Chair's Message

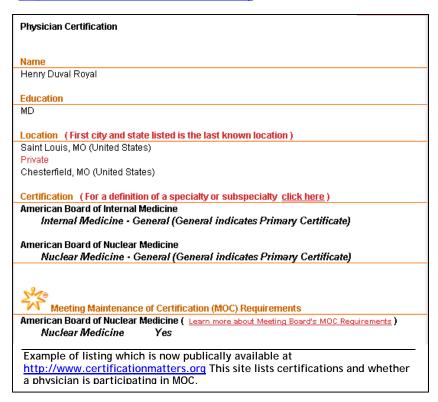
Kirk A. Frey, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman



The ABNM remains in solid position as I assume the Chair from David Mankoff. David remains on the Board of Directors, and we are joined by two new Directors, Kim Chun from Brigham and Women's Hospital and Munir Ghesani from Columbia University.

The business of our meetings is shifting progressively from the design and construction of the certification and in-training examinations to increasingly include the development of resources for our diplomates maintenance of certification activities. The American Board of Medical Specialties continues to refine global MOC expectations, and ABNM, in turn is charged with implementing

changes and additions that meet ABMS guidelines, with emphasis on high value-to-investment to our diplomates. This year, in addition to public listing of MOC participation by diplomates on the ABMS website (http://www.certificationmatters.org).



The Board is charged with the development of a Part 4 MOC module focusing on patient safety issues. ABNM has taken the challenge, and the work is underway. Additional goals for the Board this year include continuation of refinements to the examination structures, with emphasis on further harmonization of the contents of the certification and in-training examinations under the supervision of Janis O'Malley. The Board is additionally exploring mechanisms to further enhance the value and impact of the In-training examination to NM Program Directors and trainees.

Diplomates will note several additional accomplishments and changes highlighted throughout this issue of Tracers. As always, the ABNM Board of Directors will continue working to maintain value to diplomates as they continue to provide the highest quality specialty care.



