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Message from the Associate Executive Director

*On Line Longitudinal Assessment – CertLink™
Launched!*

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The ABNM has been engaged with ABMS in the design, development, testing and launch of our new longitudinal assessment tool – Certlink™. This pilot study will run from 2018-2021. In January 2018, we released the soft launch of Certlink. The questions are image rich and high quality with practice-relevant content. The pilot, which periodically delivers nuclear medicine questions with detailed explanations and references directly to ABNM Diplomates enrolled, is being evaluated as an alternative to the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) examination required of ABNM time-limited certificate holders every 10 years. It is also very useful for lifetime certificate holders to keep current and test their knowledge. We hope to gain valuable information about how our Diplomates learn and in which platform they prefer to be tested. Along with the CertLink questions, surveys are being sent to participants to collect additional data.

Currently, 185 Diplomates are participating in the Certlink soft launch. We receive regular updates from ABMS about participation and the number of questions answered. As of March 16th Diplomates have already answered a total of 1,866 questions. Diplomates had the option on their preference for answering the 4 required questions per month for the soft launch. They could space it out over a month or answer all 4 questions at one time. Currently 75 Diplomates answered all 12 questions. In April 2018, ABNM will fully launch Certlink and continue the pilot for 4 years. All Diplomates with unexpired, time-limited certificates (expiring in 2018 or later) or with lifetime certificates are eligible to participate if they have not been subject to any ABNM disciplinary actions (probation, suspension, or revocation of certification) in the past 10 years. Diplomates with certificates expiring in 2018 – 2021, had to register for CertLink by March 15, 2018.