



ABP Update

APPD FALL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

KEY STAKEHOLDER'S SESSION

ARLINGTON, VA



Update from the ABP

1. General Pediatric Exam Content Outline and Miscellaneous Exam Issues
2. Update on Time-limited Eligibility
3. Pediatric Hospital Medicine Eligibility Criteria
4. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria
5. New VP for Exam Administration and Credentialing



General Pediatrics Exam Content Outline

- Content Outline serves as blueprint for initial certification, MOC and In-training exams
- Outline identifies for all stakeholders the knowledge areas being measured by these exams
- Updated in 2016 and now posted on ABP website:
<https://www.abp.org/content/general-pediatrics-content-outline>
- All exams administered after Sept 1, 2017 will adhere to the new blueprint



New Structure of Content Outline

Content Domains	Universal Tasks			
	1. Basic Science and Pathophysiology	2. Epidemiology and Risk Assessment	3. Diagnosis	4. Management and Treatment
1. Preventive Pediatrics/Well Child Care				
2. Fetal and Neonatal Care				
3. Adolescent Care				
4. Genetics, Dysmorphology, and Metabolic Disorders				
...				
25. Research Methods, Patient Safety, and Quality Improvement				



Exam Weights

The tables below indicate exam weights (i.e.: the percentage of test questions that fall within each content domain and each universal task) for all three General Pediatrics examinations (initial certification, maintenance of certification, and in-training).

Content Domain	Exam Weight
1. Preventive Pediatrics/Well Child Care	8%
2. Fetal and Neonatal Care	5%
3. Adolescent Care	5%
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25. Research Methods, Patient Safety, and Quality Improvement	2%
Total	100%

Universal Task	Exam Weight
1. Basic Science and Pathophysiology	20%
2. Epidemiology and Risk Assessment	10%
3. Diagnosis	35%
4. Management and Treatment	35%
Total	100%



New vs. Previous Content Outline

	Current Content Outline	New Content Outline
Pages of Content	77	9
Content Domains	36	25
Universal Tasks	-	4

Key differences:

- Addition of “Universal Tasks” into new outline
- Reorganized content domains
 - Consolidation (e.g., Mental and Behavioral Health)
 - Redistribution (e.g., Pharmacology domain → Task 4: “Management and treatment”)
- Reweighted content domains (e.g., increased emphasis on mental health)
- New outline is less granular/more robust to changes in practice



Things to Note About New Outline

1

Content Outline(Blueprint) is not a curriculum. Curriculum is broader and includes elements that cannot be assessed on a multiple choice exam

2

Purpose is to assist in building an exam that reflects knowledge needed for practice. Detailed knowledge changes quickly and falls outside scope of outline

3

ABP is testing the same general knowledge as previous exams and using the same question pool

4

New score reports (both for examinees and PDs) are under development to reflect new content outline. The ABP's Education and Training Committee providing input.



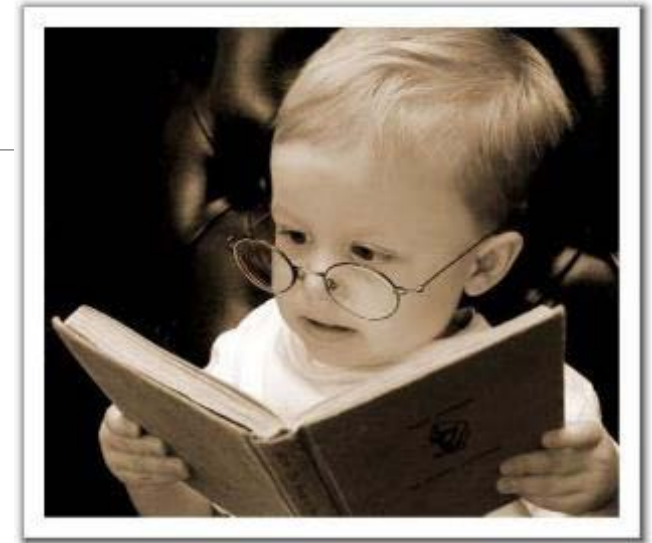
Miscellaneous Exam Info

- Pass rate for first time takers of all certification exams are posted on ABP website. In 2016, pass rate for general pediatrics was 81%. Pass rate has ranged from 81-87% in the last 5 years.
- ABP does not recommend specific resources or board prep course to prepare for board exams. That would be a conflict of interest.
- ABP is not in a position to suggest specific remediation for individuals who fail the exam, although we are frequently asked for advice. Reasons might include an inadequate foundation of general knowledge, poor testing strategies, anxiety, learning disabilities, etc.



Exam Fees

- ✓ The ABP strives to keep its fees as low as possible
- ✓ Fees for the initial certifying exams (general peds and subspecialties) have remained unchanged since 2014 (i.e.: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- ✓ Fees cover exam development and administration including:
 - Meeting for question writers
 - Development of test items
 - Work of medical editors
 - Credentialing of applicants for exam
 - Psychometric analysis of results
 - Administration of computer-based exam





Exam Fees

- Subspecialty exams do not generate sufficient revenues to cover expenses due to small numbers of candidates, so there is cost sharing to prevent fees from being prohibitive.



- GP exam fee is one of the lowest among 24 ABMS boards. ABIM and ABFM do have lower fees because they examine far more candidates generating significant economies of scale.

2018 exam fees will remain unchanged!



Time-limited Eligibility: Supervised Practice Proposals

*As of Sept. 2017

General Pediatrics

- **67 Plans submitted;** 94% Approved
- **44 different programs** represented, diverse in size and geography
- Most programs have submitted proposal for a single candidate and none for more than five candidates.

Subspecialties

- **91 Plans submitted;** 89% Approved
- **80 different programs** represented from 11 different subspecialties (no Child Abuse, NEPH, or DBP, to date)
- Most programs have submitted proposal for a single candidate and none for more than three candidates.



Pediatric Hospital Medicine – Eligibility Criteria

Practice: Temporary period (first three exams 2019, 2021, 2023)

- Most recent 4 years of full-time practice consisting of 50% time in professional activities (clinical care, teaching, research, administration) in care of hospitalized children
- 25% of full time practice must be devoted to direct patient care of children
- For Med-Peds practitioners, non-patient care professional time related to adults may qualify, but time devoted to direct patient care for children must be 25%



Pediatric Hospital Medicine – Eligibility Criteria

Training:

- 2 years of fellowship (non-accredited) associated with ACGME accredited pediatrics residency program
- ABP will determine and publish dates after which fellows must enter accredited training to be eligible for certification

Training and Practice:

- Less than 2 years of fellowship requires an additional 2 years of practice that meets requirements as outlined

**FINALIZED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ARE POSTED ON WEBSITE
WITH AN FAQ DOCUMENT**



Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

For Candidates Affected:

- Extension of window for administration of initial certifying exam until Nov. 30 for GP and Dec. 20 for subspecialties
- Extension of deadline for exam withdrawal up to several days before the published exam date
- Time-limited eligibility will be addressed on a case by case basis
- Email communication sent to all registrants providing more details
- See ABP website for Prometric site closures, dates by which candidates affected should contact ABP, and contact info



ABP Efforts to Increase Diversity on Committees/Subboards

2012

Access

Revised ABP bylaws limiting all committee appointments to a 6-year term

2013

Recruitment

Contacted organizations seeking nominations of pediatricians from under-represented minority groups

2014

Access

Developed an online nomination tool for physicians interested in serving on subboard and general pediatrics item writing committees to self-nominate

2014

Pipeline

Initiated support for Academic Pediatric Association's New Century Scholars Program

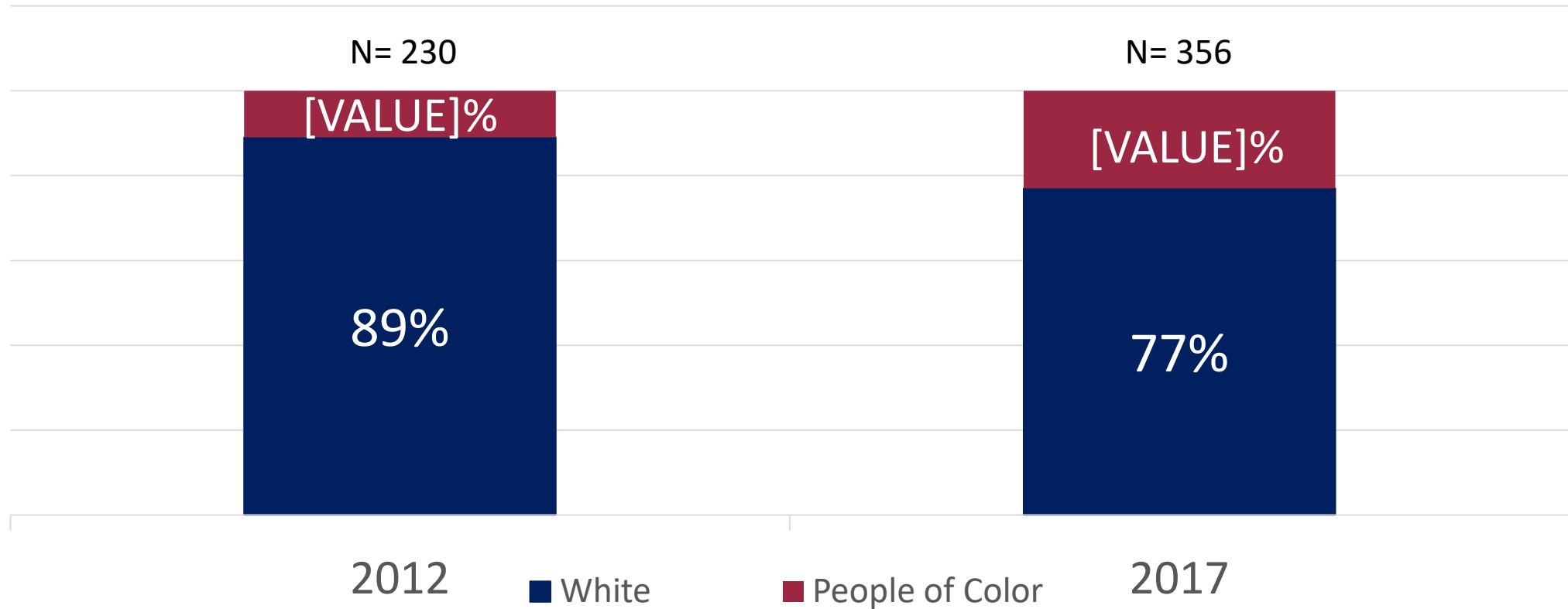
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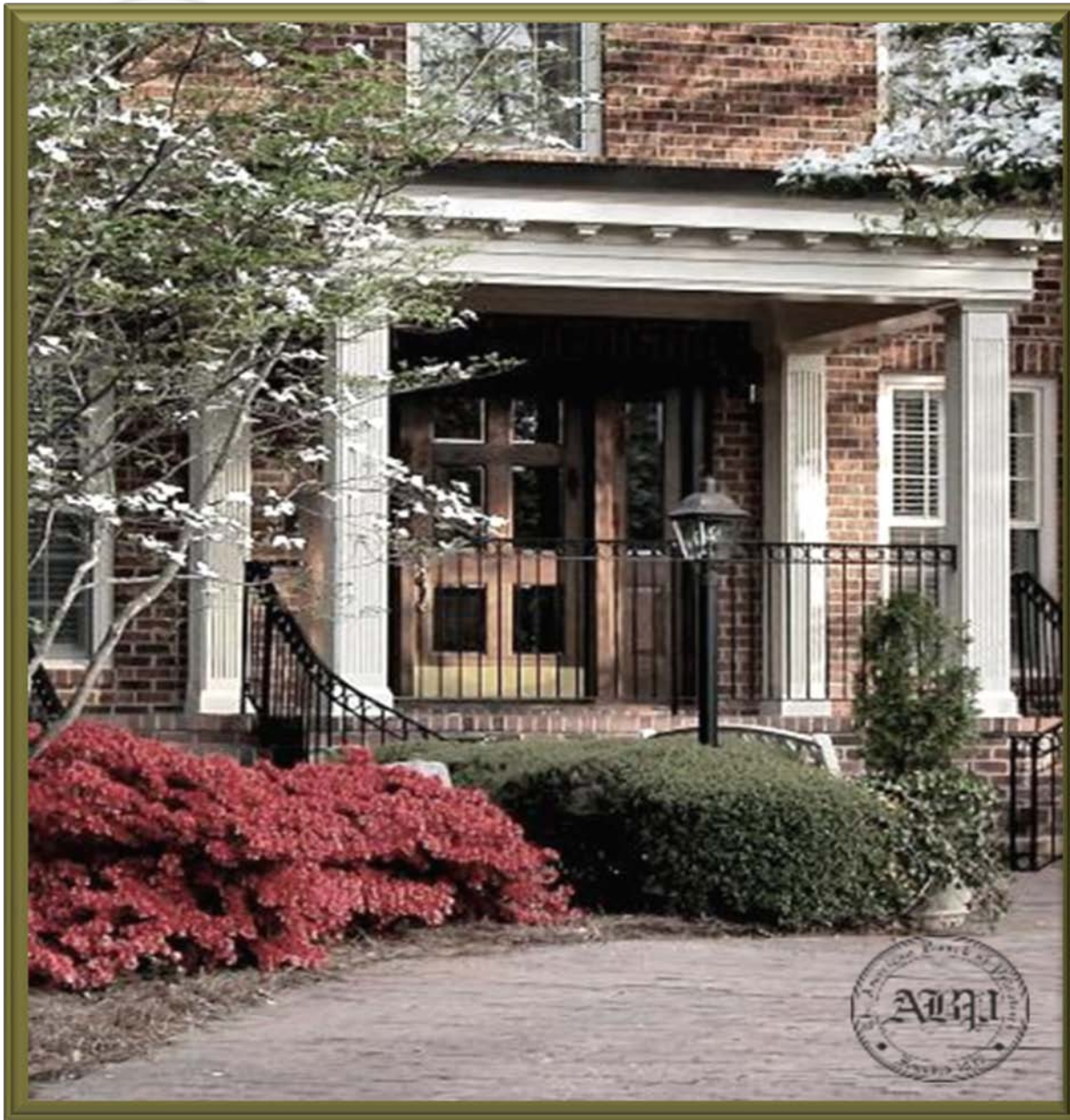
Pipeline

Formed Content Development Teams as an opportunity to select a younger and more diverse set of pediatricians to assist subboards/GP committee in item-writing



Racial and Ethnic Distribution: 2012 & 2017 ABP Appointees





*The ABP
WELCOMES
Suzanne Woods*

to join

The ABP Staff

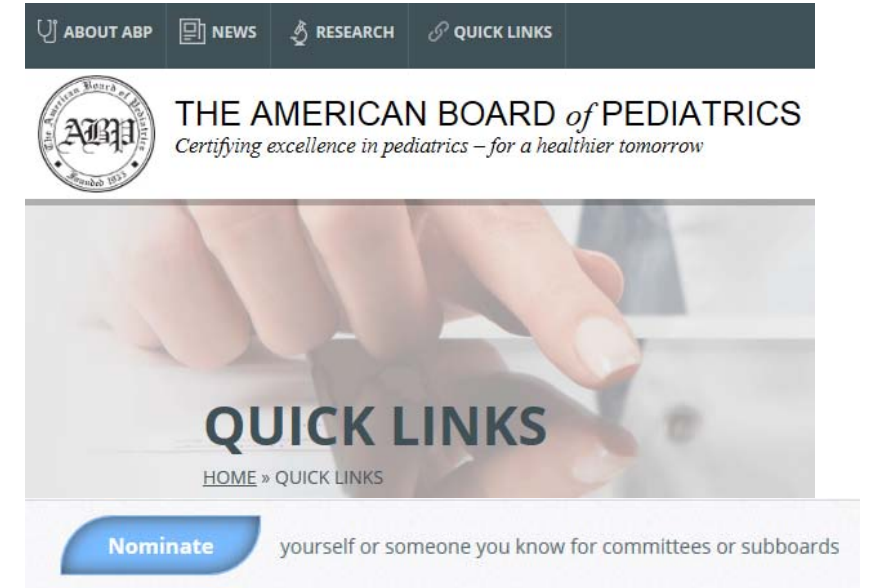
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*VP for Exam Administration
and Credentialing
In January 2018!!*



Nominating Tool: GP Committees and Subboards

- **Online tool** can be found @ www.abpeds.org
- Nominate Yourself or Someone Else
- Appointees serve a six-year term
- Must be board certified in the area of interest



Seeking candidates who represent:

Diversity of pediatric practice: everything from **rural, private practices to medical centers in major metropolitan areas**

Reflection of today's trends in pediatric practice: **well-seasoned pediatricians, new practitioners, part-time providers**



ABP Web Site

www.abp.org

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

- 2016–2017 Workforce Data available for viewing and downloading from ABP Web site

- Resources for Program Directors
 - www.abp.org
 - Click the Program Directors button

