

PLENARY

Presentation Title: Overview of the ABPN's Credentialing and Certification Processes

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Education Objectives:

By the end of this plenary, attendees will be able to describe:

1. The application process for certification in psychiatry and the subspecialties
2. The requirements for certification in psychiatry and the subspecialties, including clinical skills evaluations
3. The role of training directors in ensuring that their residents meet these requirements and in documenting the training of individual residents in the on-line data base system (preCERT)
4. Changes in the Psychiatry Certification Examination, including content outline revisions and transition to DSM-5
5. Special education and research programs offered by the ABPN

Practice Gap:

What is/are the professional practice gap(s), the difference between current practice and optimal practice, that are being addressed by this program?

Current Practice: Based on the experience of ABPN credentialing staff, not all training directors understand their role in ensuring that their residents meet the requirements for certification, including appropriate documentation of training, nor do they have up-to-date information on the ABPN's certification, education, and research processes.

Ideal Practice: All training directors would appropriately document training for their residents and provide up-to-date information to their residents on the ABPN's certification, education and, research processes.

Scientific Citations:

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Description: This session will begin with a 20 minute presentation from Dr. Keepers with 10 minutes allotted for questions from the participants. Other ABPN staff will be present to provide information and answer questions.