Message From the Associate Executive Director

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The ABNM Today

As my term as Associate Executive Director (AED) ends February 28, 2022, I reflect upon all the changes that have occurred in our specialty and our board during my tenure as a board member and later as the associate executive director. The ABNM is a small ABMS member board and is still held to all the standards of all the other boards. We have 5 staff members including the executive director and the associate executive director and we all work closely as a cohesive team helping each other out as well as our trainees, diplomates, and board members.

When I joined as AED, CertLink® assessment was just beginning. ABNM has now refined the self-paced online program which conveniently delivers multiple-choice questions quarterly. Surveys are done regularly, and our participants give CertLink a 98% satisfaction rating. CertLink initially was a pilot program but was accepted by ABMS as a longitudinal assessment program in late 2020. In addition, ABNM, has created CertLink In-Training which provides trainees an opportunity to participate in continuous online learning and provides an opportunity for maximizing test preparation and getting to know ABNM better.

The ABNM successfully delivered its In-Training (IT) Examination as a remote computer-based exam during January 2022. To achieve this and update our virtual presence in testing, ABNM migrated all its secure testing databases to a new vendor over several months and created a state-of-the-art online item banking system. It runs on major browsers both for Windows and Mac and offers extensive configuration options.

New PET radiopharmaceutical approvals have occurred, creating a new interest in our specialty. The addition of new therapeutic agents has added excitement and greater curiosity in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. ABNM has comprehensively addressed all the new requirements with which they have been confronted. These have included changes in patient case requirements in resident therapy training, longitudinal assessment for diplomates, improved question writing and testing. I am proud to have been part of this strong collaborative organization.

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