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Call for Experts

On behalf of the Pediatrics Milestones Assessment Collaborative (PMAC), APPD LEARN is pleased to issue this Call for Experts for APPD members to join the PMAC Inference 1 panel. Panel members will assist PMAC in selecting key Pediatrics competencies and milestones for making the inference that a trainee is prepared to practice in the inpatient setting without direct supervision. Specifically, the panel, through weekly conference calls, webinars, email, and background reading, will review competencies and evidence for their value for this inference, identify critical content, review existing instrument and assessment approaches for this content, collaborate on instrument design, and engage in item writing and refinement.

Experts will be instrumental in shaping the PMAC assessment tools for this inference, and will be invited to contribute to a scholarly manuscript about the development process. APPD LEARN will also recognize participating experts on its web site and through its annual letters to institutional officials.

Any member of APPD is eligible to apply to this panel; if your program is not yet a member of APPD LEARN, your residency director will need to [join APPD LEARN](#) if you are selected for the panel.

To apply, please send a PDF including: (1) your full contact information (name, program address, telephone number(s), email(s)), (2) a one-page summary of your experiences relevant to competency-based assessment in Pediatrics, and (3) a signed copy of the intellectual property agreement on the following page. Email the PDF to learn@appd.org with "PMAC Expert Panel" in the subject line. For fullest consideration, please submit the application by Friday, April 25.

Questions about the panel or the application process can be sent to Alan Schwartz at learn@appd.org.

PMAC is a project of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), the Association of Pediatric Program Directors (APPD) and the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). PMAC seeks to develop a national Pediatrics Milestones-based Assessment System that will provide meaningful, feasible assessment evidence that can be used by the program leadership and clinical competency committee members to guide decisions for progression through increasing levels of responsibility toward unsupervised practice.

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Dear Expert Panel Applicant:

This letter memorializes how you will assist the Association of Pediatric Program Directors, the American Board of Pediatrics Foundation (ABPF) and National Board of Medical Examiners, Inc. (“NBME”) as part of the Pediatrics Milestones Assessment Collaborative with the creation of Module 1 for the milestone assessment tool that addresses the inference concerning the readiness to take care of patients without direct supervision.

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We would appreciate you signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us for our files, upon which it will be considered binding and enforceable upon you. Thank you again for your assistance in creating the Content.

Sincerely,

American Board of Pediatrics Foundation National Board of Medical Examiners, Inc.

Acknowledged and agreed:

Sign

Print Name

Print Title (if applicable)

Print Date