

RESOLUTION

Subject: Recognition of the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons as an  
Alternative for Board Certification

Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) was formed in 2015 as an alternative to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) for maintaining board certification; and

WHEREAS, the NBPAS is less costly and requires a fraction of the time required by the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) programs offered through ABMS; and

WHEREAS, there is currently significant controversy surrounding the requirements for continued certification in a medical specialty and many physicians believe recent changes in the requirements such as patient-safety activities and recertification exams do not provide optimal use of physician time; and

WHEREAS, NBPAS candidates must have previously been certified by an ABMS member board and must have a valid unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one US State; and

WHEREAS, NBPAS candidates must have completed a minimum of 50 hours of continuing medical education (CME) within the past 24 months, provided by a recognized provider of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME); and

WHEREAS, organizations providing CME programs are regulated by a rigorous accreditation body (ACCME) requiring each CME offering provide an educational gap analysis, "needs assessment," speaker conflict of interest, course evaluation, and many other performance standards; and

WHEREAS, most states require CME activities to maintain licensure and, therefore, using CME to fulfill lifelong learning requirements provides efficiency and minimizing redundant activities; and

WHEREAS, the NBPAS advisory board members are physicians who value patient care, research and lifelong learning and all board members (all unpaid) believe continuous physician education is required for excellence in patient care; and

WHEREAS, as of 06/22/16 a total of 40 hospitals across the US now accept NBPAS as an alternative certification for hospital privileges; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association request that the American Medical Association consider recognizing the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (NBPAS) as an alternative to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) re-certification.