

2006 Annual Report of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1934. The mission of the ABPN is to serve the public interest by promoting excellence in the practice of psychiatry and neurology through certification and maintenance of certification processes.

The board consists of neurologists, who are nominated by the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association, and psychiatrists, who are nominated by the American College of Psychiatrists, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

The 2006 neurology directors were Drs. Harold P. Adams, Jr. (Iowa City, Iowa); Michael J. Aminoff (San Francisco); Patricia K. Coyle (Stony Brook, N.Y.); Patricia K. Crumrine (Pittsburgh); Steven T. DeKosky (Pittsburgh); Michael V. Johnston (Baltimore); Janice M. Massey (Durham, N.C.); and Robert M. Pascuzzi (Indianapolis).

The 2006 psychiatry directors were Drs. Naleen N. Andrade (Honolulu); Beth Ann Brooks (Detroit); Christopher C. Colenda (College Station, Tex.); David A. Mrazek (Rochester, Minn.); Burton V. Reifler (Winston-Salem, N.C.); Victor I. Reus (San Francisco); James H. Scully, Jr. (Arlington, Va.); and Daniel K. Winstead (New Orleans).

The 2006 Executive Committee comprised Drs. Daniel K. Winstead, President; Harold P. Adams, Vice President; Michael V. Johnston, Secretary; Naleen N. Andrade, Treasurer; Patricia K. Coyle, Member-at-Large; and Larry R. Faulkner, Executive Vice President.

Strategic Planning Initiatives

The ABPN is in year 7 of its strategic plan, Vision 20/10: A Clearer View of the New Millennium. Major accomplishments to date include the following:

- Development and dissemination of updated core competencies for psychiatry and neurology.
- Development of core competencies for the subspecialties of addiction psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, clinical neurophysiology, forensic psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, neurodevelopmental disabilities, and vascular neurology.
- Migration of multiple-choice examinations to a computerized format and delivery of these examinations at Pearson VUE testing centers (first examination administered in March 2005).
- Revision of the part II oral examinations, including institution of a numerical grading system in April 2005, replacement of the audiovisual section of the psychia-

try examination with a vignette section in May 2006, and development of new examiner orientation materials and procedures.

- Development of procedures for the evaluation of clinical skills during residency training. The credentialing procedures for neurologists and child neurologists who enter residency training (postgraduate year 2 for neurology, postgraduate year 3 for child neurology) on or after July 1, 2005, will include documentation of satisfactory performance in the evaluation of clinical skills. This will replace some aspects of the part II oral examination; other aspects will be tested on the computer-administered cognitive examination, beginning in 2008. Several meetings have been held with representatives from stakeholder organizations to discuss the assessment of clinical skills during psychiatric training.
- Initiation of test development activities in the recently approved subspecialties of neuromuscular medicine (with the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) and sleep medicine (with the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics, and the American Board of Otolaryngology).
- Development of a Maintenance of Certification Program in congruence with the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) requirements.
- Redesign and development of our web site (www.abpn.com), based on ongoing audits of audience requirements.

Maintenance of Certification

The Committee on Maintenance of Certification, chaired by Victor Reus, M.D., continued to develop the ABPN program for maintenance of certification. The group reviewed the ABMS guidelines for each of the four components of maintenance of certification (evidence of professional standing, evidence of self-assessment and lifelong learning, evidence of cognitive expertise, and evidence of performance in practice) and refined the requirements for fulfillment.

Leadership meetings were held with the American Academy of Neurology and APA to discuss the implementation of maintenance of certification. The board has complete responsibility for maintenance of certification, including all aspects of the cognitive (recertification) examinations.

The board reviewed a program for performance in practice that was under development at the University of Arkansas for possible implementation as a means to complete the requirements for performance in practice.

Core Competencies

The Core Competencies Committee, chaired by Michael Aminoff, M.D., D.Sc., continued to refine and update the outlines of core competencies for psychiatry and neurology. The latest versions are posted on the ABPN and American Academy of Neurology web sites.

Development of New Subspecialties

Sleep Medicine

In March 2005, the ABMS approved sleep medicine for psychiatrists and adult and child neurologists who are certified by the ABPN, as well as for diplomates of the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Pediatrics, and the American Board of Otolaryngology. The American Board of Internal Medicine is the administering board for the examination, and representatives from these boards serve on the test-writing committee. The first examination is scheduled for Nov. 15, 2007 (the application deadline was March 1, 2007).

Neuromuscular Medicine

In March 2005, the ABMS approved neuromuscular medicine for adult and child neurologists who are certified by the ABPN, as well as for diplomates of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. The ABPN is the administering board for the examination. The first examination is scheduled for Sept. 8–12, 2008 (the application deadline is Feb. 1, 2008).

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

In September 2006, the ABMS approved hospice and palliative medicine for psychiatrists and adult and child neurologists who are certified by the ABPN, as well as for diplomates of the American Boards of Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Radiology, and Surgery. The American Board of Internal Medicine is the administering board for the examination. The first examination is scheduled for 2008.

ABPN Involvement With the ABMS

The ABPN continues its active involvement with the ABMS. The following ABPN directors, emeritus directors, and staff served as voting representatives and on committees and task forces:

- Michael J. Aminoff, M.D., D.Sc.: Voting Representative; Chairperson, ABPN Delegation; Initial Certification Task Force
- Mark L. Dyken, Jr., M.D.: Parliamentarian; Alternate Representative
- Michael H. Ebert, M.D.: Voting Representative
- Larry R. Faulkner, M.D.: Voting Representative (July 1 to Dec. 31, 2006); Computer-Based Testing Task Force
- Dorthea Juul, Ph.D.: Committee on Research and Evaluation Procedures
- Edgar J. Kenton III, M.D.: Board of Directors; Executive Committee; Governance Committee; Committee on Issues (Ad Hoc); ABMS Representative to Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education; ABMS/Council of Medical Specialty Societies Joint Planning Committee; Research and Education Foundation Board of Directors and Strategic Planning Steering Committee (Ad Hoc)
- Janice M. Massey, M.D.: Voting Representative
- Elliott L. Mancall, M.D.: Alternate Representative
- Sheldon I. Miller, M.D.: Voting Representative; Finance and Audit Committee
- David A. Mrazek, M.D.: Database and Information Advisory Committee
- Stephen C. Scheiber, M.D.: Voting Representative (Jan. 1 to June 30, 2006)
- Sylvia Vassmer: Board Staff Group
- Nicholas A. Vick, M.D.: Alternate Representative
- Paul Whittington: Board Staff Group

Test Administration

Examination Schedule and Results

The schedule of examinations for 2006–2008 is given in Table 1. The 2006 examination results appear in Table 2.

ABPN Computer Test Center

The American Board of Radiology utilized the ABPN computer test center for examinations in January, July, and August 2006.

2006 Presentations and Publications

In 2006, ABPN directors and staff made presentations at many annual meetings and other gatherings (1–20). They also produced several publications (21–24).

2006 Communications

Volume 5 of the *ABPN Diplomate* newsletter, designed to provide information about maintenance of certification as it is developed, was issued as the *eDiplomate*, a PDF file online at our web site, in December 2006.

The *ABPN Update* was mailed out in March 2006 to approximately 4,300 ABPN directors, emeritus directors, committee members, examiners, training program directors, societies, and journals; it included information on two new directors, developments in the Maintenance of Certification Program, changes to examination format, subspecialty developments, examination schedules, and other news about the business of the board.

The ABPN designed and developed a new web site that allows access to information about the board and its activities. The new web site greatly enhances our communica-

TABLE 1. Schedule of ABPN Examinations, 2006–2008

Type of Examination and Specialty	2006	2007	2008
Specialty initial certification, part I^a			
Psychiatry	Oct. 23–27; Oct. 30 to Nov. 3; Nov. 6–10	Oct. 29 to Nov. 2; Nov. 5–9; Nov. 12–16	June 2–6; June 9–13 ^b
Neurology	Oct. 23–27; Oct. 30 to Nov. 3; Nov. 6–10	Oct. 29 to Nov. 2; Nov. 5–9; Nov. 12–16	Nov. 10–14; Nov. 17–21 ^c
Neurology with special qualification in child neurology	Oct. 23–27; Oct. 30 to Nov. 3; Nov. 6–10	Oct. 29 to Nov. 2; Nov. 5–9; Nov. 12–16	Nov. 10–14; Nov. 17–21 ^c
Specialty initial certification, part II (oral)			
Psychiatry	Jan. 13–15 (San Francisco); May 14–16 (Philadelphia); Sept. 8–10 (Pittsburgh)	May 6–8 (New York); June 8–10 (Indianapolis); Sept. 9–11 (Milwaukee)	Jan. 18–20 (Portland, Ore.); May 11–13 (Chicago); June 20–22 (Baltimore); Sept. 19–21 (St. Louis)
Neurology	Jan. 13–15 (San Francisco); May 14–16 (Philadelphia); Sept. 8–10 (Pittsburgh)	May 6–8 (New York); June 8–10 (Indianapolis); Sept. 9–11 (Milwaukee)	Jan. 18–20 (Portland, Ore.); May 11–13 (Chicago); June 20–22 (Baltimore); Sept. 19–21 (St. Louis)
Neurology with special qualification in child neurology	Jan. 13–15 (San Francisco); May 14–16 (Philadelphia); Sept. 8–10 (Pittsburgh)	May 6–8 (New York); June 8–10 (Indianapolis); Sept. 9–11 (Milwaukee)	Jan. 18–20 (Portland, Ore.); May 11–13 (Chicago); June 20–22 (Baltimore); Sept. 19–21 (St. Louis)
Specialty recertification^d			
Psychiatry	July 24–26; July 31 to Aug. 2; Aug. 7–11		
Neurology	Aug. 14–18		
Neurology with special qualification in child neurology	Aug. 14–18		
Specialty maintenance of certification^d			
Psychiatry		March 12–16; March 19–23	March 10–14; March 17–21 ^e
Neurology		April 16–20	March 24–28 ^f
Neurology with special qualification in child neurology		April 16–20	March 24–28 ^f
Subspecialty initial certification			
Geriatric psychiatry ^g	April 3–7		May 19–23
Addiction psychiatry ^g	April 3–7		May 19–23
Forensic psychiatry ^g		April 23–27	
Clinical neurophysiology ^g		May 14–18	
Psychosomatic medicine ^g	June 5–9		April 14–18
Child and adolescent psychiatry, part I ^g	June 12–16	June 4–8	June 2–6
Vascular neurology ^g	June 19–23		April 28 to May 2
Pain medicine ^h	Sept. 9	Sept. 15	Sept. 13
Neurodevelopmental disabilities ^g		Sept. 24–28	
Sleep medicine ^g		Nov. 15	
Child and adolescent psychiatry, part II (oral) ⁱ	Nov. 17–19 (Seattle)	Nov. 16–18 (Kansas City, Mo.)	Nov. 14–16 (Philadelphia)
Neuromuscular medicine ^g			Sept. 8–12
Hospice and palliative medicine ^g			Oct. 29
Subspecialty recertification^g			
Addiction psychiatry	March 20–24		
Geriatric psychiatry	March 20–24		
Child and adolescent psychiatry	May 1–5		
Forensic psychiatry	May 8–12		
Clinical neurophysiology	Aug. 21–25		
Subspecialty maintenance of certification^g			
Addiction psychiatry		Aug. 6–10	Aug. 4–8
Geriatric psychiatry		July 30 to Aug. 3	Aug. 4–8
Child and adolescent psychiatry		June 25–29	July 14–18
Forensic psychiatry		July 9–13	Aug. 4–8
Clinical neurophysiology		Aug. 13–17	Aug. 18–22
Pain medicine			Sept. 20 to Oct. 4

^a Administered at Pearson VUE test centers. Lasts 7 hours, plus 1 hour mandatory break.^b Late deadline Nov. 1, 2007.^c Late deadline March 1, 2008.^d Administered at Pearson VUE test centers. Lasts 5 hours.^e Late deadline Oct. 1, 2007.^f Late deadline Nov. 1, 2007.^g Administered at Pearson VUE test centers. Lasts 4 hours.^h Administered at Prometric test centers.ⁱ Lasts 4.5 hours.

TABLE 2. Results of 2006 ABPN Examinations

Type of Examination and Specialty	Total Candidates	Candidates Who Passed	
		Number	Percent
Certification			
Part I			
Psychiatry	1,826	1,329	73
Neurology	884	540	61
Neurology	771	473	61
Child neurology	113	67	59
Part II			
Psychiatry	1,767	1,199	68
Neurology	534	451	84
Child neurology	57	46	81
Subspecialties			
Addiction psychiatry	70	64	91
Child and adolescent psychiatry			
Computer examination	266	228	86
Oral examination	285	215	86
Geriatric psychiatry	148	125	84
Pain medicine	30	22	73
Psychosomatic medicine	199	165	83
Vascular neurology	150	139	93
Recertification			
Psychiatry	741	740	99
Neurology	305	305	100
Child neurology	30	30	100
Subspecialties			
Addiction psychiatry	130	120	92
Child and adolescent psychiatry	180	180	100
Clinical neurophysiology—general	31	30	97
Clinical neurophysiology—EEG	26	26	100
Clinical neurophysiology—EMG	32	32	100
Forensic psychiatry	95	92	97
Geriatric psychiatry	256	226	88

tion efforts and provides our staff with better responsiveness to telephone and e-mail inquiries. The web site was activated in February 2006. Other enhancements to the site are planned for early 2007, as our recertification process evolves into maintenance of certification. The web site address is www.abpn.com.

The ABPN made various printed materials available at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training, the American Neurological Association, and APA. The materials included "Information for Applicants" publications, Maintenance of Certification Program outlines, "FAQs for Neurology and Child Neurology" and "FAQs for Psychiatry" publications, examination schedules, *ABPN Diplomate* newsletters, and copies of board presentations.

The ABPN publishes and sends out lists of diplomates to various journals and online publications following each examination for their use, as they have space available. Additionally, the ABPN posts lists of new diplomates and maintaining diplomates on the ABPN web site at www.abpn.com/diplomates.HTM.

The ABPN communications staff contributed articles to the following:

- The American Academy of Neurology's Consortium of Neurology Program Directors News, fall 2006—article regarding Clinical Skills Evaluations in Residency Training, NEX v1 and NEX v2 forms, and instructions.

- Elsevier/International Medical News Group's leading independent newspaper for psychiatrists, *Clinical Psychiatry News*, November 2006—article regarding the ABPN Maintenance of Certification Program and implementation of components.
- *Bulletin of the Association for Academic Psychiatry*, winter 2006—ABPN update on board of directors, committees, subspecialties, and examinations.

2006 Awards

Stephen C. Scheiber, M.D., was named a Distinguished Life Fellow of the Association for Academic Psychiatry in September 2006.

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