

Message from Examination Committee Chair

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The ABNM Examination Committee looks forward to another exciting year ahead. Seventy candidates are enrolled for the 2019 ABNM [Certification Examination](#), which will take place October 7 through October 12. This represents a 25% increase in enrollment from the previous year, when 56 candidates took the Certifying Examination and achieved a pass rate of 79%.

The ABNM [Maintenance of Certification Examination](#) continues to be offered to diplomates who wish to take a secure examination every 10 years, in lieu of participating in the [CertLink®](#) longitudinal assessment pilot program. CertLink periodically delivers nuclear medicine questions with detailed explanations and references directly to ABNM diplomates. Fourteen diplomates are currently enrolled for the 2019 Maintenance of Certification Examination, decreased from 17 candidates in the previous year. As of July 2019, the number of CertLink enrollees was, 895 (including both time-limited and lifetime certificate holders), representing a 67% increase from 536 enrollees in July 2018.

The ABNM offers an [In-Training Examination](#), which is a paper-based, image-rich, multiple choice exam taken by Nuclear Medicine residents during each year of training. It

tests basic information necessary to learn the principles of nuclear medicine and to become a lifelong learner. Program enrollment for the 2020 In-Training Examination is now open. The ABNM is also offering residents and fellows an opportunity to participate in [CertLink In-Training](#) without charge, from January 1 – December 31, 2019. We hope that this exciting offering will engage Nuclear Medicine trainees in the experience of longitudinal assessment, in addition to providing an additional valuable resource in their education and preparation for the ABNM Certification Examination.

Behind the scenes, the ABNM Exam Committee is working hard on implementation of a much-needed, cost-conscious upgrade of our question banking software. This upgrade will enable the ABNM to better evaluate and improve the quality of our exam questions and CertLink questions, and to respond even more effectively to feedback from diplomates and trainees. The ABNM hopes to convert the In-Training Examination from a paper-based to computer-based format in time for the 2021 examination dates.

We wish all of our 2019-2020 ABNM Examination Candidates best of luck, and please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns.