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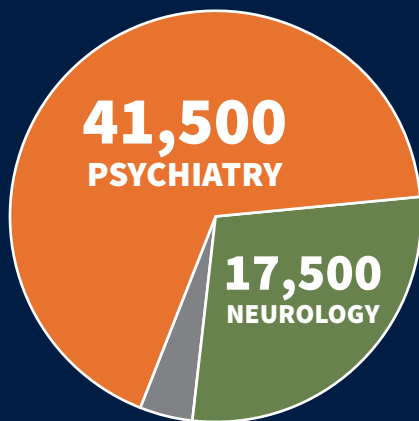
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BY THE NUMBERS

62,000

**ACTIVE
DIPLOMATES**



3,000
CHILD NEUROLOGY

3,000

**NEW DIPLOMATES
PER YEAR**



100
CHILD NEUROLOGY



**PSYCHIATRY
SUBSPECIALTIES**



**NEUROLOGY & CHILD NEUROLOGY
SUBSPECIALTIES**

PHYSICIANS ENGAGEMENT



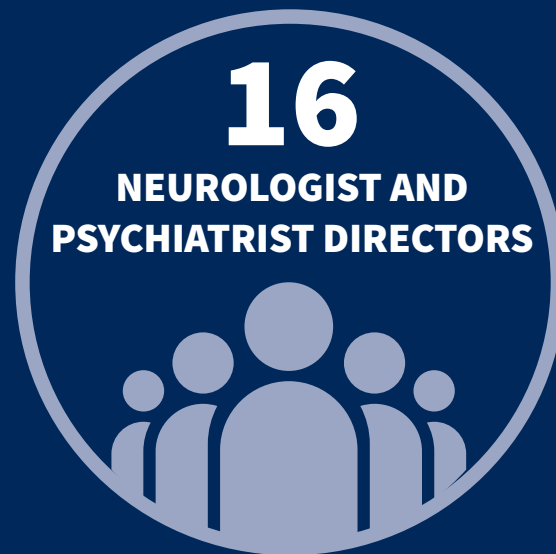
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Strategic Plan and Related Updates

By Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD, ABPN President and CEO

It is once again my privilege to reflect on what has been another busy and successful year for the ABPN. I will summarize here some key activities of our board in 2024.

Strategic Plan 2025

The ABPN board spent much of 2024 reconsidering the ABPN strategic plan, informed by a 'SWOT' analysis and by many ongoing efforts to obtain input and perspectives relevant to our organization. The refreshed strategic plan is available on the ABPN website.

In brief, we reaffirmed our core mission and our commitment to maintaining a clear focus on this mission. The mission is now restated as, "To serve the public and the profession by promoting lifelong learning and certifying psychiatrists and neurologists to high standards of expertise." The website also contains statements about the ABPN Vision, Values, and the ways in which we fulfill our mission.

As well, the strategic plan identified six priority areas for our energies going forward. These areas are not fully inclusive of all our ongoing activities, but do represent opportunities for which we will develop new or expanded

initiatives. The priority areas are: 1) Evolve our assessments in training and in initial and continuing certification; 2) Enhance the value of certification; 3) Explore potential improvements in training requirements; 4) Foster communications with collaborators and other interested parties; 5) Promote diversity, equity, and inclusion across our activities; and 6) Advance ABPN governance. Some of these areas are already reflected in the efforts described here; we anticipate more updates to share in the coming months and years.

Pilot Proposal for an Alternate Pathway to Certification Eligibility

Currently the ABPN only recognizes specialty training done in programs accredited by the ACGME or (owing to a reciprocity agreement) the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Some other American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member boards have long experience with alternate pathways to certification eligibility. The most successful and substantial experiences with such pathways require serving as full-time faculty at a U.S. academic institution

after completion of specialty training, typically for a duration as long as that required for ACGME-accredited training in the specialty.

Recently the ABPN proposed a pilot alternate pathway for certification eligibility that includes a full-time academic faculty appointment. Successful completion of the pathway would make the physician eligible to take an ABPN certification exam in their specialty. We anticipate that this pathway will mostly appeal to physicians who have completed specialty training internationally, although it would be available to others meeting specified requirements including, for example, osteopathic physicians who completed AOA-accredited training programs prior to the adoption of the single accreditation pathway.

This pathway pilot requires approval from the ABMS and has been submitted for their review. At such time as the pathway is approved and we are ready to implement the pilot, the ABPN will publicize the specific requirements. We are hopeful that the pilot pathway will be helpful to the individuals and institutions involved, and to

the local workforces in these areas (and, potentially, to undersubscribed subspecialties in our fields). At the same time, we anticipate that the requirements will maintain the high standards for certification that distinguish the ABPN and other ABMS member boards.

Public Advisory Forum

After lengthy ongoing discussion about the best ways to solicit additional perspectives from members of the public, the ABPN convened our first Public Advisory Forum in April 2024. The constituencies represented included several patient / family / consumer advocates related to conditions in our fields. The thoughtful, highly engaged discussion was well received and very helpful to the board's ongoing considerations. A report of the Public Advisory Forum is available on our website.

Communications Outreach | The Value of Certification

As part of our communications efforts, ABPN leaders presented to or met with residents and fellows, i.e., potential future diplomates, at several national meetings of professional societies in our fields. We also made available through our website short videos on lifelong learning after the completion of formal training and the intersection of lifelong

learning with board certification. While available to the public, these videos are intended to be used in trainee seminars as springboards to discussions about maintaining and extending skills throughout our careers in practice. In early 2025 the ABPN offered a live webinar on this topic. We also offered a live webinar for new ABPN diplomates to help clarify the purpose and specific requirements of the ABPN Continuing Certification program. Recordings of these webinars are available on our website.

On our website, we also have collated information and links relevant to understanding the value of certification, from scientific and clinical viewpoints as well as from the perspectives of patients, families, and other members of the general public. These materials include resources that our diplomates may wish to share with their patients, describing the extensive training and assessments required to become, and remain, a board-certified child neurologist, neurologist, or psychiatrist.

Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway

Both formal survey data and informal feedback from our diplomates attest to how much our diplomates value this pathway as a great way to promote (and assess) lifelong learning. The feedback

has become even more positive over time, as our committee members gain experience selecting articles and writing questions to test understanding of the articles and their applicability to clinical practice. In early 2025 we announced specific changes to the requirements that will simplify the approach to keeping track of article progress for those with certifications in two or more fields, such as a primary specialty and a subspecialty.

At the same time, we continue to make a secure, proctored, multiple-choice Continuing Certification examination available to our diplomates. While most diplomates express a preference for the ABCC pathway, there are those who choose the examination for the assessment component of their continuing certification requirements.

Accomplishing all the above, along with the many other new and ongoing activities of 2024, has been as always truly a team effort by our board of directors, our staff, and the many physicians who volunteer their time to serve on our committees. I particularly want to thank outgoing board officers Drs. Steven Lewis, Nina Schor, and Christopher Thomas for their stewardship of the board this year, while we welcome Drs. Josepha Cheong and Imran Ali into their new roles leading the board in 2025.

2024 ABCC and Examination Results

Of approximately 79,400 ABPN certifications in the ABPN CC program, 93% are in the ABCC pathway and 7% in the exam pathway for fulfillment of the assessment requirement.

Approximately 15,900 ABPN certifications had CC assessments due in 2024, of which approximately 14,600 (92%) met/passed this requirement. Of these, 97% were in the ABCC assessment pathway and 3% in the exam pathway.

- The ABPN administered 25 computer-based specialty and subspecialty certification and continuing certification (CC) examinations in 2024. (Most CC examinations had two forms). The Psychiatry, Neurology, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry CC examinations had two administrations; Child Neurology offered two but only needed to administer one.
- In addition, 16 combined CC examinations (specialty and subspecialty or multiple subspecialties) were administered to 59 ABPN diplomates, of whom 58 (98%) passed.
- 6,308 (5,876 certification and 432 CC) ABPN individual computer-based examinations were administered at Pearson VUE testing centers.
- The ABPN administered 2 multidisciplinary initial subspecialty certification and 1 CC examination to diplomates from co-sponsoring ABMS boards.
 - The Neuromuscular Medicine subspecialty certification examination was administered to 7 diplomates from the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- The Neuromuscular Medicine subspecialty CC examination was administered to 5 diplomates from the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- The Neurocritical Care subspecialty certification examination was administered to 136 diplomates from the American Board of Anesthesiology, 57 from the American Board of Emergency Medicine, and 420 from the American Board of Emergency Medicine.
- Other administering ABMS boards administered 3 subspecialty certification examinations, 2 subspecialty CC examinations, and 3 CC longitudinal assessments to ABPN diplomates.
 - The American Board of Anesthesiology administered the certification examination, the CC examination, and the CC longitudinal assessment in Pain Medicine to 44 ABPN diplomates.
 - The American Board of Internal Medicine administered the certification examination, the CC examination, and the CC longitudinal assessment in Sleep Medicine to 168 ABPN diplomates.
 - The American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation administered the certification examination in Brain Injury Medicine to 36 ABPN diplomates.
- Additional 2024 statistics are available at abpn.org/about/facts-and-statistics.

2024 Certification Assessment Results

Type	Examination	Number Passing	Number of Examinees	Percent Passing
CERTIFICATION				
Specialty	Psychiatry Certification	2,024	2,434	83%
Specialty	Neurology Certification	967	1223	79%
Specialty	Child Neurology Certification	153	207	74%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	162	171	95%
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine*†	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	469	605	78%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	278	293	95%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	97	105	92%
Subspecialty	Neurocritical Care*	303	317	96%
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine*	129	147	88%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine*†	10	12	83%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine*†	28	30	93%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	360	374	96%

*Numbers shown are for ABPN diplomates only

†Administered by other ABMS member boards

Continuing Certification: Assessment 2024

Participation						
Exam Type	Certification	ABCC*	%	Exam	%	Total
Specialty	Psychiatry	33,302	91%	3,273	9%	36,575
Specialty	Neurology	15,733	95%	774	5%	16,507
Specialty	Child Neurology	2,528	97%	68	3%	2,596
Specialty	Psychiatry	1,364	89%	166	11%	1,530
Specialty	Neurology	7,957	93%	625	7%	8,582
Specialty	Child Neurology	2,240	94%	154	6%	2,394
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	1,307	88%	179	12%	1,486
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	2,376	98%	56	2%	2,432
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	1,423	91%	144	9%	1,567
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	1,293	85%	227	15%	1,520
Subspecialty	Neurocritical Care**	676	86%	106	14%	782
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	168	95%	8	5%	176
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	956	95%	53	5%	1,009
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	2,148	95%	113	5%	2,261
TOTAL		73,471	93%	5,946	7%	79,417

2024 Evaluation: Article-based Pathway (ABCC)*

Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Specialty	Psychiatry	6,792	7,385	92%
Specialty	Neurology	2,743	2,928	94%
Specialty	Child Neurology	423	444	95%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	314	391	80%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1,796	1,918	94%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	376	428	88%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	117	124	94%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	598	663	90%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	251	304	83%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	336	407	83%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	9	11	82%
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	167	178	94%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	246	252	98%

Administered by Other ABMS**

Participation

Type	Certification	LA†	%	Exam	%	Total
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	252	98%	4	2%	256
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	252	85%	45	15%	297
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	1,173	91%	123	9%	1,296

2024 Evaluation: Alternate/Longitudinal Assessment Pathway

Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	28	30	93%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	32	32	100%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	110	110	100%

2024 Evaluation: Exam Pathway†

Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	3	3	100%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	15	23	65%

*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

†Exam pathway may include diplomates who chose to take the CC exam earlier than the 10th year.

‡Longitudinal Assessment (LA)

Certification Statistics through December 31, 2024

Specialty/ Subspecialty	First Exam	All certificates awarded	Specialty certificates awarded 1990 - Present (excludes non-time limited)†	Non-Time Limited Certificates (specialty certificates awarded between dates below)‡		TOTAL
			Active/Total (%)	Active/Total (%)		Active/Total (%)
Psychiatry	1935	74,041	35,276/42,497 (83%)	1990 - October 1994	4,861/5,928 (82%)	40,137/48,425 (83%)
Neurology	1935	25,715	15,995/18,051 (89%)		1,363/1,612 (88%)	17,358/19,663 (88%)
Neurology with special qualification in Child Neurology	1968	3,722	2,516/2,776 (91%)		186/210 (89%)	2,702/2,986 (90%)
Neuropsychiatry***	1935	824	0		0	0
Addiction Psychiatry	1993	3,127	1,430/2,211 (65%)			1,430/2,211 (65%)
Brain Injury Medicine**	2014	286	252/280 (90%)			252/280 (90%)
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1959	13,592	8,551/9,653 (89%)	1990 - December 1994	748/867 (86%)	9,299/10,520 (88%)
Clinical Neurophysiology	1992	3,672	2,333/3,140 (74%)			2,333/3,140 (74%)
Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	2005	2,044	1,441/1,866 (77%)			1,441/1,866 (77%)
Epilepsy	2013	2,599	2,407/2,535 (95%)			2,407/2,535 (95%)
Forensic Psychiatry	1994	2,814	1,459/2,153 (68%)			1,459/2,153 (68%)
Geriatric Psychiatry	1991	3,851	1,409/2,441 (58%)			1,409/2,441 (58%)
Neurocritical Care*	2021	786	781/785 (99%)			781/785 (99%)
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities§	2001	366	172/338 (51%)			172/338 (51%)
Neuromuscular Medicine*	2008	1,203	986/1,138 (87%)			986/1,138 (87%)
Pain Medicine**	2000	452	278/385 (72%)			278/385 (72%)
Sleep Medicine**	2007	1,781	1,253/1,616 (78%)			1,253/1,616 (78%)
Vascular Neurology	2005	2,624	2,216/2,461 (90%)	2,216/2,461 (90%)		

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 1990 or later (assuming a 35-year career post initial primary specialty 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. †As of January 1, 2023, ABPN maintains the Continuing Certification (CC) program for all candidates who passed an assessment (initial certification or CC) 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 2024

The ABPN is grateful to the physician volunteers who served on our test development committees in 2024.

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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
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Neurology

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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:

Melissa Buboltz, MD
Alexis Cohen-Oram, MD
Kristen Dunaway MD
Marc Ettensohn, MD
Richard Frierson, MD
Rita Hargrave, MD
Annette Matthews, MD
Jonathan Morris, MD, MPH
Marcia Verduin, MD
Mitzi Wasserstein, MD

Neurology Ambassadors:

Justin Abbateamarco, MD
José Biller, MD
Kalea Colletta, DO
Patricia Crumrine, MD
Anthony Fine, MD
Charles Flippen, II, MD
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 2024.

Imran Ali, MD, ABPN director, was named Interim Dean of the University of Toledo's College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Sheldon Benjamin, MD, ABPN director, was elected Secretary of the International Neuropsychiatric Association and also received the Lifetime Service Award from the American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training.

Josepha Cheong, MD, ABPN director, was named Treasurer for the Board of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Sandra DeJong, MD, ABPN director, received the Stuart T. Hauser, MD, PhD, Mentorship Award in Psychiatry from Harvard Medical School.

David Henderson, MD, ABPN director, received the American College of Psychiatrists Stanley Dean Award for Research in Schizophrenia for his lecture, "The BEST Boston Model for Decriminalizing Mental Illness."

Jaffar Khan, MD, ABPN director, was awarded a 2024 Diamond Provider – Top 1% Provider Recognition (achieving the 99th percentile for FY24) from patients for the Emory Healthcare Physician Group Practice.

Nina Schor, MD, PhD, ABPN director, was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine and also received the 2024 Bernice Grafstein Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Mentoring from the Society for Neuroscience.

Publications

ABPN Directors contributed to the following publications that may be of interest to ABPN diplomates.

Benjamin S: Dual residency training in neurology and psychiatry: History and current practice. Journal of Neuropsychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience, 36(1) 11-21, Winter 2024. Published online.

Bateman JR, Josephy-Hernandez S, Apostolova LG, Barrett AM, Benjamin S, Boeve BF, Budson AE, Chemali Z, Chiong W, Lin C-YR, Daffner KR, Geschwind, Heilman KM, Hillis AE, Holden SK, Jaffee MS, Kletenik I, Natelson Love M, Moo LR, Pelak VS, Press DZ, Ramirez-Gomez L, Rosen HJ, Schmahmann JD, Vaishnavi SN, Windon CC, Hamilton RH, Perez DL: Promoting Growth in Behavioral Neurology: A Path Forward. Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology, 37(2): 49-56, June 2024.

Schor NF: Equipping AI for Unbiased and Inclusive Neurology. JAMA Neurology. Published online November 2024.

The 11th edition of Kaplan & Sadock's Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry was edited by ABPN director Robert Boland and Marcia L. Verduin, MD. The two-volume edition was released in 2024 and offers the expertise of more than 600 renowned contributors who cover the full range of psychiatry and mental health, including neural science, genetics, neuropsychiatry, psychopharmacology, and other key areas.

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 2024:

Joan M. Anzia, MD
Committee on Continuing Certification

Robert J. Boland, MD
Committee on Certification

Ericka P. Greene, MD, MACM
Governance Committee

Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD
ABMS Board of Directors

Diane Reis, MD, MPH
Stakeholder Council

Barbara S. Schneidman, MD, MPH
Awards Committee

Grant Awards

In 2025 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 66 projects at 40 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.

2024 Presentations

During 2024, ABPN Directors and CC ambassadors 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.

March

ABPN: Update from an Intersection of Psychiatry and Neurology. Sanford Meyerowitz, MD, Memorial Lecture, presented by J. Lyness, University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, NY.

April

ABPN Continuing Certification Update, presented by E. Greene, Department of Neurology, Houston Methodist Hospital.

Lifelong Learning and ABPN Board Certification, or How Not to Peak at the End of Training, presented by S. Lewis and J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update and Continuing Certification in Academic Careers, presented by A. Brooks-Kayal and J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update and Continuing Certification in Clinical Practice Careers, presented by S. Lewis and J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting.

May

Lifelong Learning and ABPN Board Certification, or How Not to Peak at the End of Training, presented by R. Boland, J. Cheong, and J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.

An Update from the ABPN: News You Can Use About Specialty Certification, presented by R. Boland, J. Cheong, and J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.

June

John F. Sullivan Memorial Lecture in Neuropsychiatry, presented by S. Benjamin, UMass Chan Medical School.

September

Article-Based Continuing Certification Seminar, presented by J. Lyness and N. Schor, American Neurological Association Annual Meeting.

December

Lifelong Learning and ABPN Certification: How to Not Peak as You Finish Training/Grand Rounds/Presenter, presented by R. Boland, Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds, Houston, TX.

ABPN Update: Mission and Future Directions, presented virtually by J. Lyness, Creighton University School of Medicine Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

Our Mission

The mission of the ABPN is to serve the public and the profession by promoting lifelong learning and certifying psychiatrists and neurologists to high standards of expertise.

At the ABPN, we fulfill our mission by:

- Setting standards for expertise in our fields, including training and other criteria for certification eligibility
- Developing and implementing assessments
- Fostering lifelong learning that includes external feedback
- Supporting educational innovations and research as related to specialty expertise in training and clinical practice
- Engaging with other strategic partners
- Embodying and applying our values to our work

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 essential aspects of professionalism. Participation in the CC program embodies and demonstrates professionalism.



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