

Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding the Self-Assessment CME (SA-CME) requirements of the ABPN Continuing Certification (CC) Program. We are reducing the requirement from 24 SA-CME credits to 16 SA-CME credits per 3-year CC block. This change will be effective this year. We will start mentioning this in our public CC presentations and also will announce it in our June Quarterly Update email to all ABPN diplomates.

Please note that diplomates successfully completing the Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway in a 3-year CC block will continue to fulfill the requirements for 16 SA-CME credits — which now means that they will have fulfilled *all* their SA-CME credit requirements. Diplomates in the CC Examination pathway will still need to fulfill the requirement of 16 SA-CME credits per 3-year block by SA-CME credit-bearing activities or through the other activities accepted (e.g., peer-reviewed publication, submission of a peer-reviewed grant, etc.). Also please note that *all* diplomates will still need to obtain 90 category 1 CME credits per 3-year block.

Many of you have anticipated that a change like this to SA-CME might be forthcoming. The ABPN board continues to recognize the importance of ongoing external feedback informing diplomates' lifelong learning. As we have gained experience with the ABCC pathway, we have learned that the ABCC article exams provide considerable and valuable feedback sufficient for CC purposes. These new changes streamline our CC requirements while maintaining their rigor and value.

While these changes take effect this year, only a small minority of our diplomates have CC requirements due in 2025; most are not due until 2027. In practice, then, this timeline gives you and most of our diplomates ample time to adapt to the updated requirements.

Thank you for your dedication to ongoing professional development and its intersection with our certification programs. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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