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Dear Colleagues,

We close this 90th anniversary year of the founding of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) with heartfelt gratitude to board-certified pediatricians like you, your patients, their parents and caregivers, and all who aspire to excellence in their care of our most precious asset — our children. A special note of appreciation is also due to our dedicated and talented employees for another year of progress for which we are most proud.

It has been a distinct honor to serve as the Interim President and CEO of the ABP these past months (see page 14). Although taking on this role has been an experience I never expected, I have been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve during the search for new leadership. The depth and breadth of our employees’ and volunteers’ commitment to the vision and mission of the ABP has been a constant source of inspiration.

Below are just a few observations regarding the scope and scale of work accomplished in calendar year 2023. ABP staff and volunteers:

- Administered nearly 6,000 general pediatrics and subspecialty pediatrics certification exams (see page 5);
- Administered in-training exams to more than 16,000 trainees;
- Celebrated approval of our 100th Pediatric Portfolio Improvement (Part 4) activities (see page 7);
- Oversew 32 question-writing cycles participated in by more than 275 volunteer pediatricians from across the United States; and
- Collaborated with dozens of national volunteer colleagues to write a comprehensive current and future pediatric subspecialty workforce report to be published in Pediatrics in February 2024.

The work of the ABP must evolve in concert with changes in child health and with changes in the practice of pediatric medicine. Recognizing this, the ABP has embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process, launched with a retreat in early 2023 that brought together more than 50 leaders in pediatrics, child health, and health care.

Following the retreat, we opened a national “Call for Comments” period, inviting invaluable input from every board-certified pediatrician (see page 15). This period of feedback was crucial, allowing us to refine our vision, mission, values, goals, and transformational strategies with a broad range of perspectives.

The result is a rejuvenated strategic framework that not only aligns with the evolving landscape of pediatric health care but also resonates deeply with our core values. It’s a roadmap that guides us in advancing the health of all children and supports our dedicated pediatricians in their vital work.

As we embark on a new chapter in 2024, it is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Dr. Michael Barone as the new President and CEO of the ABP. Dr. Barone’s exemplary track record in medical education, assessment, and certification, along with his unwavering commitment to child health and his visionary leadership, align perfectly with our mission. His remarkable accomplishments and dedicated service within the pediatric community embody the essence of our values and aspirations. Let us extend our warmest welcome to Dr. Barone, looking forward with optimism to the wisdom, energy, and fresh perspectives he brings to the ABP (see page 10).

We are excited to share more about these developments in this 2023 annual report and look forward to your continued partnership as we step into the future with renewed purpose and resolve.

If you have thoughts, questions, or comments on these or any other topics relating to the ABP, please contact us at support@abpeds.org. Thank you for everything you do to support the health and welfare of children and families.

Sincerely,

John A. Barnard, MD
Interim President and CEO
SINCE THE ABP BEGAN: More than **141,300** physicians have been certified in General Pediatrics.

IN 2023: Nearly **90,000** pediatricians participated in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.

**ABP’s Work at a Glance**

IN 2023...

**3,327**
Pediatricians were newly certified in General Pediatrics

**1,344**
Pediatricians were certified in a pediatric subspecialty

**ALL PHYSICIANS EVER CERTIFIED BY THE ABP**

- **38,633 (27%)** Certified in General Pediatrics only
- **102,679 (73%)** Certified in One or More Subspecialties and General Pediatrics

**PEDIATRICIANS MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION WITH THE ABP**

- **22,476 (25.7%)** Maintaining in One or More Subspecialties and General Pediatrics
- **6,709 (7.7%)** Maintaining in One or More Subspecialties Only
- **58,148 (66.6%)** Maintaining in General Pediatrics only

**INITIAL CERTIFYING EXAMINATIONS**

**GENERAL PEDIATRICS EXAM:**

- **First-Time Takers and Number Passed:**
  - **3,500**
  - **3,402**
  - **2,778 (81.7%)**

**GENERAL PEDIATRICS EXAM:**

- **First-Time Takers’ Pass Rates Over Time**
  - 2014: 87%
  - 2015: 86%
  - 2016: 86%
  - 2017: 87%
  - 2018: 87%
  - 2019: 81%
  - 2020: 80%
  - 2021: 82%
  - 2022: 81%
  - 2023: 82%

For five-year data on first-time takers’ pass rates of initial certifying subspecialty exams, please visit the pass-rate document on our website.

**PEDIATRICS SUBSPECIALTY EXAMS:**

- **First-Time Takers and Number Passed**

*Emergency Medicine includes 34 candidates from the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

**Sleep Medicine and Sports Medicine certificates are awarded in collaboration with other medical subspecialty boards.
MOCA-Peds is the ABP’s online, non-proctored longitudinal assessment of pediatric medical knowledge, developed as an alternative to the proctored exam given in a secure testing center. MOCA-Peds assessments are continuous during the first four years of an MOC cycle and available for General Pediatrics and every pediatric subspecialty administered by the ABP.

Achieving a passing score in MOCA-Peds during one’s Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle meets the exam requirement (MOC Part 3) and provides Self-Assessment (MOC Part 2) credit. To the right and below, MOCA-Peds participation for MOC Part 3 credit in each certification area is shown. Meaningful participation is defined as answering at least 80% of MOCA-Peds questions in 2023. Individuals taking MOCA-Peds in more than one area are counted respectively in each area.

MOCA-Peds pass rates are based on those who meaningfully participated for MOC Part 3 credit. Meaningful participation is defined as answering at least 80% of MOCA-Peds questions during the individual’s scoring period.

2023 MOCA-PEDS PASS RATES

Although most pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists pass MOCA-Peds and receive MOC Part 3 credit at the end of their third year of participation, participants can take up to four years to complete the requirement. Because of this flexibility, final pass rates for MOCA-Peds cohorts are determined four years after the cohort began. In 2023, final pass rates are available for the cohorts who started MOCA-Peds in 2020.

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MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC)

In 2023, a relatively small number of pediatricians took an MOC proctored exam at a testing facility either to regain their certification status or because they preferred a proctored exam over MOCA-Peds.

Where We’ve Been

The ABP’s staff traveled throughout the country to answer physicians’ questions, listen to their concerns, present developments in our processes, and offer support to board-certified pediatricians. These are just a few stops we made along the way.

Examination First-Time Takers Pass Rate (%)
General Pediatrics 166 88
All Subspecialties Combined 18 100

MOST POPULAR MOC ACTIVITIES

 To maintain board-certification, pediatricians meet activity and exam requirements and then enroll in a new MOC cycle every five years. Because the year in which one enrolls is based on the pediatrician’s date of initial certification, there is a new enrollment cohort every year.

MOC ENROLLMENT RATES IN RECENT YEARS

SELF-ASSESSMENT (MOC PART 2) PARTICIPANTS

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (MOC PART 4) PARTICIPANTS

ABEVE: ABP staff member, Vincent Clark (left), answers questions about MOC at the ABP’s conference booth during the PAS meeting.

ABOVE: ABP staff member, Alix McKay (right), answers questions about MOCA-Peds at PAS.

ABEVE: ABP staff member, Kimberly Durham, presents her poster at PAS.

ABOVE: PAS attendees visit the ABP conference booth.

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The organizations adhere to the ABP’s QI criteria and receive their local improvement work and allows organizations to Certification. “This program serves as a platform for Keith Mann, MD, MEd, evaluations and provide periodic project reports. to the ABP. These organizations uphold ABP standards in their process and reducing costs associated with direct applications for Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit, streamlining the projects within their organization approve quality improvement (QI) Portfolio Sponsors evaluate and sponsoring organization. Pediatric Sponsor approval to its 100th milestone by granting Portfolio The ABP marked a significant PORTFOLIO SPONSOR 100TH PEDIATRIC improvement poster at the Portfolio Sponsor Conference. ABOVE: Ana Middleton of Children’s Mercy Kansas City presents her quality improvement poster at the Portfolio Sponsor Conference.

Dr. Keith Mann
National Jewish Health and the University of Colorado expert and Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at occurring,” says Dr. Keith Mann, MD, MEd, ABP Vice President for Continuing Certification. “This program serves as a platform for board-certified pediatricians to earn MOC Part 4 credit for their local improvement work and allows organizations to incentivize physicians to participate in projects that drive local improvements in patient care.”

The organizations adhere to the ABP’s QI criteria and receive coaching and guidance from the ABP as needed.

ABP NAMES DR. MICHAEL BARONE AS NEW PRESIDENT, CEO

The ABP selected board-certified pediatrician Michael Barone, MD, MPH, as its next President and CEO. Dr. Barone will succeed Interim President and CEO John Barnard, MD, on March 25, 2024.

Dr. Barone brings to the ABP a unique blend of clinical expertise, educational leadership, and a deep commitment to advancing pediatric health care.

Barone became board-certified in General Pediatrics in 1994 and started volunteering with the ABP in 2014. He served on the Education and Training Committee for eight years and on the ABP Board of Directors from 2016 to 2017. He has maintained his board certification through the years.

TWO-PART QOW SERIES HIGHLIGHTS CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The ABP released a special two-part QOW series in September, ushering in Newborn Screening Awareness Month. This series aims to elevate awareness around cystic fibrosis (CF).

The first question describes the history of CF and how the management has changed, while the follow-up question explores how CF transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) modulators can vary in efficacy based on genetic ancestry, which is different from, but related to, demographically assigned race and ethnicity.

“I really believe that in combination, this series will increase both current understanding of the treatment of CF as well as the importance of diagnosing individuals who identify as BIPOC and decreasing the health inequities that continue to occur,” says Dr. Jennifer Taylor-Cousar, MD, MScS, a CF expert and Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at National Jewish Health and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

NEW DATA-COLLECTION PIM AIMS FOR HEALTH EQUITY IN PEDIATRICS

The ABP launched a new Performance Improvement Module (PIM), “Optimizing the Collection of Race, Ethnicity, and Language Preference Data,” designed to increase health equity in child health care by increasing the collection of race, ethnicity, and language preference data in pediatric clinical settings.

Health disparities related to race and ethnicity are pervasive across medicine, including pediatrics. Pediatricians can help overcome these disparities by better understanding the racial and ethnic diversity of their patients.

“This PIM emphasizes the significance of self-reported patient race, ethnicity, and language data,” says Keith Mann, MD, MEd, ABP Vice President for Continuing Certification. “The patients’ self-reported data are instrumental in helping clinics and health care systems identify patient populations and measure outcomes to ensure health equity.”

Through this PIM, pediatricians will learn strategies to educate families about the need for data collection, methods to understand family and staff experiences with data collection, and opportunities to enhance the completeness of the collected data.

ABP REVAMPS PRIVACY POLICY FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING, CONSENT

The ABP expanded its Privacy Policy to enhance transparency and provide a more complete picture of how the ABP uses individuals’ data in response to evolving privacy laws and third-party contractual agreements. The revised policy covers all interactions with any of the ABP’s electronic solutions (e.g., websites, applications, emails, and voice mails).

Individuals who use the ABP website and any portals, software, or electronic solutions made available by the ABP consent to the privacy policy through their participation. The ABP encourages individuals to check the policy periodically for updates.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK CELEBRATES 10 YEARS, 500 QUESTIONS

Question of the Week (QOW), easily one of the most popular activities offered by the ABP, celebrated its 10th anniversary in December. With more than 26,000 board-certified diplomates earning credit through QOW, the activity helps pediatricians stay up to date with the current literature while learning about common topics and earning MOC Part 2 points.

“You can read the case studies and answer the questions anywhere and anytime,” says James Stockman III, MD, editor-in-chief of QOW and former President and CEO of the ABP from 1992 to 2013. “As long as you can access the internet on your computer or laptop, you can be working at your desk, in the clinic, or from your home.”

The activity hit another significant milestone just weeks before, when on Nov. 8, its 500th question was published. QOW continues to provide the opportunity to earn MOC Part 2 credit to the more than 31,000 pediatricians currently enrolled in it.
By pediatricians, for pediatricians: ABP marks 90th anniversary

The ABP celebrated its 90th Anniversary, commemorating nearly a century of work dedicated to promoting excellence in medical care for children and adolescents.

“At the heart of all our endeavors lies a steadfast commitment: ensuring that every child receives the best possible care from outstanding physicians who continuously meet and exceed standards of excellence,” says DeWayne Parsley, MD, MPH, Chair of the ABP and Chief of the Department of Neonatology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. “This, we believe, is the true measure of our success.”

As the ABP looks to the future, its focus has extended to critical areas like behavioral and mental health, health equity, and the practical implementation of entrustable professional activities (EPAs) in training programs.

ABP honors Dr. Glenn Flores with David G. Nichols Health Equity Award

The American Pediatric Society (APS), in conjunction with the ABP Foundation, announced Glenn Flores, MD, as the 2024 David G. Nichols Health Equity Award recipient.

The award was created to recognize demonstrated excellence in advancing child and adolescent health, well-being, and equity through quality improvement, advocacy, practice, or research.

Dr. Flores was recognized for his outstanding commitment to achieving equity and eliminating disparities for the most underserved patients and families and the far-reaching impact of his work. The award will be presented to Dr. Flores during the APS Presidential Plenary at the Pediatric Academic Societies 2024 Meeting in Toronto, Canada, May 2–6, 2024.

ABP launches new support FAQs, improves search

Pediatricians and other abp.org visitors now have access to more online tools to help them find information about becoming or remaining certified. The new tools include a Support webpage with searchable, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and an improved Search Results page.

“Our website improvements have come after several years of learning from trainees, board-certified pediatricians, and ABP volunteers about how they would like to find information on the site,” says Mike Adams, MS, Director of Communications at the ABP. “We can’t thank them enough for helping us to continuously improve — by making suggestions and reviewing our designs as the work progressed.”

In addition to the Support page and Search Results page, other website improvements in the past year include “mega menus” at the top of each page, an expanded footer, improved mobile menus, increased page contrast, and a stronger infrastructure.

ABP adds new MOC activities for 2023

Each year, the ABP adds new activities to its Maintenance of Certification (MOC) options. While some of the activities replace previous activities of the same name, others are new activities based on patient or health care trends in the United States. All ABP activities are included as part of MOC enrollment. To find them, log into your ABP Portfolio, and choose Part 2 or Part 4 Activity Search.

New MOC Self-Assessment (Part 2) and Performance Improvement (Part 4) activities added or updated in 2023 include:
• 2023 Decision Skills Self-Assessment (Part 2)
• Infectious Diseases Decision Skills Self-Assessment (Part 2)
• Infection Prevention and Control in the Ambulatory Care Setting Performance Improvement Module (Part 2 and 4)
• Optimizing The Collection of Race and Ethnicity, and Language Preference Data in Pediatric Clinical Settings Performance Improvement Module (Part 4)

Activities extended in 2023 for one year for MOC and CME:
• Youth Suicide Prevention Self-Assessment
• Virtual Quality Improvement with Simulated Data Performance Improvement Module (multi-topic combination Part 2 and Part 4)

Pediatric subspecialists map milestones to EPAs

ABP volunteers — subject matter experts in their respective pediatric subspecialties — finalized mapping the new pediatrics milestones 2.0 to the ABP’s entrustable professional activities (EPAs), continuing the move toward a competency-based approach to education and assessment. More than 140 board-certified pediatricians, representing 15 subspecialties, were involved in the project.

The implementation of EPAs and the principles of competency-based medical education (CBME) will help educators provide a more comprehensive approach to education and assessment during training.

“Mapping the milestones to the EPAs is an important step in helping create a shared understanding of the overall competency-based assessment framework,” says David Turner, MD, ABP Vice President for Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME). “But our work isn’t done, of course. This mapping is just one part of a much larger effort to integrate EPAs and the principles of CBME into the fabric of both training and certification processes.”
ABP EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT NAMED TO ABMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Suzanne Woods, MD, Executive Vice President for Credentialing and Initial Certification at the ABP was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). ABMS, the organization responsible for the creation of standards for physician certification in the United States, elected Dr. Woods to the ABMS Board meeting held in late June.

Dr. Woods, who joined the ABP staff in 2018, continues as Executive Vice President at the ABP, overseeing the development of training standards, the tracking and evaluation of residents and fellows, and the credentialing for and administration of examinations. She also serves as the ABP’s liaison to several organizations with common interests in graduate medical education.

In addition to Dr. Woods’ appointment, ABMS also elected Rebecca L. Johnson, MD, as the new Board Chair and two other board members: Robert R. Gaiser, MD, and Tara B. Rouse, MA, a former ABP volunteer for seven years.

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To increase the security of board-certified pediatricians’ and pediatric trainees’ personal data, the ABP in March deployed a new feature in the ABP Portfolio that allows users to choose one or more additional methods of verifying their identity.

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NEW MEMBERS JOIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OTHER LEADERS EMBRACE NEW ROLES

Leadership at the ABP changed hands in January 2023 as some members of the Board of Directors completed their appointments and were replaced by new members, while some individuals assumed new roles.

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2023 Publications

The following research papers, reports, and commentaries were authored by ABP staff members or supported in part or in full by the ABP or the ABP Foundation. They were published in peer reviewed journals or as reports from national organizations from January through December 2023.


Fiscal Year 2023 Financials

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* Funding for research and other pediatric initiatives to ensure excellence in the education of pediatricians and the delivery of pediatric care

2023 EXPENSES

General Expenses

- Operating
- Non-operating

Investment Income, Net

- Total Revenues: $46,341,311

- Total Expenses: $41,813,090

- Operating Income: $4,527,599

- Non-operating Income: $36,420
The ABP appreciates the excellent work of pediatricians and members of the public who volunteer their time, energy, and expertise to our committees, subboards, and panels. They produce examinations, set certification and credentialing standards, provide policy direction, and help advance the ABP mission.

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