MOC Committee Chair Message

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The ABNM continues to offer the diplomates the traditional maintenance of certification examination and the web-based longitudinal assessment, CertLink®. CertLink allows for a longitudinal evaluation by delivering questions regularly, providing immediate feedback on submitted answers, and tracking the users' performance over time. The cumulative number of diplomates who participated in CertLink from January 2018 to January 2023 is 1340. The pass rate thus far for CertLink participants is 90%. The ABNM, with the support of the iTS team, continues to improve the functionality of CertLink 2.0. This year, a new feature was added to the platform, allowing the examinee to see the images next to the correct answer. This improves the correlation between the teaching points and images, facilitating a better learning experience. Furthermore, since ABNM appreciates users' feedback, the ABNM board of directors meeting has reviewed and updated the CertLink diplomate comments procedure to warrant a systematic review of their input and make the corresponding modifications when appropriate.

The ABNM board decided to remove the SAM requirement from Part 2 of Maintenance of Certification (MOC), beginning in 2025.

Diplomates are strongly encouraged to participate in CertLink, and completion of the quarterly activities is needed to avoid unanswered questions being perceived as incorrect. The diplomate must update their MOC profile annually to ensure accurate communication between the board and diplomates and avoid negative impact on their certifications. The ABNM MOC Committee is pleased to provide this opportunity to you to maintain your ABNM certification and enhance your clinical skills.

Nuclear Medicine program directors are asked to strongly encourage new trainees to participate in CertLink IT; currently, 135 trainees are enrolled.

