondrak and Amanda Bishop**  
MOCNet

**Kevin Fitzpatrick**  
TechNet

# Grant Awards

In 2024 the ABPN is again offering funding for two grant awards programs. The grant awards support the development of academic leaders in psychiatry and neurology working on projects aligned with the ABPN's mission.

Since 2014, the ABPN has funded 61 projects at 39 institutions. The awardees have produced more than 80 publications and presentations from their projects.

The ABPN Faculty Innovation in Education Award supports the development of innovative education and/or evaluation projects that promote effective residency/fellowship training or lifelong learning of practicing psychiatrists and neurologists. Each year, up to two psychiatry and two neurology grant awardees are selected.

The ABPN Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award supports research projects related to the mission of the ABPN, which is to promote and assess the competence of psychiatrists and neurologists to provide high quality care in an equitable and inclusive manner to diverse populations. Each year, up to two psychiatry and two neurology grant awardees are selected.

To learn more about the current call for applications, visit the ABPN Awards page at [abpn.org/special-programs/abpn-awards-program](https://abpn.org/special-programs/abpn-awards-program).

# Presentations

During 2023, ABPN Directors, CC ambassadors and staff contributed their knowledge of both the psychiatry and neurology specialties and subspecialties and the importance of initial certification and continuing certification through engaging in presentations to various groups.

## January

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by S. Lewis, Department of Neurology, University of Michigan.

## February

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training Annual Meeting.

## March

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Clinical Neurophysiology Society ACNS Council meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology / United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties AAN/UCNS/ABPN leadership meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association APA/ABPN leadership meeting.

## April

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by J. Lyness, APA District Branch of Military Psychiatrists.

Introduction and Overview, Supporting and Promoting Physicians from Racially and Ethnically Underrepresented Groups in

Academic Psychiatry & Neurology, presented by J. Lyness, ABPN Crucial Issues Forum.

ABPN View of Requirements for Certification in Neurology with Special Qualifications in Child Neurology, presented by N. Schor, Child Neurology Program Director Forum Virtual Meeting.

## May

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by J. Anzia and R. Boland, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association Assembly meeting.

## August

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, Neurocritical Care Society NCS/ABPN leadership meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association Assembly Executive Committee meeting.

## September

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by S. Lewis, American Neurological Association Annual Meeting.

## October

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry AACAP/ABPN leadership meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Executive Council meeting.

Quality Efforts: Perspectives from ABPN and AAN, presented by J. Lyness and L. Jones, Jr., MD, American Board of Medical Specialties Improving Health and Health Care Learning Collaborative webinar.

Co-Sponsored Certificates, Introduction and Panel Moderator, presented by J. Lyness, with R. Baron, MD, K. Brandt, C. Kinney, MD, American Board of Medical Specialties Member Board Executive Caucus.

## November

Navigating the ABPN Certification Process for C-L Psychiatrists, presented by R. Boland, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine Board of Directors meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Board of Directors meeting.

## December

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Epilepsy Society AES/ABPN leadership meeting.

## Our Mission

The mission of the ABPN 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 by:

- Establishing standards and requirements for initial and continuing certification;
- Implementing state-of-the-art testing methods to evaluate candidate and diplomate competencies;
- Encouraging and assessing diplomate involvement in lifelong learning;
- Applying available technologies and information to collect and analyze pertinent data;
- Communicating and collaborating with training programs, residents, candidates, diplomates, professional and health care organizations, and the public;
- Supporting innovative educational and research programs relevant to psychiatrists and neurologists; and
- Operating programs and services effectively and efficiently; and
- Advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in all programs and services.

## Statement on Professionalism

Professionalism forms the basis of medicine's contract with society. The ABPN is concerned with those aspects of professionalism that are demonstrated through a physician's clinical competence, commitment to lifelong learning and professional improvement, interpersonal skills, and ethical understanding and behavior. In its credentialing, certification, and CC programs, the ABPN seeks to assess and document that its candidates and diplomates possess and maintain these aspects of professionalism.



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