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Subject: Call to action. NBPAS needs your help.
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Attachments: Sample letter to your Credentials Committee%2c MEC%2c Chief of Staff%2c administrators%2c or insurers.doc

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Dear Colleague,

IF YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON THIS EMAIL PLEASE POST THEM ON NBPAS.org PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL ADDRESS BECAUSE IT IS MY WORK EMAIL AND QUICKLY GETS OVERWHELMED.

The National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS.org) continues to flourish with now almost 2,000 applicants. At this phase of the project it is essential for hospitals to start accepting NBPAS certification as a valid alternative to ABMS certification. This process usually starts with the hospital's Medical Executive Committee (MEC) and/or Credentials Committee. Ultimately it requires a change to the hospital bylaws. These committees generally meet once per month so it takes at least several months before the bylaws are changed. **We need your help. Please contact your Chief of Staff and request your hospital's bylaws be changed to accept NBPAS**. **A sample letter you can personalize and email your Chief of Staff is attached. It might be helpful to have dozens of your colleagues sign the letter, ie turn it into a petition.**

Currently, we aware of numerous hospitals nearing the final stages of approval and two hospitals that have completed the process and have changed their bylaws to accept NBPAS as an alternative certification. These are:

Capital Region Medical Center - Jefferson City, MO (affiliated w/ Univ. of Missouri)

Shawnee Mission Medical Center - Kansas City, KS

If you are aware of other hospitals accepting NBPAS certification, please let us know at info@NBPAS.org

Helpful tips:

1) Many hospital MECs approve of the concept but do not want to be the first. Please let your MEC know they will not be the first, and we expect a large number of hospitals to join the above pioneers shortly.

2) Make sure the various hospital committees understand that a requirement of NBPAS certification is previous certification by an ABMS member board. Accepting NBPAS only changes your hospital's requirements for continuous certification, not initial certification.

3) If a member of a hospital committee disagrees with the NBPAS concept, it is helpful to ask

the dissenter about his or her own specialty board requirements for MOC and whether or not they have personally fulfilled them. We have found that the occasional dissenter, who disagrees with the NBPAS mission is usually in a specialty that has not, as yet, established onerous MOC requirements. Thus, the dissenter doesn't understand the seriousness of the problem.

4) Success requires one or more strong physician advocates. Get your colleagues involved.

Also, please tune into The Doctor's Lounge radio show tomorrow, Thursday May 21@ 8am EST on America's Web Radio (www.americaswebradio.com). I am the guest with host and fellow NBPAS board member, Hal Scherz. We will spend an hour discussing the flawed Maintenance of Certification process imposed by ABMS member boards and the creation of the NBPAS as a sensible alternative for doctors around the country.

Sincerely,

Paul Teirstein

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