



# American Board of Pathology

## Continuing Certification



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED DIPLOMATES!

ABPath strives to support your ongoing commitment to provide high-quality patient-centered care through the Continuing Certification (CC) program.

Here is what you need to know as a new diplomate of the American Board of Pathology.

Your certification is valid for as long you maintain it.

- New diplomates are automatically enrolled in the CC Program, including ABPath CertLink®. Your participation starts the year after initial certification. For example, certification in 2019 means CC Program requirements start in January of 2020.
- If you are completing a fellowship, you are still required to submit your first CC reporting form and participate in ABPath CertLink (ABPCL) for the assessment requirement.
- Make sure that you always keep your contact information current in your PATHway profile.
- The CC Program consists of two main components: Reporting requirements and an Assessment requirement.

#### Reporting:

- A reporting form must be completed every two years through your PATHway profile. If you were initially certified in an even numbered year, you will always report in even number years and vice versa for those certified in odd numbered years.
- Reporting forms require medical license information, CME/SAM, and quality improvement activities completed during the two year period.
- An ABPath-approved Patient Safety Course (PSC) must be completed within the first two reporting periods (or by the end of the 4th year).

#### Assessment:

- Continuous successful participation in ABPCL will meet the Assessment requirement.

#### ABPath CertLink

- Diplomates are assessed based on the certification(s) they hold and elective questions relevant to their practice.
- Questions are assigned every 3 months (every quarter); questions can be completed at any time during the quarter.

CC status is contingent upon meeting all CC requirements and deadlines of the program during each 2-year reporting period. Additional information about the CC program can be found in the CC Booklet of Information [https://www.abpath.org/images/booklets/CC\\_BOI.pdf](https://www.abpath.org/images/booklets/CC_BOI.pdf).