What is the ABP?

Mission

Function
The American Board of Pediatrics certifies general pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists based on standards of excellence that lead to high quality health care for infants, children and adolescents. The ABP certification provides assurance to the public that a general pediatrician or pediatric subspecialist has successfully completed accredited training and fulfills the continuous evaluation requirements that encompass the six core competencies...The ABP’s quest for excellence is evident in its rigorous evaluation process and in new initiatives undertaken that not only continually improve the standards of its certification but also advance the science, education, study, and practice of pediatrics.
Function

- Tracks residents and fellows throughout training, collecting evaluations and ensuring training standards are met.

- Offers In-training examinations in general pediatrics and 14 subspecialties.

- Offers certifying examinations in general pediatrics and twenty subspecialties.

- Offers a rigorous Maintenance of Certification program.
How do the ABP and Pediatric Training Programs Work Together?

- Tracking and Evaluation
- In-training Examination
- Certifying Examination
Rosters arrive in May (General Pediatrics) and July (Subspecialties)

Confirmation Rosters arrive in September (General Pediatrics)

Verification of Competence Forms for Final-level Residents and Fellows arrive in May
Residency and Fellow Tracking – What’s Important?

 Training Dates

 Training Levels

 Credit for Period of Training

 Evaluation of Clinical and Professional Performance
  - Including Scholarly Activity (fellowship)
- Order Forms Arrive in February
  - Due back in April
- Test Books Mailed in June
- Test Administration second Tuesday in July
- Results Arrive in October
Subspecialty In-training Examination (SITE)

- Registration begins early November and ends early January
- Examination administered at Prometric, Inc Computerized Testing Centers
- Examination Scheduled March 19-24, 2012
- Results viewed by Program Directors - April
Registration for PL-3’s and final year residents
-Begins December

Registration Ends in late February
-Final registration is end of April

Full, unrestricted medical license is required

Program Results are mailed January/February
General Pediatrics Certifying Examination

- Examination Date – Monday, October 10, 2011
- A morning session – 3.5 hours
- An afternoon session – 3.5 hours
- Examination Administered at CBT’s in 2012
Subspecialty Certifying Examinations

- Registration deadlines and Examination dates on ABP Web site
- Subspecialty Examinations administered every other year
  - March and November
- Beginning November 2011 examinations will be administered at CBT’s
Special Training Pathways

Do not require prior approval
(but have specified pediatric requirements found on the ABP Web site)

- Pediatrics-Child Neurology
- Pediatrics-Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
- Accelerated Research Pathway (ARP)

Requires prior approval
(and has specified pediatric-requirements found on the ABP Web site)

- Integrated Research Pathway (IRP)
Notify ABP of Special Pathways

- ARP, Pediatrics-Neurology, and Pediatrics-Neurodevelopmental Disabilities must be identified at the end of the PL-1 year

- Submit petitions for approval of IRP by the 9th months of PL-1
  - Letter of request with outline of training

- Submit petitions for approval of combined subspecialty training (ie, adult and pediatric cardiology), dual training (ie, cardiology and critical care medicine) or subspecialty fast tracking before training or during the first year of fellowship
Pediatric Requirements for Non Standard Pathways

- Requirements for Pediatrics-neurodevelopmental disabilities and Pediatrics neurology are same for two years of pediatrics. Specified pediatric rotations are required for both pathways.

- Requirements for Integrated Research Pathway
  - Similar to those for pediatrics-neurodevelopmental disabilities and pediatrics-neurology, but note there are some differences.

- Requirements for these nonstandard pathways are on the ABP Web Site – [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)
ABP tracks to ensure that complete 33 months of actual rotations

ABP must be consulted before a resident undertakes any variations in training

Residents or their program directors should request credit for training completed before pediatrics residency. Credit may not be granted for previous training or other specialty training if there is an interruption of more than 24 months

Program directors may request a waiver for parental or medical leave for a resident in spring of the final year

Residents in combined training (e.g., medicine-pediatrics) may not take more than one month of leave per year – no waiver of training
Fellows who complete training in subspecialty training programs but do not plan to certify:
- List names on Subspecialty Tracking Rosters to allow them to take SITE
- Make note on Subspecialty Tracking Rosters indicating that the fellow does not plan to certify in that subspecialty through the ABP (ie, will apply for certification through ABIM or ABEM)

ABP will send requests for scholarly activity and verification forms to program directors for all final-year fellows in May yearly; must be returned by mid-June

Transferring fellows require special attention. Communication must occur between the program directors and a Transfer Form should be completed to document credit, evaluations and work on Scholarly Activity

Credit for training completed prior to an interruption of more than 1 year may not be granted by ABP
ABP recently launched an Initiative on Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification

ABP appointed a Task force on Subspecialty Clinical Training and Certification to examine current model of pediatric fellowship training with emphasis on competency based clinical training over the next several years. The task force will seek input and feedback from the pediatrics community.
Candidates will no longer have an unlimited time to become certified.

Beginning with 2014 administration of initial certifying exams in GP and subspecialties, applicants must have completed training required for certification within the previous seven years.

If training was not completed within that time frame, an additional period of accredited training will be required.

Has potential impact for residents who delay application for certification.

Detailed policy is available on ABP Web site.
Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Available on ABP Web site:

- A customized PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes that provides an overview of MOC and addresses specific questions and concerns unique to residents and fellows
ABP wants to ensure that program directors receive information from the Board

Essential for us to maintain correct information

Notify Ms. Sheleria Cushman via email at scushman@abpeds.org or contact the ABP office to request a form for submitting changes.
Who Should I Contact for Assistance?

Lee Currin- Director
Wendy Lea-Walker – Manager

General Pediatrics

- Tracking and Evaluation
  - Esther Foster

- Questions regarding Transfer, Credit, Non Standard Pathways
  - Lee Currin
  - Tammy Poole

- General Pediatrics In-training Examination
  - Mary Lavelle

- General Pediatrics Certifying Exam
  - Angela Godwin
  - Monique Seed
  - Prudy Miller
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**Subspecialities**

- Subspecialty Tracking and Subspecialty In-training Examination
  - Monique Hinton

- Questions regarding Transfer, Credit, Non Standard Pathways, Scholarly Activity, Subspecialty Fasttracking
  - Lee Currin

- Subspecialty Verification of Competence Forms, Scholarly Activity Product receipt
  - Laura Couch

- Subspecialty Certifying Examinations
  - Anne Justus
  - Becky Simers