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Memo to: Anesthesiology Residency Program Directors

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Chair, American Board of Anesthesiology/ American Society of Anesthesiologists Joint Council on In-training Examinations

Subject: Nonstandard Requests for the July 14, 2007 ABA/ASA In-Training Examination

Request for a nonstandard examination format must be received by the ABA Executive Office at 4101 Lake Boone Trail Road, Suite #510, Raleigh, NC 27607-7506 no later than February 15, 2007 and all supporting documentation must be received no later than March 1, 2007. In 2008 the request for nonstandard administration must be received by the ABA no later than January 15, 2008.

If you believe that an examinee in your program requires a specific physical accommodation at the examination site, e.g., an examinee 6'6" tall or in late 3rd trimester pregnancy requiring a table and chair rather than a standard examination center desk, please inform Judy Jacobson, 520 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-2573 in writing no later than May 1, 2007.

Please note the following procedures for requesting nonstandard procedures for the July 14, 2007 ABA/ASA In-Training Examination.

Submission Process and Deadlines

1. Residents who received nonstandard testing in past years must send a request to the ABA office for nonstandard testing for the 2007 in-training examination.
2. All requests for nonstandard testing must be sent to the ABA office no later than February 15, 2007.
3. The ABA office must receive all documentation to support the request for nonstandard testing no later March 1, 2007.
4. Program directors will forward their request directly to the ABA office: Attn: Nonstandard Examinations, American Board of Anesthesiology, 4101 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 510, Raleigh, NC 27607-7506.

Review Process and Decision

1. The ABA office in Raleigh, NC administers the process for reviewing requests for nonstandard testing for ABA candidates and for in-training examinees.
2. The ASA office will forward the information it receives about nonstandard testing for in-training examinees to the ABA office.
3. The ABA office will notify the resident when a decision has been made about the resident's request for nonstandard testing.