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SANCTIONS

Revocation of Certificates

All certificates issued by the ABP are subject to the provisions of the articles of incorporation and the bylaws of the ABP. Each certificate is subject to possible revocation in the event that:

1. the issuance of such certificate or its receipt and/or possession by the physician so certified shall have been contrary to or in violation of any of the provisions of the ABP's articles of incorporation or bylaws; or
2. the physician so certified shall not have been eligible to receive or possess such certificate, irrespective of whether the facts constituting him or her so ineligible were known to any or all of the members of the ABP at the time of the issuance of such certificate; or
3. the physician so certified shall have been found to be in violation of the ABP's Honor Code: Professionalism, Moral and Ethical Principles policy.

If the ABP obtains probable cause to believe that a certificate should be revoked for any of the reasons set forth above, it may institute proceedings for revocation pursuant to the ABP's Revocation Procedure, which may be obtained by writing to the ABP. The steps to be taken to appeal this determination are outlined in the Appellate Review Procedure of the ABP, which may be obtained by writing to the ABP.

Ineligibility

Any finding of a violation of the ABP's Honor Code: Professionalism, Moral & Ethical Standards policy may constitute grounds for the ABP to deny admission to an examination, to withhold scores or certificates, require an individual to retake an entire activity or portions thereof, disqualify the individual from future examinations and/or other certification activities, invalidate and/or nullify current certification activities, mandate remedial actions, or take any other action deemed appropriate by the ABP and its legal counsel.

The steps to be taken to appeal this determination are outlined in the Appellate Review Procedure of the ABP, which may be obtained by writing to the ABP.

REINSTATEMENT

Becoming Certified Again Following Revocation or Surrender of Certification:

1. A physician may petition the ABP to regain status as a diplomate whenever he or she is eligible again for certification.
2. Once a certificate issued by the ABP has been revoked or surrendered, that certificate ceases to exist. Former diplomates desiring to become certified again must complete all then-current requirements for maintenance of certification and meet any other requirements deemed appropriate by the ABP.
3. The ABP may allow the physician to enter the certification process by administrative action or the ABP may refer the matter to the ABP's Credentials Committee for a recommendation.



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Becoming Eligible Again Following the Imposition of Any Ineligibility Sanction:

For any ineligibility sanction of five (5) years or more, an individual may petition the ABP to reconsider the sanction once every five (5) years. Such petitions will be handled pursuant to the applicable Appellate Review Procedure of the ABP, which may be obtained by writing to the ABP.