Report
to the
Association of
Pediatric Program Directors

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Update from the ABP

1. Highlights from 2010 – 2011 Tracking Data
2. Test Security
3. Computer-Based Testing
4. Primary Care Boards Faculty Development Initiative with HRSA
5. Policy Reminder: Time-limited Eligibility for Certification Examinations
• Interest in general pediatrics remains high with 3,049 entering as PL-1s
• Women entering categorical pediatric programs has stabilized at 73%
• Numbers of Med-Peds R-1s steady over the last several years
• Interest in pediatric subspecialties at an all time high
• Most recent Workforce Data Book (2010-2011) posted on ABP website
• Total number of categorical and combined residents in training is 10,740

• Women entering pediatric programs in 2010
  - 73% of PL-1s in categorical programs
  - 58% 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 unchanged in last several years
  - 363 in 2010; 359 in 2009; 362 in 2008
Subspecialty Tracking
2010 – 2011

• Interest in pediatric subspecialties at all-time high
  - 33% of first-time GP exam takers indicate subspecialty careers

• Since 1998, there has been a 101% increase in the number (1,418) of first-year fellows

• 68% of all fellows are AMGs

• 62% of all fellows are female
Test Security

• Exam material is confidential and protected by federal copyright law

• Sharing of exam content post-administration is violation of honor code

• Honor code signed during application and exam administration
Test Security Threats

- Providing information post examination
- Taking exam multiple times with intent memorize items
- Using electronic devices to capture items
Test Security

- ABP monitors certification exams by means of external software designed to detect misconduct.

- ABP applies same security measures to ITE:
  - Require seating chart
  - Assess integrity of exam sites by screening test results for possible copying
  - Identify pairs of examinees whose response patterns are similar and unlikely to have occurred by chance

- Identify examinees with high scores (>3.5 SD above mean)
ITE Security

• Reports of potential misconduct during ITE provided to PDs based on statistical probability

2010:
• Fourteen programs received reports based on similar response patterns
• Seven programs received reports based on high scores

• ABP will not take action – but rely on PDs to interpret data and address issues as appropriate

• PDs and proctors must ensure security and validity of ITE by following administrative guidelines
• ABP is transitioning all written initial certification exams to computer-based format administered at secure testing centers

• Fall 2011 – subspecialty exams will be offered via single day administration at Prometric Testing Centers in US, Canada, and selected int’l sites

• Fall 2012 – general pediatrics examination at Prometric Testing Centers; two testing dates available

• Results reported in usual time frame; usual quality control procedures followed
• Primary Care Board (Peds, IM, FM) are working to strengthen residency training to support delivery of high-quality ambulatory care for 21st century health care systems

• HRSA invited to collaborate in creating a nationwide faculty development initiative to address common needs of training programs
Faculty Development Initiative

• Expert/Stakeholder conference in fall 2011 to elaborate the design, infrastructure and resource needs for the initiative

• Survey of training programs to determine the most critical needs and to assess feasibility of several longitudinal off-site training models
Time Limit on Eligibility for Initial Certifying Examination

- Candidates will no longer have an unlimited time to become certified.

- Beginning with 2014 administration of initial certifying exams in GP and its 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.

- Detailed policy is available on ABP Web site and has been widely disseminated.
Time Limit on Eligibility for Initial Certifying Examination

**Rationale**
- Public accountability re: meaning of certification
- Consistent with continuous evaluation of competencies

**Special Considerations**
- "Time-limit clock" begins upon completion of training
- Completion of fellowship before general pediatrics residency by IMGs may be risky
- Fewer opportunities to take exam available for those who train out of sequence
- Training beyond three years required for certification will not re-set the clock (e.g.: chief residency, advanced subspecialty and research)
The ABP Welcomes…

Carol Carraccio

to join

The ABP Staff

as

Director of Competency-Based Programs

in July 2011!!
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- Eligibility and training requirements for general pediatrics and all subspecialties, PD information, ABP policies, etc.

- 2010 – 2011 Workforce Data available for viewing and downloading from ABP Web site

- Look for info on MOC for you and your trainees