

# Message From the Associate Executive Director

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The ABNM has worked very hard on the MOC longitudinal assessment pilot project -CertLink®. The pilot was launched in January 2018, as an alternative to the MOC examination for diplomates whose certificates expire in 2018-2021. The ABNM extended participation to include all diplomates with valid time limited or lifetime certificate holders. Initially in October 2017, 127 diplomates registered and participated and currently we have 657 diplomates participating including 30 lifetime certificate holders. Recently the ABNM added a new pilot named CertLink-In-Training for nuclear medicine residents. Currently 83 residents are enrolled in this pilot program.

Overall the CertLink program has been very well received by our diplomates. Survey tools help to identify issues, as well as, support tickets completed while answering questions. These tickets and survey comments are frequently reviewed and have assisted with identifying IT issues with connectivity, registration, image display and access. The ABNM carefully reviews all comments made about question content since we are constantly trying to enhance question content and want to make sure that we test relevant walk around knowledge of Nuclear Medicine. Some problems have been identified by diplomates participating in the pilot project such as

incorrect scores being posted on “Your Performance” card on the CertLink dashboard. ABNM tries to address your concerns as quickly as possible and usually communicates back with the solution very promptly.

It is hoped that diplomates have found CertLink a convenient and valuable method to maintain and update their knowledge and practice of Nuclear Medicine. Diplomates who do not want to participate in CertLink can take the MOC exam before their current certificate expires. The ABNM expects diplomates who have kept up with CME to find CertLink beneficial and perform very well without the need to concentrate on studying for an examination.

If you are interested in enrolling in CertLink, please complete the form found here:

<https://www.abnm.org/index.php/registration-form/>



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