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AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEB-BASED PLATFORM

CertLink™ Smart Mobile Technology to Support Member Boards Pilots

CHICAGO – April 26, 2016 – The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the leading organization that oversees physician Board Certification and the Program for Maintenance of Certification (MOC®) in the United States, has announced the development of CertLink™, a web-based assessment platform that leverages smart mobile technology to explore new assessment approaches. CertLink will support the design, delivery and evaluation of innovative pilots at ABMS Member Boards. Some Member Boards will launch their pilots as early as 2017.

“The CertLink platform’s flexibility will allow participating Member Boards to create a program that best meets their diplomates’ needs as well as their specialty-specific MOC requirements,” said ABMS President and Chief Executive Officer Lois Margaret Nora, MD, JD, MBA. “The platform provides an opportunity for the Member Boards to explore and support new methods of assessment.”

The following Member Boards are among the first to participate in the development and use of the CertLink platform: American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics, American Board of Nuclear Medicine, American Board of Ophthalmology, American Board of Otolaryngology, American Board of Pathology and the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. While these are the first seven Boards actively involved, others are expected to join.

The American Board of Anesthesiology’s MOCA Minute™ Pilot has led some ABMS Member Boards to explore and evaluate new methods of assessment, including ones that afford the physician immediate, real-time feedback in the form of a personalized summary of both performance and knowledge strengths and weaknesses. As part of this process, ABMS and its Member Boards will work together to evaluate the various individual pilot programs and gather physician feedback with regard to their pilot experience.

“The development of the CertLink platform serves as a further example of our continued commitment to develop and offer new, innovative methods of assessment,” added Mira Irons, MD, ABMS Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs.

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Established in 1933, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) continues to be the leading not-for-profit organization overseeing physician certification in the United States. ABMS establishes the standards its 24 Member Boards use to develop and implement educational and professional evaluation, assessment, and certification of physician specialists. More than 840,000 physicians are certified in one or more of the 150 specialties and subspecialties offered by the [ABMS Member Boards](#). For more information about ABMS, visit www.abms.org or call (312) 436-2600.