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Neurotology Oral Certifying Exam Candidates 2020 Exam Update on July 23, 2020

On July 2, 2020 the American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS) communicated with you that the in-person Neurotology Oral Certifying Exam (OCE) scheduled for October 8, 2020 was going to be changed to a virtual format and we were unsure if this would require changing the date of the exam. After completing an analysis of the effort needed to design and develop the virtual exam, the ABOHNS determined that the October 8, 2020 exam date will not be possible. The ABOHNS has identified a new exam date for the Neurotology Oral Certifying Exam of **Saturday, December 5, 2020**. Please place this date on your calendar. Additionally, with being early in the planning process, we request that you reserve **Sunday, December 6, 2020** as a back-up date for now. As the process proceeds, we will let you know if you can release this date.

The ABOHNS expects that the essential components of the neurotology exam will remain the same in the virtual environment as the in-person format. Closer to the exam date, you will be asked to complete an updated exam scheduling preference form to obtain exam assignment times. To ensure a quality, virtual experience, we will share, at a later date, detailed, minimum information technology requirements including the need for a distraction free, quiet room, reliable internet connection, computer, camera, and audio needs.

Candidates may need to undergo recredentialing prior to the administration of the exam due to the length of time since this process was last completed. For example, this process may include re-attestation of state medical board status and acknowledgement of the ABOHNS application agreement form.

Deferral Option Reminder

We understand that some candidates may wish or need to defer from taking the virtual oral exam and instead prefer to wait until

the next in-person examination is scheduled. The earliest that an in-person Neurotology Oral Certifying Exam may be offered will be in 2022. If you request a deferral, we will extend your eligibility period to accommodate this request. You will also have the option to get a refund on paid exam fees or have the fees applied to the next exam. Please contact Rosa La Neve at RML@ABOHNS.ORG if you wish to request a deferral.

As we move forward with the development of the virtual oral exam, we will continue to share information along the way and keep you updated on new developments. On behalf of all of us at ABOHNS we thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. We hope that you, your colleagues, and your families remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Nussenbaum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Nussenbaum, MD, MHCM
Executive Director