

MOC Committee Chair Message

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The ABNM strongly encourages trainees to become certified and thus constantly reviews and updates training pathways. During the review this year, the ABNM certification policy has been updated. Currently, ABNM policy requires diagnostic radiology (DR) residents to complete DR residency before they are eligible to take the ABNM certification examination. The revised policies for the ABNM certification examination now allow DR residents to take the ABNM certification examination one year earlier than presently allowed. The new policy states that DR residents who have had a minimum of 16 months of Nuclear Medicine training in an institution(s) with an ACGME accredited Nuclear Medicine or Nuclear Radiology program (either preceding or concurrent with their Diagnostic Radiology training) and who have fulfilled all ABNM training requirements, may take the ABNM certification examination in the final year of their ACGME accredited Diagnostic Radiology training. This policy was approved at the 105th ABNM meeting on 06/08/2021.

For diplomates, the ABNM continues to offer the traditional maintenance of certification examination and the web-based longitudinal assessment, CertLink®. CertLink allows for a longitudinal evaluation by delivering questions regularly and providing immediate feedback on submitted answers. Furthermore, the diplomate can track their performance over time. The cumulative number of diplomates who participated in CertLink from January 2018 to January 2022 is 1284, with a pass rate of 89 %. Over the past year, the design and functionality of CertLink 1.0 have been updated to the new platform, CertLink 2.0. The ABNM, with the support of the ITS team, continues to improve the functionality based on user feedback, and several features have been updated. Diplomates are strongly encouraged to participate in CertLink®, and completion of the quarterly activities is needed to avoid unanswered questions being perceived as incorrect. The diplomate should update their MOC profile annually. The ABNM MOC Committee is pleased to provide this opportunity to you to maintain your ABNM certification and enhance your clinical skills.

