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Participation in CertLink™ Demonstrates a Commitment to High Quality Care

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Over these past few months ABNM has been very busy launching CertLink which has been very well received by all of our participating diplomates. This online learning tool, which uses adult learning theory, has been previously described in Tracers. It quizzes and reinforces knowledge to participating diplomates on a continuous basis at their convenience, using modern technology. ABNM requires that diplomates answer 9 new questions and up to 4 repeat questions (clones) every quarter. We believe that we are assessing the necessary knowledge every diplomate should know to practice nuclear medicine and ensures that we have the skills, training and current knowledge to provide quality patient care. Most questions have been mapped to a clinical problem, diagnostic or treatment knowledge, new advances or concepts that are current standard of practice. Each question has a key point and critique which is an explanation of the knowledge required to answer the question correctly. We also include a reference that is accessible by clicking on it during the learning experience. If a diplomate does not answer a question correctly, a very similar question (clone) may be sent at a later date to make sure that the knowledge gap has been filled in and proficiency is demonstrated now.

Diplomates often ask us how to prepare for CertLink. We believe that we are testing the skills you use daily in your practice and as long as you are keeping current with new developments and concepts in the field, keep reading relevant journal articles and maintaining CME you should perform well. Questions are image rich and we think you should be able to recognize image findings, create a differential diagnosis, and we test knowledge to include inquiries you may receive from technologists, residents or referring physicians in your everyday practice. Our patients expect us to know this and we hope that by participating in CertLink we continue to uphold the high standards of ABNM certification. We believe medical knowledge changes with time and participating in CertLink demonstrates your personal and public commitment to maintaining the standards of our specialty and providing high-quality care. We believe that all ABNM diplomates should be successful in CertLink.