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## Chair's Message



**Erin E. Grady, M.D., FACNM**  
*Chair, ABNM*

Dear Diplomates: it is with great honor and pleasure that I will serve you as Chair of the American Board of Nuclear Medicine (ABNM) this year. I certainly have big shoes to fill after Dr. Ghesani.

This will be a big year for the ABNM, and for you. We have some exciting things planned that we hope will bring value to you and help us all to stay on our toes with new developments in our field. As you have seen in prior issues of our newsletter, CertLink™ which is hosted by the American Board of Medical Specialties is about to become a reality. This October, we're planning for our launch of this method of fulfilling the Part 3 (which is known as "Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment and Skills" or better understood as the Maintenance of Certification exam) requirement. In case you've missed past issues of the newsletter, CertLink™ is a longitudinal learning and self-assessment program for ABNM diplomates. Those who meet the CertLink™ requirements will not have to take the MOC exam. This format will give you a question on a relevant practice topic with subsequent discussion and references that address the topic. A question will be available on a weekly basis, but these can be grouped to take as infrequently as quarterly.

If your certificate is set to expire in 2018-2021, you can sign up for this program, but if you don't want to participate, you will still be able to take the MOC exam. Diplomates whose certificates expire after 2021, and diplomates with lifetime certificates are also encouraged to enroll. The ABNM will be looking for 100 diplomates to start CertLink™ on October 1 this year, and provide feedback on the delivery, structure, and content to improve the value of the program. All other diplomates who enroll will start on January 1, 2018. Enrollment details will be available on the ABNM website soon. If you have other questions, you can email our new ABNM address aimed at addressing questions with this program: [CertLink@abnm.org](mailto:CertLink@abnm.org). I would be remiss not to mention the American College of Nuclear Medicine and their education subcommittee; they have been instrumental in helping us get started with this program. We send them a hearty thank you.

Another item that has been discussed at our last meeting is that of our logo. The ABNM is considering modernizing its logo as a symbol of the changing times and new ABNM initiatives. The ABNM will be asking for diplomate feedback on the proposed new design.

Since this year will be a busy one, we will be communicating more regularly. This will most likely come in the form of email updates. We also will be using social media to keep you updated. We currently have a presence on Twitter, Facebook and are looking forward to starting on LinkedIn and Doximity.

This year, we hope to focus on value. We hope you notice a difference.