The ABNM Certification and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programs aim to foster excellence in patient care and thus improve the health of our communities. Through the certification and MOC processes, the ABNM strives to encourage and support continuing education in the practice of nuclear medicine, thereby providing a framework to assist its diplomates in their pursuit of lifelong learning and self-assessment.

The Certification and MOC programs assure patients, payors, and the general public that ABNM diplomates maintain and continually improve their knowledge and practice and provide for compliance with State Medical Licensing Board and hospital requirements. The MOC program is tailored to our diplomates’ training and emphasizes updating “core” nuclear medicine evidence-based knowledge in a continuous format.

The In-Training Examination (IT Exam) for 2022 had 159 participants, of which 127 resided in the United States (mean percent correct score of 70%) and 32 international (mean percent correct score of 57%), in Kuwait, Singapore, and South Africa.

The ABNM MOC offers the traditional maintenance of certification examination and a web-based longitudinal assessment of knowledge for continuing board certification, CertLink®. Diplomates are strongly encouraged to participate in CertLink, designed to promote life-long learning by delivering questions regularly and providing immediate feedback on submitted answers. Furthermore, the diplomat can track their performance and progress over time and compare themselves with their peers. The ABNM, in conjunction with the iTS team, has launched the upgraded platform, CertLink 2.0, which will include enhancements to logging in, the dashboard, and answering questions. For example, based on user feedback, refreshing the browser page while answering a question will no longer automatically score the question incorrectly.

MOC Committee Chair Message

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