

# What's New at the American Board of Pathology?



## ABP Mission Statement

*To promote the field of pathology and the continuing competency of practicing pathologists.*

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# ABP Actions

- Focused Practice
  - Clinical Chemistry
  - Clinical Microbiology
- Practice and Training Survey
  - Lab Management
  - Informatics
  - Molecular Pathology
  - Billing & Coding
  - Dermatopathology

# ABP Actions

- Diplomate Recognition





# New Autopsy Policies

- Shared autopsy defined as two residents (+fellow)
- No limit on number of shared autopsies
- No limit on number of forensic autopsies
- Complete autopsy—chest, abdomen, pelvis (brain)
- Maximum single organ autopsies=5; cannot be shared
- Maximum limited autopsies=10; can be shared
- Limited—chest only, abdomen only
- Effective 2018
- New fetopsy policy

# Entrustable Professional Activities

- 2016 BOT Retreat
- EPA Task Force-April 8, 2017
- Drs. Timmons & Procop, Co-Chairs
- PRODs Reps—Drs. Black-Schaffer, Powell, Sands
- “Entrustable Professional Activities for Pathology: Recommendations From the CAP GMEC”
- ABP position statement on EPAs
- Competency based training

# ABP Actions-Clinical Informatics

- ACGME requires 2 years training
- Concerns about length of training
- ABP approved two years concurrent training in CI combined with another 12 month subspecialty fellowship, completed in two years
- Acceptable to ACGME
- Fellows will qualify for certification in CI and another ABP subspecialty
- Extended “by experience” pathway until 2022

## ABP Activities

- Spring exam administration at ABR-Tucson
- Communications consultant
- Resident emails and cellphone
- Resident access to Pathway
- Coordinators contact info
- Reciprocity with RCPSC for MOC

# ABP Activities

- ACGME autopsy case logs
  - access to archived logs
- Booths at ASCP, CAP, USCAP
- Speakers Bureau
- Honor code
- Exam blueprints
- Fees--2003

# Physician-Scientist Research Pathway Objectives

- Increase physician-scientists in pathology
- Attract exceptional and committed young P-S to pathology
- Prepare trainees for careers in academic medicine, focused on research
- Provide training flexibility, while assuring clinical competency
- Stimulating Access to Research in Residency (StARR) (R38) support

## Continuing Certification(MOC)

- “Participation in the Continuing Certification Program is required to maintain certification”
- New modules; comprehensive study guides
- Remote, secure testing; open book
- ACCME PARS
- MOC Advisory Committee

# ACCME Physician Activity Reporting

- Automated reporting of:
  - CME
  - SAMs
  - Part IV
  - Patient Safety Course



# MOC Longitudinal Assessment Pilot

- Path CertLink™
- 20 questions quarterly
- Immediate feedback
- Voluntary; no assessment initially
- 3-5 year pilot
- Item bank-writers and reviewers
- [www.PathCertLink.com](http://www.PathCertLink.com)

# 2017 New diplomates

<b>AP/CP</b>	<b>498</b>
<b>AP Only</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>CP Only</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>SubSpecialty</b>	<b>503</b>

# 2017 exam results

- AP—696 candidates (583+113)
  - 86% pass
- CP—579 (539+40)
  - 92% pass
- Criterion referenced
- Scored as a single exams

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