

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY

Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Agreement for Test Development and Advisory Committee Members

You have been appointed to serve as a member of an American Board of Pathology (ABP) Test Development and Advisory Committee (“TDAC”). In this capacity, you will have access to confidential and proprietary information regarding ABP examinations. It is essential for The American Board of Pathology to maintain, and appear to maintain, the highest standards of integrity for itself, its appointees to TDACs, its procedures, and its examinations. Accordingly, in consideration of your appointment, the ABP requires that you agree to meet the following standards of conduct:

1. Hold all matters related to the preparation and selection of questions, visual materials, and microscopic glass slides to be used on ABP examinations completely confidential, disclosing no information to anyone outside of your TDAC or the ABP.
2. Assign to ABP all rights and interest for any questions, visual materials, and microscopic glass slides which you, working alone or with other members of the TDAC, prepare or modify for use on ABP examinations, and to provide the ABP any assignments which may be required for the ABP to perfect its copyright in such materials. This means that images and slides sent to the ABP will not be returned and that you must not prepare closely similar clones of ABP exam questions, for use in subsequent lectures, workshops, etc.
3. Not participate as an organizer, director or chairperson, or in an advisory capacity for any pathology review course, or write questions for in-service examinations during and for two years after completion of your term on the TDAC. For purposes of this agreement, the designation “Pathology Review Course” is interpreted as meaning any course designed primarily for pathologists or other physicians preparing for an ABP examination, including a comprehensive lecture series reviewing basic and current concepts in pathology. Not included in this definition are single lectures, seminars, or workshops that are limited to current developments in a single field of pathology.
4. Use the greatest caution and judgment in the use of materials in single lectures, seminars, and workshops to avoid giving any impression of an unfair advantage to any participants who might be contemplating ABP certification in the near future. Along the same lines, **do not submit material that is part of a study set**, since this would provide an unfair advantage to candidates who have used the set.
5. Use good judgment when participating in any residency training or fellowship program so as appropriately to discharge your responsibilities, but without creating an appearance of an unfair advantage for the trainees of that residency or fellowship program. In particular, for the term of your appointment and two years thereafter, you should not be involved in preparing or administering simulated written or oral certification examinations for residents or fellows or otherwise participate in the direct preparation of residents and fellows for the ABP examinations.

6. List on your résumé or *curriculum vitae* your services as an ABP examiner; however, you are not to include reference to such services in any advertisement in connection with any review or test preparation course for ABP certification or Maintenance of Certification examinations or any consulting relationship for any pharmaceutical, biomaterial or pathology product or device company.

I have read and agree to abide by the intellectual property, confidentiality and conflict of interest provisions set out above.

(Signature)

(Please print name)

(Date)