

Continuous Certification (ConCert™) Examination FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- 1. How do I renew my certification/recertify?** The ConCert™ Examination is only one of four ABEM MOC components that diplomates must successfully complete to renew certification. In addition to passing the ConCert™ Examination, physicians must continually maintain their medical licensure in compliance with the ABEM [Policy on Medical Licensure](#), complete all required LLSA tests and CME activities, and complete IMP activities. You can find your MOC requirements on ABEM MOC Online. Click on the "Sign In" button in the upper right corner of the ABEM home page, www.abem.org, and enter your User ID and Password to view your ABEM MOC Personal Page.
- 2. What is the ConCert™ Examination?** The ConCert™ Examination is a proctored, 5 hour and 15 minute, high-stakes examination that covers the breadth of the clinical practice of Emergency Medicine. It is given annually at over 200 computer testing centers around the United States and Canada.
- 3. How many times each year is the ConCert™ Examination offered?** The ConCert™ Examination is administered over a range of specified days in the fall 2018. Beginning in 2019, the examination will be administered twice each year, in the spring and in the fall. A diplomate or former diplomate has two opportunities per year to take the examination beginning in 2019.
- 4. When will the ConCert™ Examination be administered?** In 2018, the ConCert™ Examination will be administered over a range of days in the fall. Beginning in 2019, the examination will be administered twice per year, in the spring and in the fall. Examination dates are posted on the [ABEM website](#).
- 5. When can I register for the ConCert™ Examination?** Dates for ConCert™ Examination registration can be found on the [ABEM website](#).
- 6. How do I register for the ConCert™ Examination?** Registration for the ConCert™ Examination is completed through ABEM MOC Online. Registration and exam dates are available on the [ABEM website](#). To register for and then schedule your appointment to take the ConCert™ Examination, you must complete the following steps:

Step 1: Sign in at www.abem.org with your User ID and Password. If you do not have your User ID and Password, click on the "Need User ID or Password?" link in the grey Sign In box and provide the requested information. If it matches the ABEM database, you will be asked for your email address, and then your User ID will appear on the screen. Your password will be sent to the email address you provided.

Step 2: After signing in, click on "Register for ConCert™ Examination" on the left side of the screen. You can pay for the examination online with a Visa or MasterCard by choosing "Pay Online." Doing so via our secure site will speed up your ability to schedule your specific examination assignment.

If you do not wish to pay online, choose "Pay by Mail." On the screen that follows, be sure to click on the "Pay by Mail Form" button, then print and complete the form and mail it with either your credit card information or check in U.S. dollars made payable to ABEM. Mailing in your payment will stop the registration process until your payment is received and processed by ABEM. This can take several days. If we have your email address, you will be notified by email that your payment has been received. You will then be directed to schedule your examination appointment with Pearson VUE testing centers (see Step 3).

Step 3: At the end of successful registration, you will receive two emails if you provided ABEM with a valid email address. The first email will confirm receipt of your payment, can be printed as a receipt, and should arrive almost immediately after you register. The second email may take from two to 24 hours and will provide instructions on how to schedule your examination appointment (the location, day, and time you will take the examination). Print and save these instructions. You will not be able to schedule your appointment with Pearson VUE until you receive the *second* email with the instructions. You must schedule your appointment to take the examination. See FAQ 7 below for instructions on scheduling.

Step 4: If you have a documented disability and need to request accommodations to take the ConCert™ Examination, read the [Policy on Americans with Disabilities Act](#), then submit your request to ABEM as early as possible.

- 7. How do I schedule an examination appointment?** You will not be able to schedule your appointment with Pearson VUE until you receive the *second* email with the instructions (see FAQ 6 above). You must schedule your appointment to take the examination. You may do so online at www.pearsonvue.com/abem or by phone at 877-378-8378. Appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and some test centers may not be available every day of the examination administration period, so we encourage you to schedule with Pearson VUE as soon as possible to increase your chance of receiving the appointment date and location of your choice.

Note: If you do not receive the email notification that you may schedule your appointment, or you did not give ABEM a valid email address, you should wait one business day after registering and then go online or call the testing vendor to schedule your appointment to take the examination.

If you wish to schedule your appointment through the Pearson VUE website, go online to www.pearsonvue.com/abem and click the "Schedule a Test" button. If you don't already have an account with them, click on the link to "create a new web account" and follow the instructions. When asked for your ABEM ID, use the ABEM User ID you typically use to log into the ABEM website, but add enough leading zeroes to make it an 8-digit number. For example, an ABEM ID of 11111 would become 00011111 to be of use on the Pearson VUE website. You may also schedule your seating assignment by calling Pearson VUE at 877-378-8378.

If you have a spam filter on your email, be sure to add MOC@ABEM.org to your list of addresses from which emails can be accepted.

- 8. Can ABEM schedule my ConCert™ Examination appointment for me?** ABEM cannot schedule your appointment to take the ConCert™ Examination for you. Information about how to schedule your appointment is given in [FAQ 7](#).

- 9. How do I obtain a receipt for my ConCert™ Examination payment?** Sign into the ABEM website with your User ID and Password to view your ABEM MOC Personal Page, then click "View Payment History" on the left side of the screen. On the Payment History page, click the "Print Receipt" button next to the test or examination for which you wish to print a receipt. You may print the receipt using your browser's print button.
- 10. What is the ABEM Computer-delivered Testing Experience?** To allow candidates to practice navigating a computer-based examination, ABEM provides a 20-25 question computer-delivered testing experience in Pearson VUE testing centers. This is designed for candidates who have not previously taken an examination in a testing center. Physicians have an opportunity to see how an actual ABEM examination is formatted on the computer, practice navigating a computer-based demonstration examination, and experience the same security procedures and opening and closing activities of an actual ABEM examination.

The testing experience is not designed to assist candidates in preparing for the content of an actual ABEM examination. The demonstration examination will not be scored, and the questions do not represent the examination content, subject matter, or level of difficulty of an actual ABEM examination.

Physicians may register for the testing experience through ABEM MOC Online. Sign in to the website with your User ID and Password to view your ABEM MOC Personal Page, and in the MOC Examination Requirements and Activities grid, click "ConCert™ Examination," and then "Register for ConCert™ Examination" on the left side of the screen. You will see an option to "Register for the Optional Computer-delivered Testing Experience." After registering for the testing experience, you should wait one business day before attempting to schedule an appointment for the test experience. Appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be scheduled online by going to www.pearsonvue.com/abem and clicking the "Schedule a Test" button. If you do not already have an account with Pearson VUE, click on the link to "create a new web account" and follow the instructions. When asked for your ABEM ID, use the same ID you use to log into the ABEM website, but add enough leading zeroes to make it an 8-digit number. You may also schedule by calling Pearson VUE at 877-378-8378.

Please be aware that a free tutorial that simulates the experience of navigating through a general computerized test is available for free download to your own computer from the testing company's website, <http://www.pearsonvue.com/athena/athena.asp>, and the actual ConCert™ Examination will also include a tutorial prior to beginning the actual examination.

- 11. How long is the ConCert™ Examination?** The ConCert™ Examination is scheduled for 5 hours and 15 minutes. You should be at the test center 30 minutes prior to your examination appointment time.
- 12. Where do I take the ConCert™ Examination?** You will schedule your examination assignment (location, date, and time) with ABEM's testing vendor after you complete registration through the ABEM website. There is at least one test center in every state. Availability cannot be guaranteed at any particular site, since seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Some test centers are not available every day of

the examination administration period. To see a list of Pearson VUE Test Center locations go to www.pearsonvue.com/ABEM/locate.

- 13. How do I prepare for the ConCert™ Examination?** [*The Model of the Clinical Practice of Emergency Medicine \(EM Model\)*](#) serves as the basis for the content specifications for all ABEM examinations. The subject area percentage breakdown for the ConCert™ Examination can be found on the [ABEM website](#).

ABEM neither endorses nor makes any recommendation for specific conferences, textbooks, or other publications used to prepare for ABEM examinations. ABEM has no connection with, nor does it endorse or participate in the preparation of any programs that involve mock training sessions for ABEM examinations or books or other publications that purport to instruct candidates how to take its examinations.

- 14. Will the ConCert™ Examination include the Lifelong Learning Self-Assessment (LLSA) materials?** The ConCert™ Examination is designed for the practicing emergency medicine physician, and focuses on the medical knowledge needed for clinical practice. The ConCert™ Examination is developed without any reliance on the LLSA readings. However, similar to any EM content, information in the LLSA readings that is important to the practice of EM may be included in the ConCert™ Examination.

- 15. Can I get CME credit for passing the ConCert™ Examination?** Yes. The American Medical Association (AMA) awards 60 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for successfully attaining board certification or renewing certification. Diplomates may apply for CME credits for up to six years from the effective date on their certificate. For additional information go to the [AMA Direct Credit page](#) on the AMA website. Application for the credits must be made directly to the AMA; [click here](#) to access the appropriate form. ABEM is providing this notification for informational purposes only and will not realize any financial gain from an application for credit.

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