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Candidate Examination Preparation: Do’s and Don’ts

When my Communications Director told me that much of this newsletter was going to be dedicated to exams, I thought it would be a great opportunity to provide thoughts on candidate preparation for high-stakes exams. I will do my best to provide high quality references for my suggestions, but I also reserve the right to put forth some good common sense—which we have all heard a hundred times, but still sometimes fail to follow.

Keep It Simple
I am very proud that, for as long as I’ve been associated with the ABPath, there has been a sustained and concerted effort to not accept items (i.e., test questions) that concern trivia or minutia. The items that are accepted have been reviewed and edited by groups of subspecialty experts in the various areas of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine with the charge to only include medically important and clinically relevant information. Therefore, study what you need to know and be able to do to succeed as a pathologist in practice as a means to do well on the certification examination.

Use the Guide
Use the blueprints on the ABPath website to help guide your studies. The blueprints show the rough percentage of the examination that is covered by each content area, as well as the distribution of written items, practical items, and items that include virtual microscopy.

Think Big
When studying any one area of pathology (e.g., pulmonary pathology) there will likely be a spread of the type of material in any given category so read broadly. For example, items will likely not solely concentrate on neoplasia, but will likely also include inflammatory and infectious conditions, malformations, etc.

Start Early
Cramming works for short-term recall but does not result in the encoding of long-term memory or true learning. Therefore, start early and really work to learn the need-to-know material throughout your entire residency. When you have truly learned the material, then when you are reviewing it for the examination (i.e., studying for the boards), it will strengthen a memory that you created long ago and it will be there for you during the examination and, more importantly, in future practice (Brown, 2014).

Put Yourself to the Test
Using “remembrances” (i.e., recalled items from previous examinations) is considered cheating and is a violation of the ABPath professionalism standards. However, the use of high-quality item banks that have been created to cover the need-to-know information for success in pathology practice is encouraged (Yang, 2019). The use of item question banks created from a highly reliable source and the use of flashcard type studying promotes retrieval of those memories made
long ago, which strengthens those memories in a manner that has been shown to be superior to simply re-reading study material (Brown, 2014). Flex and strengthen those memory muscles through retrieval practices.

**Mix It Up**
When we study, we often want to plow through one subject (e.g., cardiovascular) and “drill it in” before we move on to the next subject (e.g., hematopathology). This approach feels right, but studies have shown that mixing up the subject materials, a practice termed interleaving, is another way of increasing long-term memory (Firth, 2021). I promise you it won’t feel right—but it has been shown to work.

**De-Stress**
I know, it is easier said than done. Turns out that there is good stress and bad stress associated with events like high-stakes exams. Good stress is essentially the “hyping yourself up,” like you would before the big game—Come into the exam with confidence and knock the ball out of the park! Bad stress consists of intrusive thoughts that could interrupt your thought processes during the examination and includes overwhelming feelings of impending failure (Custer, 2018; Bolbolian, 2021). If these types of thoughts have plagued you in the past, it is worth seeking therapeutic means to help control these feelings before and during the exam.

**Sleep Well, Eat Well, Live Well**
Here is the common-sense portion of the recommendations. You have heard it for years, to get a good night’s sleep prior to the examination—it is important! You really do want to be rested and at your best for the examination. Save the celebration for after the completion of the exam; if you drink alcohol, take a break the night before the exam—you don’t want to take a high-stakes exam with a headache. Also, don’t let your gastrointestinal tract distract you. Can you imagine trying to take a high-stakes exam with your stomach cramping because of excessively spicy food the night before? Maintain a healthy diet, no-to-limited alcohol, and plenty of rest—and you’ll thank me for it.

**References**


The American Board of Pathology (ABPath) is pleased to announce the ABPath Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for 2024.

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Alissa Eagle
Slide Librarian

Meet Alissa Eagle, the new ABPath Slide Librarian. Since joining the Board in 2017 as an Administrative Assistant, Alissa has seamlessly transitioned into her new role, overseeing the important task of managing thousands of microscopic glass slides and Virtual Microscopy (VM) images used for board certification exams.

In her role, Alissa maintains a detailed catalogue system for the glass slides and ensures their quality within the ABPath library. From processing slides submitted by the Test Development and Advisory Committee members to scanning slides and preparing VMs for exams, she plays a vital role in every step involving microscopic slides.

Alissa is a tenth-generation Floridian, born and raised in Tampa. She enjoys learning about Florida’s rich history and exploring its natural beauty. She is a proud mom of 2 teenage sons and 2 cats. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities such as biking, kayaking, and gardening. Most of all, she enjoys spending time with her family.

Alissa says she is enjoying her new role with the Board and is proud to be part of such an amazing team.
BOARD ACTIONS

ABPath CertLink CME in 2024

For those participating in ABPath CertLink, please note an important change in the CME credits that can be claimed. Starting in 2024 diplomates participating in ABPath CertLink will be eligible for 1 CME credit per quarter. This modification is due to the reduction in the number of CertLink questions assigned per quarter, implemented in 2023 as part of the ABPCL Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Initiative and aimed at enhancing the overall program experience.

CME credit for participation in ABPCL during 2023 will continue to be honored at 1.25 CME credits per quarter. Participants from 2023 can claim these credits in February 2024 through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

For more information on claiming CME credits for ABPCL participation visit the ABPath CertLink program overview page.

ABPATH NEWS

Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) now called Improvement in Health and Health Care (IHHC)

Part IV activities of the Continuing Certification Program entitled “Improvement in Medical Practice” (IMP) will now be known as “Improvement in Health and Health Care” (IHHC).

The name change reflects the ABMS Standards for Continuing Certification that promote the design of integrated, specialty-specific programs by Member Boards to support an individual physician’s (diplomate’s) continuing professional development.

For more information, see the Continuing Certification Program’s Reporting Requirements for diplomates of the American Board of Pathology and the CC Booklet of Information.
Launch of the Histology Primer: A Free Resource for Pathology Residents and Medical Students

ABPath recently launched our new Histology Primer, an on-line learning platform exploring the basics of histology. The primer is specifically designed to familiarize pathology residents, medical students, and others interested in learning about the histology of human tissue.

ABPath developed the learning platform with pathology residents in mind as they embark on their training journey, offering a solid foundation in understanding human tissue structures before delving into the many disciplines of Pathology. Additionally, medical students exploring the field of pathology will find this tool particularly helpful in gaining insights into the basics of histology.

The primer’s easy-to-navigate learning modules are divided into two content sections, basic tissue components and tissue types by body systems. Each module contains written text or users can opt for mini-lectures with slides. At the end of each module, they can test their knowledge by taking a short quiz with the option to share their scores. The Primer also offers an opportunity for pathology residents to become familiar with using Virtual Microscopy, which is the digital viewing of microscopic images, that is used in board certification exams.

The Histology Primer also contains links to other helpful resources from ABPath Cooperating Societies for those looking to pursue a career in Pathology.

The Histology Primer can be accessed for free at https://histologyprimer.abpath.org.

For questions or assistance using the Histology Primer, contact ABPath at Histology.Primer@abpath.org.
Appointment of New Members to Test Development and Advisory Committees

ABPath is pleased to announce the appointment of the following new members to the ABPath’s Test Development and Advisory Committees (TDACs) beginning in 2024. The TDACs are responsible for developing and reviewing the ABPath certification exam questions that assess and certify a physician’s education, knowledge, experience, and skills to provide high-quality care in the pathology profession.

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- Duane Schafer, DDS .................. Anatomic Pathology
- Rebecca Harris, MD ................. Chemical Pathology
- Vanda Torous, MD ................... Cytopathology
- Karl Napekoski, MD ................. Dermatopathology
- Odette Hall, MD ..................... Forensic Pathology
- Kristin Hunt Karner, MD .......... Hematopathology
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- Sophia Yohe, MD ................ Molecular Genetic Pathology
- Sandra Camelo-Piragua, MD ....... Neuropathology
- Bonnie Cole, MD .................. Pediatric Pathology

See the full announcement here.
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Pearson Vue Exam Center 2023

ARE YOU READY?
Everything You Need to Know

All ABPath Primary and Subspecialty exams are administered through Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers.

Important Dates

Be sure to check out important dates and deadlines for Primary and Subspecialty exams. They can be found on the ABPath website at https://abpath.org/get-certified/.

Reminders

• Candidates’ first and last names in PATHway must match the first and last names on the two forms of ID they will show to enter the exam on their scheduled day. If they do not match, notify ABPath as soon as possible.

• Candidates need to be sure their primary email address in PATHway is current. This is where they will receive important exam information from ABPath and Pearson VUE.

Accommodation Requests

All requests for accommodations, including those for nursing mothers, must be made to ABPath. Please make requests before scheduling opens for your particular exam(s). For Primary exams, contact Mary@abpath.org and for Subspecialty exams, contact Renee@abpath.org.

Cancellation Policy

If a candidate chooses to cancel their examination(s) they must cancel by the cancellation date for the exam(s) for which they are registered. Please refer to the ABPath website, for cancellation dates. The full cancellation policy can be found on the ABPath website.
ABPath Honor Code

Applicants sign an Honor Code when applying for certification. This is a legally binding contract between the physician and the ABPath. Candidates will be asked to agree to the Honor Code again when beginning their exam. Candidates may want to review the Honor Code here before the exam to save time on exam day.

Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers

For general information on scheduling an exam appointment and what to expect at Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers visit the ABPath website.
Helpful Exam Resources
The following exam resources can be found at https://abpath.org/exam-preparation/.

Exam Descriptions
The ABPath provides examination descriptions for each Primary and Sub-specialty exam.

Exam Blueprints
The blueprints give categories of topics covered in the examinations with the approximate percentage of questions for each topic. Be sure to review them if you are preparing for an upcoming exam!

Example of a Primary Certification exam blueprint.

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Daily Exam Schedules
For a detailed look at the structure of the exam day, see the Daily Exam Schedules.

Virtual Microscopy Practice Site
The ABPath certification exams use Virtual Microscopy (VM) technology for viewing microscopic images to answer select exam questions. Microscopes and glass slides are no longer used in certification exams.

The VM Practice site contains 5 sample Virtual Microscopy questions, similar to what you will find on ABPath exams. Access the VM Practice site here.
Practice Tutorial
The Practice Tutorial will help familiarize candidates with the functions and features of taking the exam(s). It should take no more than 30 minutes to complete and candidates may revisit the tutorial as many times as they like. Candidates are strongly encouraged to review the Practice Tutorial here.
Day of the Exam

ID Reminder
You will need to show 2 forms of identification for check-in at the test center and when returning from breaks. One must be an original (no photocopies), valid (unexpired) government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver’s license, passport) that includes your name, photograph and signature. Both forms of ID must match the first and last name that is listed in your Pearson VUE account.

All IDs must be issued by the country in which you are testing. If you do not have the qualifying ID issued from the country you are testing in, an International Travel Passport from your country of citizenship is required.

Candidate Rules Agreement
When candidates arrive at Pearson VUE they will read and agree to the Candidate Rules Agreement prior to entry into the exam room. We recommend candidates review them on the ABPath website before the day of the exam.

What You Can Bring into the Test Center
No items are permitted in the exam room except for your ID, face mask and locker key if you are using a locker for personal belongings, food, and beverages. Whiteboards and markers will be provided for use during the exam.

Food and Beverages
We encourage candidates to bring their own food, drink and snacks. Storage lockers are provided. Pearson VUE test centers do not provide food and beverages and they may not be easily available in the surrounding area.

Get There Early
We suggest you get to the test center 30 minutes prior to your exam appointment.
After the Exam

**Results**
Exam results will be available 4-6 weeks after the last day of the exam window.

Candidates will receive an email when the results are available. Results will be posted on their Board Correspondence page in PATHway.

Please note, to receive your results, ensure a current, valid, full and unrestricted medical license showing the expiration date has been uploaded to PATHway.

**Certificates**
Engraved certificates will be mailed to successful candidates approximately 3-4 months after the exam results are released. Before receiving the certificate, candidates will receive an email from the engraver Jim Henry to confirm certificate details.
Information for Program Directors and Coordinators

PATHway Login
As a reminder, Program Directors and Coordinators share the same login to PATHway for their program. Program Directors have a separate login for their personal accounts.

Program Performance Reports
Program performance reports will be released in January 2025 for residents and fellows taking exams in 2024.

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. The 2024 Booklet is available here.

Honor Code and Professionalism
Program Directors are encouraged to talk with their residents about the honor code, professionalism, and ethical behavior.

ABPath Ambassador Program/Speakers Bureau
The Trustee Speakers Bureau was developed to directly engage with pathology training programs. ABPath Trustees will visit the program either in person or virtually to provide an overview of the Board, updates on Board initiatives, and answer questions about board certification. Each program will be visited once every four years in an effort to connect with each post-graduate year before the residents complete training. Programs will be contacted by the Board to schedule presentations.
The CC Program has two primary requirements for maintaining certification: quarterly participation in ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL) and submission of biennial reporting forms. These requirements allow diplomates to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the field of pathology and demonstrate their commitment to ongoing learning and professional growth.

**CC Program Reminders**

**CME for ABPCL Participation**
If you are participating in ABPath CertLink® (ABPCL), you can claim up to 5 CME credits for successful participation in 2023. 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 ABPath. You do not have to be a member of ASCP to claim these credits. For more information on claiming CME, click here.

**Text Reminders**
Diplomates may choose to receive text reminders at the end of each quarter for ABPCL. Once logged into ABPCL select the Profile tab in the heading to make the change.

**Contact Information**
Keep your email up to date in both ABPCL and PATHway to ensure you are receiving important information and updates from ABPath.
ABPath CertLink
Quality Assurance/Improvement Plan
In 2023, ABPath launched a two-year quality assurance/quality improvement initiative for ABPCL. The initiative is designed to enhance the user experience and ensure that the program continues to support the highest standards of continuous learning and professional development of board-certified pathologists.

During this two-year process, ABPath is working to update terminology, improve image quality and the content of questions, and more rapidly introduce new content from leading journals. Meanwhile, we are continually reviewing all of the feedback we receive on questions and the platform overall. Read here for more information on the Quality Assurance/Improvement Plan.

Question Reduction
In July 2023, the new ABPCL questions a diplomate receives per quarter were reduced from 15 to 10 new questions and up to 5 clones as a part of the ABPCL improvement plan. Performance and participation requirements must be met.

For complete information on the CC Program and policies, see the CC Booklet of Information.

Important Reminder
ABPath CertLink is not approved for use on smartphones. Questions should only be completed on a desktop or laptop computer. Smartphone use is not supported by the platform and may result in errors that could affect your participation and performance.
Our Cooperating Societies

ABPath has 16 Cooperating Societies that we collaborate with to identify and address issues of importance to the profession of pathology. 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. It is always a great opportunity to engage with residents and diplomates and other stakeholders.

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Association for Molecular Pathology
Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology
Association of Pathology Chairs
College of American Pathologists
National Association of Medical Examiners
Society for Hematopathology
Society for Pediatric Pathology
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology
Thank you to the many ABPath volunteers who contribute their time and expertise in support of our mission and who promote excellence in the practice of pathology. View a list of all current ABPath committee members here.

Test Development and Advisory Committees
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 chaired by an ABPath Trustee and consists of recognized subject matter experts who are leaders in their field. They spend many hours throughout the year in service to our profession and certification programs.

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, currently Dr. Julie Kingery. 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 and Fellow Advisory Committee
This Committee is made up of 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 journey. The committee is chaired by ABPath CEO, Dr. Gary Procop.
ABPCL Item Writers

The ABPCL Item Writers share their expertise by writing questions (items) for the ABPath CertLink longitudinal assessment. Their contributions have helped to enrich and refine the program.

We would like to acknowledge the following Item Writers for providing exceptional support to ABPCL by contributing questions for ABPath CertLink in 2023. Visit the ABPath website for more information on the Volunteer Item Writer Recognition Program.

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2023 EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE

The ABPath uses criterion-referenced scoring for its certification examinations. Setting the criterion standard for each exam is performed every 3-5 years.

The number of candidates passing the examinations may 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.

See the ABPath Website for examination information.

Primary Certification Examinations

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### Continuing Certification Examinations

Total Number of Diplomates Enrolled = 11,124

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