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## ABPN Quarterly Update for Diplomates

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### November 2024 Quarterly Update Topics

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### 2024 Deadlines Approaching for Continuing Certification (CC)

**Final Reminder for Finishing Article Exams:** If you are enrolled in the Article-Based CC (ABCC) Pathway in the 2022-2024 three-year block, you must successfully complete article exams by **December 15, 2024**, to have them count in lieu of your next scheduled recertification examination.

*This deadline will not be extended.* Diplomates with either activities or assessments due at the end of 2024 have received several email reminders throughout the year directing them to their [Physician Portal](#) to see what requirements remain.

For those who successfully complete the ABCC pathway in the 2022-2024 block, the ABPN will waive 16 out of the 24 required Self-Assessment (SA) CME credits for the current 3-year block. If this applies to you, the waiver of these credits will appear in your Physician Portal the day after you complete the ABCC Pathway.

If you do not successfully complete the article exams by the due date in your Physician Portal, or if you have chosen to enroll in the exam pathway rather than in ABCC, 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.

## **ABPN Rolls Out New Value of Certification Webpage**

The ABPN recently unveiled a new webpage devoted to the importance of certification. The [Value of Certification webpage](#) provides information about ABPN board certification and what it means for physicians to achieve and maintain their certification. The materials on the webpage are a resource for patients, family members, and other members of the general public. As a diplomate, you have worked long and hard to obtain and maintain your board certification; you may wish to share these materials with your patients.

The new webpage includes:

- Flowcharts, which show the typical professional journey required to become a board-certified psychiatrist, neurologist, or child neurologist
- Informational flyers that summarize important facts about board-certified physicians
- Answers to frequently asked questions from the general public
- A link to VerifyCERT, which allows users to look up ABPN-certified physicians by name, specialty, or location
- Videos about board certification from ABPN President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Lyness
- Links to lists of published research and other articles about the value of board certification
- A flowchart that shows the overall process of ABPN test development, scoring, and reporting processes, conveying the degree of rigor involved in ABPN assessments.

## **DEI-related CME Activities List**

Several professional societies and other institutions provide programming related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) that helps diplomates meet ABPN Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Self-Assessment CME activity requirements. For more information, visit the [listing of DEI educational activities](#).

## **Combined Training Programs – Transition to ACGME Accreditation**

Combined training programs offer integrated training in two primary specialties, e.g., Neurology and Psychiatry, or Psychiatry and Internal

Medicine. The ABPN has reviewed and approved such combined programs since 2015.

Beginning in July 2025, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) will resume accreditation of combined programs, at which time [ABPN will no longer manage the review and approval of these programs](#). This will not change the process of the way resident training details are provided to ABPN via preCERT for examination purposes. Please [contact ABPN](#) with any questions.

## ABPN Spotlight On...

The ABPN's Spotlight On showcases various ABPN stakeholders and provides a personal look at directors, committee members, and other diplomates. You'll get to learn more about the people who help the ABPN carry out its mission.

In the latest [Spotlight On](#), the ABPN talks with Andrea Stolar MD, and Benn Smith, MD, who each serve on the ABPN Board of Directors. Some highlights from the Spotlight On include:

**Andrea Stolar, MD**, is Professor of Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.

### **What do you want to achieve with the ABPN Board?**

I came to learn and to contribute, and over time have found opportunities to offer new ideas and proposals for changes. The Board is made up of a remarkable group of individuals and the ABPN senior leadership is unparalleled, so my greatest achievement – and primary goal – is to contribute to the excellent work of the ABPN. Read [Dr. Stolar's full Spotlight On here](#).



**Benn E. Smith, MD**, is Associate Professor of Neurology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, Scottsdale, AZ.

### **What is the most important thing people should understand about the Board?**

For me, the most striking realization on joining the Board, was the observation that my fellow members are just like me! They are busy medical professionals caring for patients, busily involved in their practices and institutions, often with strong



participation in education and research, and committed to excellence in all that they do. Read [Dr. Smith's full Spotlight On here](#).

## 2025 Exam Schedule Available

The [ABPN exam schedule](#) for 2025 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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