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The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Awards the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry an Educational Grant to Offset COVID-19 Impact

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI—October 13, 2020—We are pleased to announce that the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) has awarded a \$100,000 unrestricted educational grant to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) to help offset the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Academy and increase opportunities for ABPN diplomates who are not AAAP members the ability to take advantage of AAAP self assessment, MOC and CME activities at a discounted rate.

In ABPN's letter, they indicated, “ABPN is aware of the disruptive effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on your society and on your 2020 annual meeting which many of our diplomates planned to attend in order to earn their required self-assessment and CME credits. To help offset the likely expense of providing AAAP self-assessment and CME activities remotely, the ABPN has decided to offer your society a one-time, unrestricted educational grant of \$100,000.”

In return, all ABPN diplomates who are not AAAP members will be able to access any of AAAP's remote self-assessment and CME activities for the same cost as charged to AAAP members. As a result of the pandemic, AAAP will be holding three major educational activities virtually in 2020 which include: the *Addictions and Their Treatment Course*, the *Advanced Addiction Psychopharmacology Course*, and the *31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium*.

“During this most difficult time, it is more important than ever for physicians to maintain their ability to provide quality patient care,” said Larry Faulkner, MD, president and CEO of ABPN. “The ABPN is very pleased to be able to work with AAAP to ensure that the needed CME resources are available to help ABPN diplomates maintain their competence.”

The dates and CME available for AAAP's 2020 educational activities are as follows:

- ✓ *Addictions and Their Treatment Course* (20 Self Assessment Category 1 CME credits) – October 3 (registration is now closed)
- ✓ *Advanced Addiction Psychopharmacology Course* – November 7 and November 14 pre-recorded sessions followed by Live Q and A

- ✓ *31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium* – (10 Self Assessment Category 1 CME, credits) December 10 through December 13. Many sessions are pre-recorded and will be available weeks prior to the live sessions Dec. 10 - 13.

“The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry is extremely pleased and appreciative of ABPN's support and contributions in extending the availability of our extensive educational resources on substance use disorders and co-occurring psychiatric conditions to all ABPN diplomates,” said AAAP President Kevin A. Sevarino, MD, PhD.

AAAP will use the grant funds to promote the virtual events and the availability of educational resources, finalize additional PIP's and Self Assessment examinations, create new educational products and update existing ones, and offset the cost of providing all ABPN diplomates who are not AAAP members with a reduced fee for AAAP's educational events.

*Note: *ABPN diplomates who registered for any of the three events mentioned above prior to September 27th, 2020 will be issued a refund (for the difference between AAAP member rate and nonmember) with a credit back to the credit card used for purchase. All new event registrants will receive the discounted price automatically at the time of purchase.*

The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry is a nonprofit professional membership organization of addiction specialists whose mission is to promote the need for research and clinical treatment using evidence-based approaches through training and education.
