## **MOC Committee Chair Message**

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The ABNM offers diplomates two options for recertification: the traditional exam and the web-based longitudinal assessment, CertLink<sup>®</sup> 2.0. This has been updated in design and functionality, with the addition of <u>PubMed<sup>®</sup></u> links in the question debriefing section. This feature allows diplomates to download references for later reading and review. Diplomates must update their profile annually to maintain accurate communication with the board and avoid negative impacts on their certifications.

ABNM encourages trainees to participate in CertLink<sup>®</sup> IT. Upon completing the in-training exam, trainees gain access to this important tool. From January 2018 to January 2024, 1,403 diplomates and 149 trainees engaged in CertLink, resulting in a cumulative total of 1,552 participants.

The Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements have been replaced by more comprehensive Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities, encompassing traditional CME, among other options. The requirement for 8-hours of annual Self-Assessment Module (SAM) activity has been discontinued. The new requirements are:

- A minimum 2-year average of 25 AMA category 1 credits per year of continuing professional development (CPD) activities that maintain, update, develop and enhance knowledge, skills, and attitudes in response to the needs of patients
- Diplomates must maintain documentation of meeting the requirements which they may be required to submit prior to the start of a new recertification period.

The eligibility policy for the ABNM certification exam has been updated, allowing Diagnostic Radiology (DR) residents in an institution with an ACGME accredited Nuclear Medicine or Nuclear Radiology program to take the ABNM certification exam in the final year of their residency if:

- 1. they have completed 16 months of Nuclear Medicine training and have fulfilled all ABNM training requirements and
- 2. they have passed the ABR core exam.

Trainees with prior foreign DR training participating in the DR alternate pathway in an institution with an ACGME accredited Nuclear Medicine or Nuclear Radiology program may take the ABNM certification examination in the final year of their pathway if:

- 1. they have completed 16 months of Nuclear Medicine training and have fulfilled all ABNM training requirements and
- 2. they have passed the ABR core examination.

For more information, please visit the <u>Training Requirements for the Certification Exam</u> page on the ABNM website.



