NBPAS Quarterly Newsletter
Keeping you informed with recent news, updates, articles, and more.

NBPAS Advocacy News

NBPAS Advocacy has been hard at work! Congratulations to those who live in the 5 states with “Strong” Anti-MOC bills (Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Oklahoma).

Thank you to all who have spread the word and have written letters to their legislators encouraging them to get these bills turned into laws.

To see the current status of your state, visit our Advocacy Center at nbpas.org/advocacy-center/.

Example of “Strong” Bill Language:
From South Carolina HB 4116:
“TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PROVISION OF THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN TO SECURE A MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, REIMBURSEMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL IN THIS STATE, AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM.”
NBPAS is now currently **7000 diplomates** strong and there are **78 hospitals** nationwide that recognize and accept the NBPAS Board Certification. Thanks to your efforts, that number continues to grow.

You can view the hospital listing [here](https://mailchi.mp/a3d0fba3fefc/nbpas-quarterly-newsletter-july-2018). If your hospital does not recognize NBPAS, please introduce it to your Medical Staff. Here are the steps to take:

1. Start by downloading the customizable materials in the [NBPAS Advocacy Center](https://mailchi.mp/a3d0fba3fefc/nbpas-quarterly-newsletter-july-2018). Helpful materials include:
   a. Hospital Advocacy presentation - *The powerpoints are even annotated so if you click the speaker icon, you can hear Dr. Paul Teirstein speak about each slide*
   b. Sample letter and/or petition
   c. Dr. Teirstein’s video debate
   d. MOC Journal Club – *an unbiased review of publications ABMS claim support the beneficial impact of MOC on patient outcomes*

2. Using these materials, present NBPAS to the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) as an alternative board certification.

3. The MEC then votes to adopt new and/or revised bylaws that accept NBPAS as an alternative board certification.

4. Let us know if your hospital now accepts NBPAS. We’ll list it on our website at [nbpas.org/hospitals/](https://mailchi.mp/a3d0fba3fefc/nbpas-quarterly-newsletter-july-2018).

**NBPAS' Commitment to Continuous Improvement**

As you know, NBPAS was founded on a sincere passion to improve the way that physicians “keep up” with changes in medicine. Much of our focus has been trying to fix what is wrong with the current system, but we are also looking for novel approaches to continuous physician education. To that end, we have collaborated on the creation of [Curbside.org](https://mailchi.mp/a3d0fba3fefc/nbpas-quarterly-newsletter-july-2018), which can vastly facilitate physicians learning from other physicians. It is convenient, powerful, and 100% free. We launched the website just a few weeks ago and the response has been incredibly encouraging.

To see the original letter Dr. Teirstein wrote to announce the
The best way to get involved is to take a few minutes right now and ask a question. You'll need to register, but registration is fast, easy, and completely free. You will help NBPAS, you will help the physician community, and you will earn CME that can be used in your NBPAS renewal!

**NBPAS Diplomates**

**Renewal Reminders**
Are you NBPAS board certified and need to know when to renew? You can check your certificate (digital or printed) or visit nbpas.org/verify-certification/ to see what date your NBPAS board certification is valid through. You will also receive an email from us about three months prior to your expiration date to remind you about renewal.

To renew, visit nbpas.org/apply-or-renew/ to log in, submit the renewal application, fee, and evidence of CME hours. We will contact you if we need anything more, if not, you will receive confirmation of your renewal within approximately 2 weeks.

If you have any questions, please check the FAQ’s on our website, or you can email us at info@nbpas.org or call (888) 861-4448.

**Contact Info Updates**
Has any of your contact information changed? Have you moved? Do you have a new email address, phone number, etc.?

Email us at info@nbpas.org to update your contact information.

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Enjoy your summer and thank you for your support!

- NBPAS Team

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