



# The American Board of Pediatrics

## Report to the Association of Pediatric Program Directors

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# Update from the ABP

1. Highlights from 2008 – 2009 Tracking Data
2. ITE: Security and Appropriate Use of Scores
3. On-Line Program Directors Guide
4. Maintenance of Certification: Resources for Program Directors
5. Miscellaneous Informational Items



# General Pediatrics Tracking 2008 - 2009

- Total number of categorical and combined residents in training is 10,553
  - Increase of 5% since 2003
- Women entering pediatric programs in 2008
  - 72% of PL-1s in categorical programs
  - 56% of R-1s in med-peds programs
- AMGs accounted for 75% of categorical PL-1s
  - Percentage unchanged over the past several years
- Med-Peds R-1s are down 19% since 1998
  - 362 in 2008 (lowest number in several years)



# Subspecialty Tracking

2008 - 2009

- Interest in pediatric subspecialties
  - 32% of first-time GP exam takers indicate subspecialty careers
- Since 1998, there has been a 91% increase in the number of first-year fellows
- 68% of all fellows are AMGs
- 59% of all fellows are female



# ITE Security

- ABP monitors certification exams by means of external software designed to detect misconduct
- Beginning in 2010, ABP will apply same security measures to ITE in order to:
  - Assess integrity of exam sites by screening test results for possible copying
  - Identify candidates whose response patterns are similar and unlikely to have occurred by chance
- In 2009: Seating charts requested
- In 2010: Reports of potential misconduct provided to PDs based on statistical probability



# Use of ITE Scores

ITE is a valid self-assessment instrument for the single competency of medical knowledge

## Appropriate Use:

- Assess strength & weakness in general pediatrics knowledge at time exam is taken and progress from year to year
- Compare performance with local and national peer groups
- Provide counseling and remediation
- Use accumulated results over several years to assess program



# Use of ITE Scores

## Misuse:

- High stakes decisions (ie, placement into fellowship; sole means to determine satisfactory completion of year of training)

## Why:

- Variability of administration (night call, rotations completed), preparation for exam, and security of exam



# On-Line Program Directors Guide

A new "Program Directors Guide to ABP" will soon be available on-line for one-stop shopping:

- Info on training and evaluation
- Links to policies and non-standard training pathways
- FAQs regarding leaves, credit for previous training, waivers of training etc.
- ABP Staff contact information
- Schedule of mailings and important deadlines



# Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Beginning in 2010 - Important Changes Are Coming:

- For those certified in 2010 and beyond: no end date on certificate and automatic enrollment in MOC
- Five year cycles to accumulate points in Part 2 (Self-assessment & Life Long Learning) and Part 4 (Performance in Practice) with a menu of options
- Secure exam every 10 years (Part 3)



# Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Available soon for all Program Directors:

- A customized PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes that provides an overview of MOC and addresses specific questions and concerns unique to residents and fellows



# Miscellaneous Items

- New Subspecialties
  - Certificate of Special Qualifications to be offered in Child Abuse Pediatrics – 2009
  - 46 Pediatricians certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine – 2008
- R<sup>3</sup>P Project is now at a close
  - Summary of project, data collected, and goals for future innovation published in Supplement to *Pediatrics* (January, 2009)
  - Next Step: Initiative for Innovation in Pediatric Education (IIPE)



# Miscellaneous Items

- Pre-approval required for:
  - Special Alternative Pathway (SAP)
  - Integrated Research Pathway (IRP)
  - Waiver for Non-Accredited Training for IMGs
- Web site – [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org) – new look and feel
  - Eligibility and training requirements for general pediatrics and all subspecialties, PD information, ABP policies, etc.
  - 2008 – 2009 Workforce Data available for viewing and downloading from ABP Web site
  - Look for info on MOC for you and your trainees