

Message From the Associate Executive Director

A Brief Update on the Continued Evolution of the CertLink® Assessment

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As in the past, the ABNM continues to review and consider all participant comments on the published questions. We appreciate this feedback, and it will strengthen the program as we move forward. An upcoming addition to the CertLink assessment review environment will be the addition of hyperlinked references on the question review page using [PubMed®](#)

PubMed is a free resource database containing more than 36 million citations and abstract of biomedical and life sciences literature with the aim of improving health—both globally and personally. Citations may include links to full text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites. The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), at the US National Library of Medicine (NLM), located at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) maintains the PubMed database.

This new feature will enable participants to directly access the PubMed citations pertaining to the key point of each question for further reading. When you review the question, you will see in blue text the hyperlink for that question's reference. To view the PubMed article, click the hyperlink which will open the PubMed article via your web browser.

This upgrade will begin with the new questions released in January 2024. Unfortunately, at this point, the upgrade will pertain only to new questions and will not be available on questions initially published in prior years (although the PubMed ID for reference citations is provided). As we continue to move forward, all new questions in future years will have this direct hyperlink functionality.

We hope the addition of this new feature will help you in your lifelong learning through the CertLink Assessment.