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Rebecca L. Johnson, MD
Chief Executive Officer

A WORD FROM OUR CEO

Happy 2021!

To say that 2020 was a year like no other is certainly an understatement. We began the year with board business as usual. Then in March our office staff began to work from home, going into the office on an as needed basis. We have had daily Zoom calls to keep the team connected. Our productivity has not lagged, and everyone is successfully completing their tasks. As the pandemic surged, we had to rapidly change plans for administering 2020 and 2021 primary and subspecialty exams. I will talk more about that in our 2020 Annual Report.

Here at the ABPath it seems that the greatest constant is continual change. This newsletter provides lots of great information and details, but to highlight a few for you:

We are so pleased that Dr. Gary Procop will be the new CEO beginning in 2022. I have known Gary since 2007 when we both served as Trustees of the ABPath. He is a visionary and will take our board to the next level in certification and Continuing Certification (CC).

Our ABPath CertLink program continues to receive high praise from our diplomates and beginning in 2021 will replace the 10-year CC exam. We thank the many volunteer item writers for helping make this program a successful and relevant assessment for our diplomates.

The ABPath made a seminal change to our certification requirements by reducing the autopsy requirement to 30, until such time as training programs become competency based. We also adopted a new Parental, Caregiver, and Extended Medical Leave policy to support our residents.

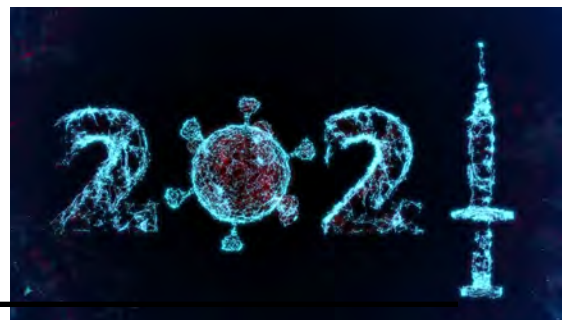
We welcomed the National Association of Medical Examiners as the 13th Cooperating Society of the ABPath and look forward to working with them, as with all our Cooperating Societies, in the years ahead.

Finally, we thank you, our diplomates who have made us so proud during this pandemic. You took on new challenges and brought the profile and importance of the pathologist and laboratory medicine to the forefront. Without testing there is no diagnosis, and we all know that everything in medicine begins with the right diagnosis. A special thanks to all our volunteers: our Trustees, TDAC members, Advisory Committee members, and CertLink item writers. We could not do what we do without your support.

We will be back to you with our 2020 Annual Report this summer. Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca L. Johnson".



2021 AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) is pleased to announce the ABPath Executive Committee and Trustees for 2021.



PresidentEdward R. Ashwood, MD, Aurora, CO
 Vice President and TreasurerJeffrey D. Goldstein, MD, Los Angeles, CA
 SecretaryRitu Nayar, MD, Chicago, IL
 Immediate Past PresidentSteven H. Swerdlow, MD, Pittsburgh, PA

Congratulations to Constance M. Filling, EdD, Washington, DC (Public Member) who was re-elected to an additional term as a Trustee.

In addition to the officers, Trustees of the American Board of Pathology are:

- Kathleen G. Beavis, MD, Chicago, IL
- Susan A. Fuhrman, MD, Columbus, OH
- Mark Fung, MD, PhD, Burlington, VT
- Mohiedean Ghofrani, MD, MBA, Vancouver, WA
- Eric F. Glassy, MD, San Pedro, CA
- Karen L. Kaul, MD, PhD, Evanston, IL
- Barbara Sampson, MD, PhD, New York, NY

Dr. Rebecca Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer. She can be contacted at rjohnson@abpath.org.

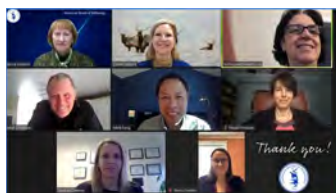
ABPath extends our sincere appreciation to our Trustees for their continued support and dedication. As leaders in the profession of pathology, their guidance and willingness to serve are critical for the Board to fulfill its mission in serving the public and promoting excellence in the field of pathology.

MEET OUR TRUSTEES



The Trustees of the American Board of Pathology (ABPath) are pleased to announce the election of Dr. Mark K. Fung to serve on the Board of Trustees with a term beginning January 2021. He serves as Chairperson on ABPath’s Test Development & Advisory Committee for Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine. Dr. Fung is certified by the American Board of Pathology in Clinical Pathology and Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine and is participating in the Continuing Certification Program.

Dr. Fung is the Vice Chair for Population Health in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Vermont, where he holds an appointment as Professor. He has held multiple leadership roles at the University of Vermont Medical Center and is active as a leader and mentor in several national and international professional societies.



Leading the Blood Banking /Transfusion Medicine TDAC

Dr. Fung earned his B.A. in Biology from Wesleyan University. He received his M.D. degree and Ph.D. degree in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He completed two years of residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Washington University in St. Louis before transferring to the University of Pittsburgh to complete his residency training and fellowship training in Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine.

The ABPath’s Board of Trustees is made up of 12 board-certified pathologist members and one public member. Each member is highly esteemed and accomplished in their respective fields and/or subspecialty. Trustees are elected for 3-year terms and may serve up to four terms.



Dr. Fung enjoys snowboarding with his son Carl.



Meeting Drs. David Anstee (left) and Peter Issitt (right), authors of the *Applied Blood Group Serology* textbook (the “blue book”).



Virtual conferencing from home.

NEWS

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS



Dr. Goldstein Documents History of Pediatric Pathology Board Certification

ABPath Trustee Dr. Jeffrey D. Goldstein, along with Dr. David M. Parham, details the history of ABPath pediatric pathology board certification from its beginnings to the present in this journal article published in *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* in January 2021. You may read and download the pdf version of the journal article on the ABPath website here:

A History of Board Certification in Pediatric Pathology on Its 30th Anniversary.

Dr. Kathleen Beavis on Staying Connected

From the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, board-certified physicians have been working on the front lines. The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) took this opportunity to share the very important role pathologists play in these feature articles. Dr. Kathleen Beavis shares how pathologists have been leaders and unsung heroes of the global pandemic in “Staying Connected to Help the Nation’s COVID-19 Response.”

<https://www.certificationmatters.org/about/on-the-covid-19-front-lines/kathleen-g-beavis-md/>

Dr. Gary Procop and Lab Response to COVID-19

Dr. Gary Procop discusses the important role of laboratory medicine during COVID-19. “While laboratory medicine professionals are often ‘forgotten’ when people discuss health care, this pandemic has placed them squarely at every single table for critical discussions about how to respond to this infection and provide the best patient care. Collaboration is the key to quality patient care,” commented Dr. Procop.

https://www.certificationmatters.org/about/on-the-covid-19-front-lines/gary-w-procop-md-ms/?fbclid=IwAR1cDt_N3TNI77e-5GYxZ-6CIsIvUjp4R49r4MeosYlF1jAuNGI93oGBUSY8

Dr. Sampson on 60 Minutes, Notable in Healthcare

Chief Medical Examiner of New York City and ABPath Trustee, Dr. Barbara Sampson spoke about the overwhelming task of caring for the deceased due to COVID-19 on CBS's 60 Minutes.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/covid-19-new-york-city-deaths-60-minutes-2020-04-19/>

Dr. Barbara Sampson was also named in Crain's New York's list of "Notable in Healthcare 2020"

Dr. Kaul Awarded Pathologist's Power List 2020

Dr. Karen L. Kaul was awarded The Pathologist's Power List 2020 for Big Breakthroughs ([read it here](#)). She has been a consistent advocate for the laboratory community, both in the media and in her service to professional societies. Having overseen testing for COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic, Dr. Kaul has ensured that her institution has remained at the forefront throughout. "This difficult period has highlighted the tremendous value of a strong clinical laboratory to ensure good patient care," she said.



Dr. Procop Receives President's Award from ASCP

Dr. Gary Procop received the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) President's Award at ASCP 2020.



Dr. Ashwood Receives President's Award

Dr. Edward Ashwood received the President's Award for Leadership at UCHealth University of Colorado.



MEET OUR STAFF

Mary Pyfrom



We would like to introduce you to Mary Pyfrom, ABPath's Primary Certification Coordinator. Many of you may have had the chance to speak with Mary; she is the one responsible for processing all primary certification applications. Mary also works closely with program directors and coordinators to capture and update residents' information for board certification in the Resident Tracking and Management programs.

Mary came to the ABPath in October 1996 and was originally hired to process Voluntary Recertification Applications. One year later she became the Primary Certification Coordinator. Mary says she has learned so much over the years from amazing leadership at the Board including Dr. William Hartmann, Dr. Betsy Bennett, and, as she says, "the most amazing, Dr. Rebecca Johnson."

"I love working at the board and love my job! My favorite thing is helping/talking to the residents, coordinators, and program directors. I look forward to attending the society national meetings to meet face-to-face those who I speak with on the phone and through email," says Mary.

Before coming to ABPath, Mary worked at Moffitt Cancer Center for 10 years as the supervisor of medical records and worked with the Bone Marrow Transplant team physicians collecting patient data from the Bone Marrow Transplant unit.

Mary and her husband Kevin moved to Tampa, FL in 1983 from Palmyra, New York, a small-town in upstate New York. Outside of work Mary says her favorite thing is to spend time with her family. She has two grown daughters, Sara and Ricki, and says she is in awe of the great things they have accomplished. She is also the proud grandmother of a granddaughter, 2 grandsons and a new grandchild on the way! Mary is also an advocate for research for congenital heart defects (CHD), as her daughter and grandson have both been affected by CHD.

"ABPath is my second family. I have enjoyed watching the board evolve and change over the years and being a part of the continuous growth."

Mary's positive outlook and helpfulness to the candidates reflects the ABPath's team desire to support physicians looking to achieve board certification in pathology.

ABPATH NEWS



Gary W. Procop, MD, Selected as New ABPath CEO

The Trustees of the American Board of Pathology (ABPath) are pleased to announce that Gary W. Procop, MD, MS has been selected as Chief Executive Officer of the ABPath beginning January 2022. In this role, Dr. Procop will oversee all aspects of the ABPath's initial and continuing certification programs and guide the organization through its successful ongoing program improvements. Dr. Procop will succeed Dr. Rebecca L. Johnson as CEO after a transition period and upon her retirement on December 31, 2021. [Read more here.](#)



ABPath CEO, Rebecca L. Johnson, MD, Elected Secretary-Treasurer of the ABMS Board of Directors

The ABPath is proud to announce that the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the organization overseeing physician certification in the United States, elected ABPath CEO, Rebecca L. Johnson, MD, as Secretary-Treasurer to the ABMS Board of Directors. Dr. Johnson previously served ABMS on the Committee on Certification, Subcertification, Recertification, and Maintenance of Certification (COCERT) from 2005-2010, the Strategic Planning Committee from 2013-2015, the Executive Committee from 2014-2016, and chaired the Organizational Standards Task Force from 2016-2018. She currently serves on the ABMS Committee on Continuing Certification and Vision Commission Advancing Practice Task Force.



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AMA Offers Auto-Reporting to ABPath

The American Medical Association (AMA)'s online education portal AMA Ed Hub™ offers physicians a centralized location for finding, earning, tracking and reporting continuing medical education (CME) and other education on a wide range of clinical and professional topics. The platform now allows physicians who are board-certified with the American Board of Pathology (ABPath) to have their credits automatically reported to ABPath.

[Read more here...](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

ARCHIVES
of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

The American Board of Pathology's 2020 Continuing Certification Program

ABPath CEO Dr. Rebecca Johnson provides the history of board certification and an update on the ABPath's Continuing Certification program in this article published in *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*, January 2021. This is a great resource for the pathology community about board certification!

<https://doi.org/10.5858/arpa.2020-0385-RA>

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Reevaluation of the US Pathologist Workforce Size

ABPath collaborated on this *JAMA Network* article assessing the accuracy of current pathologist workforce estimates in the US by examining why divergency appears in different published resources.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2768341>

American Board of Pathology Examination Pass Rates

This Letter to the Editor in *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine* gives further insight to how the American Board of Pathology determines pass rates.

[https://meridian.allenpress.com/aplm/article/144/12/1447/448596/
American-Board-of-Pathology-Examination-Pass-Rates](https://meridian.allenpress.com/aplm/article/144/12/1447/448596/American-Board-of-Pathology-Examination-Pass-Rates)

COOPERATING SOCIETIES

Our Cooperating Societies

ABPath now has 13 Cooperating Societies that we collaborate with to identify and address issues of importance to the profession of pathology. This year we welcomed the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) as a Cooperating Society. Through these valuable relationships, our Cooperating Societies support diplomates in their life-long learning and improvement in practice, their participation in Continuing Certification, and documenting their participation in educational and quality assessment activities.



The ABPath would like to thank the APC/PRODS, ASCP, CAP, and USCAP for their support of ABPath exhibit booths at their annual meetings. This year the ABPath had the opportunity to connect virtually with our diplomates at ASCP 2020 and answer questions about board certification. We were excited to greet over 700 visitors to our virtual booth. We are looking forward to the upcoming USCAP 2021 virtual meeting and hope you will stop by our virtual booth!





OUR VOLUNTEERS

The ABPath greatly appreciates the many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise in support of our mission and who promote excellence in the practice of pathology.



ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) Item Writers

Our ABPCL Item Writers have been very busy sharing their expertise and writing questions (items) for the ABPath CertLink longitudinal assessment. Their contributions have helped to enrich and refine the program. We appreciate the hard work of all of those who have contributed items.

We would like to acknowledge the following ABPCL Item Writers for providing exceptional support to ABPCL by contributing ten or more items for ABPath CertLink since the platform’s inception. Thank you for being a part of our team!



- Dr. Diana Agostini-Vulaj
- Dr. Mary Berg
- Dr. Brad Brimhall
- Dr. Helen Cathro
- Dr. Melkon DomBourian
- Dr. Jennifer Findeis-Hosey
- Dr. Evita Henderson-Jackson
- Dr. Samer N. Khader
- Dr. Peter Kragel
- Dr. Abberly Lott Limbach

- Dr. Kruti Maniar
- Dr. Carlos Parra-Herran
- Dr. Snehal Patel
- Dr. Maria Cecilia Reyes
- Dr. Oana Rosca
- Dr. Stephen M. Smith
- Dr. Saloni Walia
- Dr. Sophia Yohe
- Dr. Neda Zarrin-Khameh



TDAC

Test Development and
Advisory Committees

2021 Test Development and Advisory Committees

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers on the TDACs and welcome to our newly appointed members for 2021! The TDACs are responsible for developing and reviewing the ABPath certification exam questions that assess a physician's knowledge, judgment, and skills in order to provide high-quality care to patients. Each committee is made up of recognized subject matter experts who are leaders in their field.

CC Advisory Committee

Continuing Certification

Continuing Certification (CC) Advisory Committee

The Continuing Certification (CC) Advisory Committee is made up of 13 volunteer diplomates with diverse backgrounds, specialties, and experience and is chaired by an ABPath Trustee. It is responsible for advising the ABPath Board of Trustees for continuous evaluation and improvement of Continuing Certification from a diplomate's perspective. Each member serves three years on the Committee.

Resident & Fellow Advisory Committee

Board Certification

Resident and Fellow Advisory Committee

The ABPath Resident and Fellow Advisory Committee is made up of 11 Pathology Residents and Fellows with the purpose of providing feedback and suggestions for improvement to ABPath about the board certification process and ways to best support pathology residents and fellows in the certification process.

To view a list of all current ABPath committee members, go to [this page on our website...](#)





Changes to the CC Program for 2021

Two changes to the Continuing Certification (CC) Program have been approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Beginning in 2021, the ABPath will no longer require:

- Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) for Part II Lifelong Learning of the CC program
- Patient Safety Course

The “SAMs” requirement was developed by ABPath to ensure that at least 20 of the required 70 CME credits had a self-assessment activity. Since ACCME accreditation requires that the CME provider analyzes changes in learners (competence, performance, or patient outcomes) achieved as a result of the overall program’s activities/educational interventions, having a SAMs requirement is no longer necessary and is burdensome for diplomates and CME providers. ABPath’s CertLink® longitudinal assessment provides diplomates with self-assessment of medical knowledge as well. Diplomates will still be required to complete and report a minimum of 70 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits for each two-year CC reporting period. Participation in Patient Safety CME will be encouraged, but no longer required.



ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) as Official Assessment for CC

ABPath is pleased to announce that ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) completed its pilot phase in 2020 and with approval from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Continuing Certification Committee, is now a permanent component of the Continuing Certification (CC) program beginning in January 2021. Read the original announcement [here...](#)

ABPath Annual Report

Last year we produced our first ABPath Annual Report. The first issue focused on 2019 as a year of change, innovation and new programs for our candidates and diplomates. You can view a PDF of the [2019 report here...](#) Look for the 2020 Annual Report in the coming months!



CONTINUING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

CME Finder is a great resource for diplomates looking for accredited CME activities. [Find it here...](#)

Continuing Certification (CC) Booklet of Information
For everything you need to know about the CC program. Download the PDF on the [ABPath website here...](#)

Continuing Certification for New Diplomates reference sheet
[Download the PDF here...](#)

Continuing Certification for New Diplomates— A short video highlighting the program requirements. [Watch it here...](#)

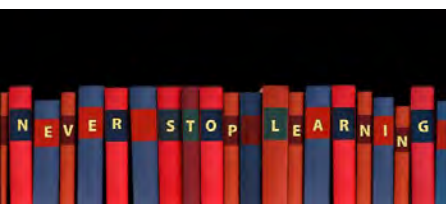


CME for ABPCL Participation

If you are participating in ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL), you can claim up to 5 SAM-eligible CME credits for successful participation. The credits may be claimed from February to December during the year following your participation through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) in collaboration with the American Board of Pathology (ABPath). You do not have to be a member of ASCP to claim these credits.

Non-Time Limited Diplomates

ABPath CertLink is open to all certified diplomates of the American Board of Pathology (ABPath) to support continuous learning and professional development. There is no fee for participation and no jeopardy to life-time certification.



PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS



Resident Training During COVID-19

To address concerns that mandated quarantines or contracting coronavirus could impact their eligibility for certification, ABPath developed temporary training and autopsy policies for residents and fellows. [Read more here...](#)



ABPath Booklet of Information

The updated Booklet of Information should be reviewed by program directors, program coordinators and residents at least annually to ensure that certification requirements are met and ABPath policies and procedures are followed. [Download the PDF here...](#)



Exam Blueprints

The primary and subspecialty examination blueprints (grids) are posted on the [ABPath website here...](#) The blueprints give categories of topics covered in the examinations with the approximate percentage of questions for each topic.



ABPath Ambassador Program/Speakers Bureau

The ABPath Trustees and CEO are available to speak to pathology departments with residency training programs and national, state and local pathology societies on topics such as ABPath Updates, Certification Examinations, and Continuing Certification (CC, formerly MOC). Please contact Rebecca Johnson, MD, CEO, (rljohnson@abpath.org) if you would like to schedule a speaking engagement.

CLINICAL CHEMISTRY AND CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY FOCUSED PRACTICE DESIGNATIONS



ABPath offers two Focused Practice Designations (FPD):

Clinical Chemistry
Clinical Microbiology

The purpose of these two designations is to recognize and provide a credential to diplomates who have successfully completed training in a Commission on Accreditation in Clinical Chemistry (ComACC) or in an American Society for Microbiology Committee on Postgraduate Education Programs (CPEP) accredited training program. These designations will also be available to recognize ABPath certified physicians whose practice has been primarily or exclusively devoted to either of these two areas. These are not new areas of certification, but rather designations. The ABPath will continue to offer subspecialty certification in Chemical Pathology and Medical Microbiology to diplomates who have completed ACGME accredited training in these specialties. [Read more here...](#)

More information can also be found on the [ABMS website here...](#)



HONOR CODE

The ABPath has an honor code statement that must be signed by applicants and registrants for ABPath certification exams. We are aware that in the past residents and fellows have used recalled and remembrance items to prepare for Board exams. The ABPath considers this practice to be cheating, unethical, and unprofessional behavior. Program Directors are encouraged to talk with their residents about the honor code, professionalism, and ethical behavior.

ABMS NEWS



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ABMS Delays Release of Draft Standards for CC

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) released an announcement regarding the decision to postpone the opening date of the **Draft Standards for Continuing Certification – Call for Comments**.

[Read more here...](#)

ABMS Draft Standards for Continuing Certification Call for Comments Delayed Until April 2021 Due to COVID-19

On December 3, 2020



The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) had been prepared to release the Draft Standards for Continuing Certification – Call for Comments (Call for Comments) in early December, in accordance with the timeframes established in the Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission’s (Commission) final report. However, the recent surge in new Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases, which has placed additional burden on the already stressed health care system, has prompted ABMS to postpone the opening of the public comment period. After consulting external and internal stakeholders, ABMS has decided to move the opening of the Call for Comments to April 2021, pending the status of the COVID-19 surge and the hospital caseload at that time.

EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE



ABPath examinations are graded using the criterion-referenced method. See the ABPath Website for examination information. The number of candidates passing the examinations does not match the number of candidates certified for several reasons:

1. Some AP/CP candidates, both first-time takers and repeaters, take only one portion (either AP or CP) of the examination. These candidates are not certified until both AP and CP are passed.
2. Certified candidates include AP/CP candidates who passed either the AP or CP examination previously and requested single certification during the reporting year.
3. Certified candidates also include candidates who passed the examinations in a previous year but did not provide documentation of licensure or other required information until the reporting year.

Primary Certification Examinations

2020 Primary Examination

	Total Candidates		First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
AP	592	85%	537	480	89%	55	21	38%
CP	509	88%	464	425	92%	45	22	49%

5-Year Certified Report

Primary	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
APCP	484	498	485	451	397
AP only	79	72	78	58	73
CP only	36	50	43	40	25
APNP	7	14	11	10	8

Subspecialty Certification Examinations

2020 Subspecialty Examinations

	Total Candidates		First-Time Takers			Repeaters		
	#	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass	#	# Pass	% Pass
BB/TM	44	89	43	39	91	1	0	0
CH	2	100	2	2	100	-	-	-
CI	19	89	18	16	89	1	1	100
CYP	126	86	122	107	88	4	1	25
DP	38	95	37	36	97	1	0	0
FP	57	89	52	49	94	5	2	40
HEM	129	94	127	121	95	2	0	0
MMB	6	100	6	6	100	-	-	-
MGP	49	98	48	47	98	1	1	100
NP	26	100	25	25	100	1	1	100
PP	18	89	17	16	94	1	0	0
FPclinMB*	1	100	1	1	100	-	-	-

*FPclinMB = Focus Practice Designation-Clinical Microbiology

5-Year Certified Report

Primary	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
BB/TM	57	49	49	47	39
CH	2	1	2	1	2
CI	25	16	16	18	17
CYP	144	141	142	137	104
DP	56	43	52	45	34
FP	48	41	49	38	47
HEM	142	125	140	119	116
MMB	7	9	12	14	6
MGP	57	45	59	59	48
NP	12	17	15	12	17
PP	21	16	20	23	16
FPclinMB*	-	-	-	-	1

*FPclinMB = Focus Practice Designation-Clinical Microbiology

Continuing Certification

Continuing Certification Examination

Continuing Certification	Total Candidate #	% Pass
Fall 2020*	126	96.8
Spring 2020	283	98.6
Fall 2019	238	96
Spring 2019	362	97.8
Fall 2018	371	96.2
Spring 2018	340	97.1
Fall 2017	333	95.8
Spring 2017	264	97.7
Fall 2016	318	99.7
Spring 2016	449	100

*2020 is the last year the CC exam is required to meet the assessment requirement.

Continuing Certification Participation Statistics

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Certificates Enrolled	1176	1132	1175	1054	933
Certificates Lapsed/ Revoked	64	75	88	88	64
Diplomates Enrolled	627	650	638	583	519
Diplomates Lapsed/ Revoked	52	64	71	63	52

Examination Dates for 2021

Please note: Due to the ever-changing situation with COVID-19, Subspecialty exam dates and location are subject to change.

Exams	2021 Dates
Anatomic / Clinical Pathology	
Spring (Pearson VUE)	Starts April 28
Fall (Pearson VUE)	TBA
Continuing Certification	
Spring	Starts March 8
Fall	Starts August 9
Subspecialty	
Cytopathology	TBA
Neuropathology	TBA
Forensic Pathology	TBA
Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine	TBA
Chemical Pathology	TBA
Medical Microbiology	TBA
Dermatopathology	TBA
Molecular Genetic Pathology	TBA
Pediatric Pathology	TBA
Hematopathology	TBA
Clinical Informatics (Prometric)	October

TBA= To Be Announced



INPUT WELCOME

Have an idea for the Newsletter? Want to contribute to improving ABPath CertLink®?

LET US KNOW! We want your feedback and ideas.

Comments on FaceBook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter are all welcome. Make your licensure—and your voice—count!

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