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# BY THE NUMBERS

**64,000**

**ACTIVE  
DIPLOMATES**



**3,000**  
**CHILD NEUROLOGY**

**3,300**

**NEW DIPLOMATES  
PER YEAR**



**100**  
**CHILD NEUROLOGY**



**PSYCHIATRY  
SUBSPECIALTIES**



**NEUROLOGY & CHILD NEUROLOGY  
SUBSPECIALTIES**

\*Numbers are approximate. For more information, including details on co-sponsored subspecialty certifications, visit [ABPN.org/about/facts-and-statistics](http://ABPN.org/about/facts-and-statistics).

# PHYSICIANS ENGAGEMENT



**PSYCHIATRY &  
SUBSPECIALTIES**



**NEUROLOGY,  
CHILD NEUROLOGY,  
& SUBSPECIALTIES**



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



# President and CEO Message



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

The ABPN has had another busy and productive year. I would like to reflect on one important new initiative that our board launched in 2025: a new pilot Academic Pathway, which is an alternate pathway to certification eligibility. It is intended for psychiatrists and neurologists who do not meet standard ABPN eligibility criteria but have demonstrated accomplishments and further future potential as academic faculty members. The ABPN board of directors decided to pilot this pathway to give more physicians the opportunity to pursue ABPN specialty certification. In so doing, the pathway also provides a chance for programs at academic health centers, often facing challenges with faculty recruitment and retention, to draw on a broader pool of faculty candidates.

To be clear, the ABPN already recognizes physicians with international medical degrees; we have a great many such outstanding colleagues among our diplomates and serving on our test development committees and our board of directors. The issue has been determining credible alternatives to ACGME-accredited training programs. We have a longstanding reciprocity agreement with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, enabling graduates of their programs to become eligible for ABPN certification exams. We have long understood that

there are many other outstanding specialty training programs around the world. The challenge is that evaluating the quality of such programs is beyond our core mission and expertise.

As an alternative approach, several other member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) have amassed considerable and successful experiences with ‘academic pathways,’ in which internationally trained specialists with successful track records as academic faculty members at U.S. medical schools become eligible for certification in those specialties. After extensive benchmarking and deliberations by the ABPN board of directors, we developed a pilot proposal with specific criteria based on what has worked best for peer boards in other fields. After our proposal was approved by the ABMS in 2025, we announced that the six-year pilot will launch with the 2026 examination applications. Already we have received expressions of interest from potential candidates and their medical school department chairs.

Please note that the Academic Pathway pilot is limited to eligibility for *primary certifications* only, i.e., psychiatry, neurology, and neurology with special qualification in child neurology. All physicians seeking ABPN certification in a subspecialty must meet standard eligibility criteria, which includes

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achieving ABPN certification in the primary specialty and also completing an ACGME-accredited subspecialty fellowship. However, physicians successfully completing an ACGME-accredited fellowship after international primary specialty training, but prior to entering the Academic Pathway, would become eligible to sit for the ABPN subspecialty examination after completing the Academic Pathway, becoming certified by ABPN in the primary specialty, and meeting all other requirements for the subspecialty certification. This may be of particular interest to academic departments that choose to accept internationally trained specialists into their subspecialty fellowship(s) under certain ACGME program requirements' allowance for doing so with "exceptionally qualified" applicants. In such cases, the department could choose to hire the physician as faculty after they graduate fellowship training. If the faculty member subsequently becomes eligible for primary specialty certification via the ABPN Academic Pathway (based on their prior international specialty training) and does become board-certified, they could then be eligible for ABPN subspecialty certification based on their completion of the ACGME subspecialty fellowship training.

Specific requirements for the academic pathway are described on the ABPN website. We anticipate that most applicants will be physicians who completed residency training in other countries. Please note that those who qualify via the pathway still must meet all other requirements for ABPN certification, including passing the ABPN specialty certification examination. In future years we will report the outcomes of pathway candidates, which will inform the board's decisions about how to proceed at the conclusion of the six-year pilot.

Many other activities at the ABPN in 2025 have been described in our ABPN Quarterly Updates, also available on the ABPN website. As ever, I am grateful to our dedicated staff and volunteer physicians for their essential efforts, and to our board of directors for their leadership over the past year. The ABPN was ably led in 2025 by board chair and vice chair Drs. Josepha Cheong and Imran Ali; as we thank them for their many years of service as directors, we also welcome their successors Drs. Brooks-Kayal and Boland, who became board chair and vice chair as of January 1, 2026.

## 2025 Assessment Results

Of approximately 83,000 ABPN certifications in the ABPN CC program, 97% are in the ABCC pathway and 3% in the exam pathway for fulfillment of the CC assessment requirement. Additionally, there are approximately 2,000 ABPN certifications in a pathway administered by another ABMS board for fulfillment of this CC requirement.

Approximately 6,200 CC evaluations were completed for ABPN certifications in 2025, of which approximately 5,770 (94%) met/passed this requirement. Of these, 90% were in the ABCC assessment pathway, 8% in the exam pathway, and 2% in another ABMS board's CC assessment pathway.

- The ABPN administered 32 computer-based specialty and subspecialty certification and continuing certification (CC) examinations in 2025. (Most CC examinations had two forms.) The Psychiatry, Neurology, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry CC examinations had two administrations.
- In addition, 21 combined CC examinations (specialty and subspecialty or multiple subspecialties) were administered to 74 ABPN diplomates of whom 67 (91%) passed.
- 5,932 (5,298 initial certification and 634 CC) ABPN individual computer-based examinations were administered at Pearson VUE testing centers.
- The ABPN administered a multidisciplinary CC examination and the ABCC assessment to diplomates from cosponsoring ABMS boards.

- The Neuromuscular Medicine subspecialty CC examination was administered to one diplomate from the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- The Neurocritical Care ABCC assessment was administered to 205 diplomates from the American Board of Anesthesiology and 114 from the American Board of Emergency Medicine.
- Other administrating 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 341 ABPN diplomates.
  - The American Board of Internal Medicine administered the certification examination, the CC examination, and the CC longitudinal knowledge assessment in Sleep Medicine to 112 ABPN diplomates.
  - The American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation administered CC longitudinal assessment in Brain Injury Medicine to 264 ABPN diplomates.
- Additional 2025 statistics are available at [abpn.org/about/facts-and-statistics](https://abpn.org/about/facts-and-statistics).

## 2025 Certification Assessment Results

Type	Examination	Number Passing	Number of Examinees	Percent Passing
<b>CERTIFICATION</b>				
Specialty	Psychiatry Certification	2,184	2,537	86%
Specialty	Neurology Certification	899	1240	73%
Specialty	Child Neurology Certification	193	234	82%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	502	608	83%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	195	235	83%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	176	189	93%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	175	190	92%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	18	18	100%
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine*†	14	22	64%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine*†	18	25	72%

\*Numbers shown are for ABPN diplomates only

†Administered by other ABMS member boards

## 2025 Continuing Certification Assessments

Participation						
Exam Type	Certification	ABCC*	%	Exam	%	Total
Specialty	Psychiatry	35,267	91%	3,288	9%	38,555
Specialty	Neurology	16,567	95%	789	5%	17,356
Specialty	Child Neurology	2,709	97%	72	3%	2,781
Specialty	Addiction Psychiatry	1,353	89%	162	11%	1,515
Specialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	8,407	93%	628	7%	9,035
Specialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	2,427	94%	147	6%	2,574
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	1,483	90%	156	10%	1,639
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	2,364	97%	68	3%	2,432
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	1,584	92%	143	8%	1,727
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	1,282	86%	215	14%	1,497
Subspecialty	Neurocritical Care**	704	90%	79	10%	783
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	156	83%	33	17%	189
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	953	94%	61	6%	1,014
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	2,145	95%	108	5%	2,253
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77,401</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>5,949</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>83,350</b>

Article-based Pathway (ABCC)* Evaluation 2025				
Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Specialty	Psychiatry	2,229	2,510	89%
Specialty	Neurology	1,165	1,275	91%
Specialty	Child Neurology	149	162	92%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	29	37	78%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	645	701	92%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology	335	354	95%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	252	285	88%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	186	197	94%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	71	88	81%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	43	68	63%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	95	115	83%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,199</b>	<b>5,792</b>	<b>90%</b>

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CC Exam-based Evaluation 2025 <sup>†</sup>				
Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Specialty	Psychiatry	268	277	97%
Specialty	Neurology	55	56	98%
Specialty	Child Neurology	6	6	100%
Subspecialty	Addiction Psychiatry	7	8	88%
Subspecialty	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	57	59	97%
Subspecialty	Clinical Neurophysiology (General, EEG, EMG)	12	12	100%
Subspecialty	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry	14	15	93%
Subspecialty	Epilepsy	2	2	100%
Subspecialty	Forensic Psychiatry	9	9	100%
Subspecialty	Geriatric Psychiatry	10	10	100%
Subspecialty	Neurodevelopmental Disabilities	0	0	0%
Subspecialty	Neuromuscular Medicine**	2	2	100%
Subspecialty	Vascular Neurology	7	7	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>449</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>97%</b>

Administered by Other ABMS Boards**						
Assessment Pathway Participation 2025						
Type	Certification	LA <sup>‡</sup>	%	Exam	%	Total
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	264	100%	N/A		264
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	317	100%	N/A		317
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	1,286	99%	17	1%	1,303
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,837</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,884</b>

Longitudinal Evaluation 2025				
Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	27	29	93%
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	70	70	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98%</b>

Exam-based Evaluation 2025 <sup>†</sup>				
Exam Type	Certification	# Passed	# Examinees	% Passed
Subspecialty	Brain Injury Medicine (ABPMR)	0	0	0
Subspecialty	Pain Medicine (ABA)	0	0	0
Subspecialty	Sleep Medicine (ABIM)	16	17	94%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>94%</b>

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

\*\*ABPN diplomates only

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

<sup>‡</sup>Longitudinal Assessment (LA)

# Certification Statistics through December 31, 2025

Specialty/ Subspecialty	First Exam	All certificates awarded	Specialty certificates awarded 1991 - Present (excludes non-time limited)†	Non-Time Limited Certificates (specialty certificates awarded between dates below)‡		TOTAL
			Active/Total (%)	Active/Total (%)		Active/Total (%)
Psychiatry	1935	76,225	38,482/46,456 (83%)	1991 - October 1994	4,027/4,960 (81%)	42,509/51,416 (83%)
Neurology	1935	26,614	17,311/19,610 (88%)		1,046/1,255 (83%)	18,357/20,865 (88%)
Neurology with special qualification in Child Neurology	1968	3,915	2,766/3,058 (90%)		144/165 (87%)	2,910/3,223 (90%)
Neuropsychiatry***	1935	824	0		0	0
Addiction Psychiatry	1993	3,127	1,403/2,112 (66%)			1,403/2,112 (66%)
Brain Injury Medicine**	2014	286	251/277 (91%)			251/277 (91%)
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	1959	14,094	9,005/10,137 (89%)	1991 - December 1994	592/690 (86%)	9,597/10,827 (89%)
Clinical Neurophysiology	1992	3,867	2,498/3,253 (77%)			2,498/3,253 (77%)
Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	2005	2,220	1,597/2,017 (79%)			1,597/2,017 (79%)
Epilepsy	2013	2,599	2,396/2,516 (95%)			2,396/2,516 (95%)
Forensic Psychiatry	1994	2,989	1,614/2,279 (71%)			1,614/2,279 (71%)
Geriatric Psychiatry	1991	3,851	1,371/2,310 (59%)			1,371/2,310 (59%)
Neurocritical Care*	2021	786	780/783 (99%)			780/783 (99%)
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities§	2001	384	180/351 (51%)			180/351 (51%)
Neuromuscular Medicine*	2008	1,203	978/1,121 (87%)			978/1,121 (87%)
Pain Medicine**	2000	466	284/391 (73%)			284/391 (73%)
Sleep Medicine**	2007	1,799	1,247/1,605 (78%)			1,247/1,605 (78%)
Vascular Neurology	2005	2,624	2,201/2,438 (90%)	2,201/2,438 (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 1991 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 2025

The ABPN is grateful to the physician volunteers who served on our test development committees in 2025.

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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

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

#### Psychiatry Subspecialty

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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 communicated 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. With the increased familiarity of our diplomates with CC program requirements, the ABPN decided to sunset the Ambassador Program on December 31, 2025.

The ABPN extends a heartfelt thanks to the following Ambassadors for their time, dedication, and contributions to the CC Ambassador Program.

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  
Mark Ross, MD

## 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 2025:

**Joan M. Anzia, MD**

Committee on Continuing Certification

**Jaffar Khan, MD**

Committee on Continuing Certification

**Robert J. Boland, MD**

Committee on Certification

**Ericka P. Greene, MD, MACM**

Governance Committee

**Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD**

Board Member

**Diane Reis, MD, MPH**

Stakeholder Council

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

Awards Committee

## Grant Awards

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 73 projects at 44 institutions. The awardees have produced more than 90 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](http://abpn.org/special-programs/abpn-awards-program).

The ABPN extends a heartfelt thanks to the following 2025 Awards Committee members for their time, dedication, and contributions to the ABPN Grant Awards Programs.

The following psychiatrists and neurologists served on the Faculty Innovation in Education Award committee: Robert J. Boland, MD (Chair), Ericka P. Greene, MD, MACM (Vice Chair), Iqbal 'Ike' Ahmed, MD, Jaffar Khan, MD, John Luo, MD, Rachel Salas, MD, Shilpa Srinivasan, MD, and Mary Vo, MD.

The following psychiatrists and neurologists served on the ABPN Dorthea Juul, PhD, Education Research Award committee: Sheldon Benjamin, MD (Chair), Benn E. Smith, MD (Vice Chair), Lealani Acosta, MD, Erika Fullwood Augustine, MD, MS, David C. Henderson,

## Awards and Honors

Several members of the ABPN Board of Directors received recognition in 2025.

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

**Josepha Cheong, MD**, received the 2025 Jack Weinberg Memorial Award in Geriatric Psychiatry from the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the APA Foundation.

**Ericka Greene, MD**, was awarded and recently renewed for a Collaborative National Science Foundation Research Award (NIH) for her research 'Collaborative Remote Physical Examination: Transforming Medical and Nursing Practice.'

# 2025 Presentations

During 2025, 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

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ABPN Continuing Certification Program  
— An Introduction for New Diplomates, presented virtually by J. Lyness.

Lifelong Learning and ABPN Board Certification, or, How to *Not* Peak at the End of Training, presented virtually by J. Lyness.

## March

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ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training annual meeting.

ABPN Update for Program Administrators, presented by J. Lyness, Program Administrators Symposium, American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training annual meeting.

## April

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Continuing Certification and ABPN Update, presented by I. Ali and J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting.

ABPN Board Certification and Lifelong Learning: An Introduction for Residents and Fellows, presented by I. Ali and J. Lyness, American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting.

## May

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Continuing Certification and Other Updates from the ABPN, presented by I. Ahmed, J. Cheong, and J. Lyness, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.

## July

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ABPN Updates and Continuing Certification, presented virtually by E. Fullwood Augustine and J. Lyness, Child Neurology Society.

## September

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ABPN Updates and Continuing Certification, presented by I. Ali and J. Lyness, American Neurological Association Annual Meeting.

ABPN Update, presented by J. Lyness, Association of Academic Leaders of Neurology Annual Meeting.

Strategic Planning 301 — Lessons Learned from the Experiences of 3 Boards, presented by J. Lyness, M. Pore, and A. Young, American Board of Medical Specialties Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

AI and Human Agreement in Post-Certification-Examination Comment Categorization, poster presented by H. Sun, K. O'Brien., C.B. Kave, D. Shin, Q. Lin, and J. Lyness, American Board of Medical Specialties Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Analyzing Item Difficulty in the Psychiatry Certification Examination: A Linear Logistic Test Model, poster presented by H. Sun, K. O'Brien., Q. Lin, D. Shin, and J. Lyness, American Board of Medical Specialties Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Evaluating Reliability of Article-Based Assessment: The role of Omega Coefficient, poster presented by Q. Lin, D. Shin, H. Sun, and J. Lyness, American Board of Medical Specialties Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Analysis of ABPN Article-Based Assessment – Psychiatry and Neurology (Cycle 2022-2024), presented in Research Advancements in Initial and Continuing Certification symposium by H. Sun, J. Lyness, L. Qiao, and D. Shin, American Board of Medical Specialties Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

## 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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