

2004 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 lifelong certification including competency-testing 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 (AMA), and the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

The 2004 neurology directors were Drs. Harold P. Adams, Jr. (Iowa City, Iowa); Michael J. Aminoff (San Francisco); Patricia K. Coyle (Stony Brook, N.Y.); Steven T. Dekosky (Pittsburgh); Michael V. Johnston (Baltimore); H. Royden Jones, Jr. (Burlington, Mass.); Robert M. Pascuzzi (Indianapolis); and Alan K. Percy (Birmingham, Ala.).

The 2004 psychiatry directors were Drs. Naleen A. Andrade (Honolulu); Michael H. Ebert (West Haven, Conn.); Larry R. Faulkner (Columbia, S.C.); David A. Mrazek (Rochester, Minn.); Burton V. Reifler (Winston-Salem, N.C.); Victor I. Reus (San Francisco); James H. Scully, Jr. (Arlington, Va.); Elizabeth B. Weller (Philadelphia); and Daniel K. Winstead (New Orleans).

The 2004 Executive Committee comprised Drs. Elizabeth B. Weller, President; H. Royden Jones, Jr., Vice President; Michael H. Ebert, Secretary; Alan K. Percy, Treasurer; Larry R. Faulkner, Member-at-Large; and Stephen C. Scheiber, Executive Vice President.

Strategic Planning Initiatives

The ABPN is now in year 5 of its strategic plan, Vision 20/10: A Clearer View of the New Millennium. Major accomplishments to date include the development and dissemination of updated core competencies for psychiatry and neurology; the development of outlines for core competencies for the subspecialties of geriatric psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, and clinical neurophysiology; conversion of test item banking to the item-banking system of CERTS, the test development and program administration software of Pearson VUE; migration of written examinations to the computerized format and implementation of examinations at Pearson VUE testing centers (the first examination was to be administered in March 2005); development of examinations, "Information for Applicants" booklets, and applications for new subspecialties in vascular neurology and psychosomatic medicine (the first examinations were to be administered in May and June 2005,

respectively); submission to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) of joint proposals for recognition of subspecialties in sleep medicine and neuromuscular medicine; ABMS approval for three elements of maintenance of certification—professional standing, self-assessment and lifelong learning, and cognitive expertise—and submission to the ABMS of the element pertaining to performance in practice; and administration of the first recertification examination for the subspecialty of child and adolescent psychiatry.

Core Competencies

The Core Competencies Committee, chaired by Dr. Daniel K. Winstead, continued to refine and update the core competencies outline for psychiatry and neurology. The latest version is posted on the ABPN web site (<http://www.abpn.com/geninfo/competencies.html>) and on the web site of the American Academy of Neurology (<http://www.aan.com/students/program/core.cfm>). In addition, outlines of core competencies were developed for four of the ABPN subspecialty areas, with the committee chairpersons leading the efforts, as follows: Dr. Christopher C. Colenda for geriatric psychiatry, Dr. Barbara Westmoreland (chairperson) with Dr. Kerry Levin and Dr. Jasper Daube for clinical neurophysiology, Dr. Howard Zonana for forensic psychiatry, and Dr. Harold Adams for vascular neurology.

Maintenance of Certification

The Committee on Maintenance of Certification, chaired by Dr. Michael V. Johnston, continued with the development of an ABPN maintenance of certification program. 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 adopted ABPN requirements for each of the four components. Three of the components were approved by the ABMS, and a proposal for implementation of the fourth, performance in practice, is in the approval process. Leadership meetings were held with the American Academy of Neurology and APA for the purpose of discussing the respective responsibilities for maintenance of certification, namely, that the specialty societies will have the responsibility for continuing education and the board will have complete responsibility for maintenance of certification, including all aspects of the recertification examinations. Formal agreements regarding continuing medical educa-

tion (CME) activities involving core competencies were approved with the American Academy of Neurology, the American College of Psychiatrists, APA, the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Baylor School of Medicine.

Development of New Subspecialties

Vascular Neurology

A test was developed for vascular neurology. The first examination was to be administered May 9–13, 2005; the application deadline for that examination was Aug. 1, 2004, and the late deadline was extended to Nov. 1, 2004. A total of 245 candidates were admissible for examination. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved the training requirements for vascular neurology in February 2002, and as of February 2005, 22 programs were accredited.

Psychosomatic Medicine

Dr. Daniel K. Winstead, chairperson of the Psychosomatic Medicine Steering Committee, and Dr. James L. Levenson, chairperson of the test development committee, completed construction of the first test. The first examination was to be administered June 6–10 and June 13–14, 2005; the application deadline was Aug. 1, 2004, and the late deadline was extended to Nov. 1, 2004. A total of 473 candidates were admissible for examination. The ACGME approved the training requirements for psychosomatic medicine in June 2003, and 14 programs were accredited as of February 2005.

Sleep Medicine

Representatives from the ABPN, the American Board of Internal Medicine, and the American Board of Pediatrics collaborated on a joint proposal to establish sleep medicine as a subspecialty. The ABMS is expected to approve the proposal for the American Board of Internal Medicine to administer these examinations.

ABPN Involvement With the ABMS

The ABPN continued its active involvement in the ABMS. The following ABPN directors, emeritus directors, and staff served on ABMS committees and task forces:

- Glenn C. Davis, M.D.: Bylaws Committee; Risk Management Committee
- Mark L. Dyken, Jr., M.D.: Parliamentarian
- Michael H. Ebert, M.D.: Nominating Committee; Public Information Committee
- Edgar J. Kenton III, M.D.: Executive Committee; Committee on Certification, Subcertification, Recertification, and Maintenance of Certification
- Donald G. Langsley, M.D.: Maintenance of Certification Task Force; Archivist

- Elliott L. Mancall, M.D.: ABMS representative to the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
- Sheldon I. Miller, M.D.: Finance Committee
- David A. Mrazek, M.D.: Database Advisory Committee
- Stephen C. Scheiber, M.D.: Committee of Board Representatives and Executives
- Paul Whittington: Board Staff Committee

Test Administration

ABPN Computer Test Center

The American Board of Sleep Medicine, the American Board of Pathology, the American Board of Radiology, and the American Board of Dermatology utilized the ABPN computer test center for examinations.

Psychiatry, Neurology, and Child Neurology

The 2004 part I examinations for psychiatry and for neurology were administered on Nov. 3, 2004, at 56 sites in the 48 contiguous states and in Alaska, Hawaii, Canada (Ottawa, Ont.), and Puerto Rico. The 7-hour-long examinations are scheduled to be administered at multiple sites on Oct. 31 to Nov. 4, Nov. 7–11, and Nov. 14–18, 2005, in approximately 200 Pearson VUE test centers throughout the United States.

The 2004 part II examinations were conducted in Phoenix (January), Boston (May), New Orleans (June), and Dallas (September). The 2005 part II examinations are available in Los Angeles (Jan. 14–16), Washington, D.C. (April 1–3), Kansas City, Mo. (June 10–12), and Minneapolis (Sept. 18–20).

The 5-hour recertification examinations were administered on Aug. 3–4, 2004, for psychiatry; Aug. 10–11, 2004, for neurology; and on Aug. 19, 2004, for child neurology. Recertification examinations were to be available on July 25–28 and Aug. 1–4, 2005, for psychiatry; on Aug. 8–12, 2005, for neurology; and on Aug. 15–19, 2005, for child neurology.

Addiction Psychiatry

A certification examination was administered on April 13, 2004. The next 4-hour certification examination is available on April 3–7, 2006, with a registration deadline of Sept. 1, 2005. The recertification examination was administered on April 27, 2004. The next 4-hour recertification examination was available on April 18–22, 2005, with a registration deadline of Oct. 1, 2004.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

The certification examination was administered on Nov. 12–14, 2004, in Houston. The next 4-hour certification examination is available on Nov. 11–13, 2005, in Atlanta with a registration deadline of May 1, 2005. The 2006 4-hour certification examination is available on Nov. 17–19, 2006, in Seattle. The first recertification examination was May 18, 2004. The next 4-hour certification recertifi-

TABLE 1. Results of 2004 ABPN Examinations

Type of Examination	Total Number of Candidates	Candidates Who Passed	
		N	%
Certification examinations			
Part I			
Psychiatry	1,681	1,137	68
Neurology	873	521	60
Neurology	781	478	61
Child neurology	92	43	47
Part II			
Psychiatry	2,146	1,157	54
Neurology	598	453	76
Child neurology	59	48	81
Subspecialties			
Addiction psychiatry	43	41	95
Child and adolescent psychiatry	316	208	66
Geriatric psychiatry	109	104	95
Neurodevelopmental disabilities	16	13	81
Pain medicine	69	42	61
Recertification examinations			
Psychiatry	448	447	99
Neurology	158	158	100
Child neurology	26	26	100
Addiction psychiatry	118	115	97
Child and adolescent psychiatry	16	16	100
Clinical neurophysiology	97	97	100
Forensic psychiatry	84	84	100
Geriatric psychiatry	144	143	99

cation examination was to be on May 16–20, 2005, with a registration deadline of Oct. 1, 2004.

Clinical Neurophysiology

There was no certification examination in 2004. The next 5-hour certification examination occurred on March 21–25, 2005, with a registration deadline of Sept. 1, 2004. The recertification examination was administered on Aug. 26, 2004. The next 4-hour recertification examination was available on Aug. 23–26, 2005, with a registration deadline of Dec. 1, 2004.

Forensic Psychiatry

There was no certification examination in 2004. The next 4-hour certification examination occurred from March 28 to April 1, 2005, with a registration deadline of Sept. 1, 2004. The recertification examination was May 25, 2004, with a registration deadline of Oct. 1, 2003. The next 4-hour recertification examination was available on May 2–6, 2005, with a registration deadline of Oct. 1, 2004.

Geriatric Psychiatry

The certification examination was administered on April 15, 2004. The next 4-hour examination is available on April 3–7, 2006, with a registration deadline of Sept. 1, 2005. The recertification examination was administered on March 18, 2004. The next 4-hour recertification examination was available on April 11–15, 2005, with a registration deadline of Oct. 1, 2004.

Neurodevelopmental Disabilities

The certification examination was administered on March 30, 2004. The next 4-hour certification examination

was available on April 4–8, 2005, with a registration deadline of Sept. 1, 2004.

Pain Medicine

The certification examination was administered on Sept. 18, 2004. The next two certification examinations (4 hours each) are available on Sept. 10, 2005, and Sept. 9, 2006. The registration deadlines are Nov. 1, 2004, and Nov. 1, 2005, respectively.

Psychosomatic Medicine

The first 4-hour certification examination was available on June 6–10 and 13–14, 2005. The next 4-hour examination is available on June 5–9, 2006, with a registration deadline of Aug. 1, 2005.

Vascular Neurology

The first 4-hour certification examination was available on May 9–13, 2005. The next 4-hour certification examination is available on June 9–13, 2006, with a registration deadline of Aug. 1, 2005.

The 2004 examination results appear in Table 1.

Communications/Publications/Presentations

Volume 3 of the *ABPN Diplomate*, designed to provide information about recertification and maintenance of certification as it is developed, was sent out in September 2004 to all diplomates certified since 1990. Information on recertification was also available from ABPN staff at booths set up at the 2004 annual meetings of the American Academy of Neurology and APA. Sample questions were available by computer so that diplomates could familiarize themselves with that mode of test delivery.

In 2004, ABPN directors and staff made presentations at numerous annual meetings and other gatherings (1–9). In addition, they produced numerous publications (10–17).

Contacting the ABPN

Information about the ABPN can be obtained in the following ways:

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- e-mail: questions@abpn.com
- Mail: ABPN, Suite 335, 500 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015-5249
- Telephone: 847-945-7900

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