

A B C D E F G Children's Health

New Exam Promotes Excellence Of Medical Care

(NAPSA)—A new program hopes to promote excellence in medical care for children and adolescents.

The new examination is part of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) new Program for Maintenance of Certification in Pediatrics' (PMCP). The computer-based testing format gives the ABP greater flexibility in test administration without compromising test security and integrity. For instance, instead of scheduling exams once or twice a year at certain locations, physicians now will be able to access the exam at a secure Prometric-affiliated testing center located nearest them. The computer-based testing format provides a more realistic and robust testing experience when compared to paper- and pencil-based testing.

The testing program is designed to provide assurance to the public that ABP-certified pediatricians and sub-specialists are up-to-date with the specialty and continue to be qualified to practice pediatric medicine competently.

The ABP will deliver its PMCP general and sub-specialty exams each year, several times a year, via Prometric's extensive global testing network. Approximately 6,000 exams will be delivered each year. Prometric will begin delivering the ABP's testing program in November 2002. The program will be fully implemented in the spring of 2003.



A new testing program is helping pediatricians keep up-to-date with the latest developments of their specialty.

"PMCP is comprised of four parts—professional standing, life-long learning, cognitive expertise, and performance in practice," said Dr. Hazen P. Ham, Director of Recertification Programs.

Founded in 1933, the ABP is one of the 24 certifying boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

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