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President's Letter



GEORGE SPENCER
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I write to you today to update not only the Certified Medical Dosimetry community, but also the Radiation Oncology community at large on the state of the MDCB Board. As we begin to move towards a somewhat normalized work environment after COVID-19, it's a good time to reflect on this past year and highlight the board's continued work.

We continue to administer two exams per year and recently conducted the first test administration for 2022 of our January certification exam. I extend congratulations and a warm welcome to our newly certified dosimetrists who were successful on the CMD exam. This recent exam was one of the highest scoring exams to date, which proves to us that our accredited programs, program directors, educators, and even clinical dosimetry preceptors are going above and beyond to prepare students for the exam and the medical dosimetry profession.

The MDCB Board of Directors has been working diligently on the next big step in exam administration. We continue to work with ProKnow to integrate planning specific questions (performance-based questions) and have determined to incorporate contouring-based questions, providing applicants the opportunity to demonstrate treatment planning abilities and techniques. This next step will add another dimension to the exam, to measure candidates' clinical knowledge in addition to the didactic knowledge already tested. We believe this is an exciting and vital addition which will provide a better overall comprehensive exam experience.

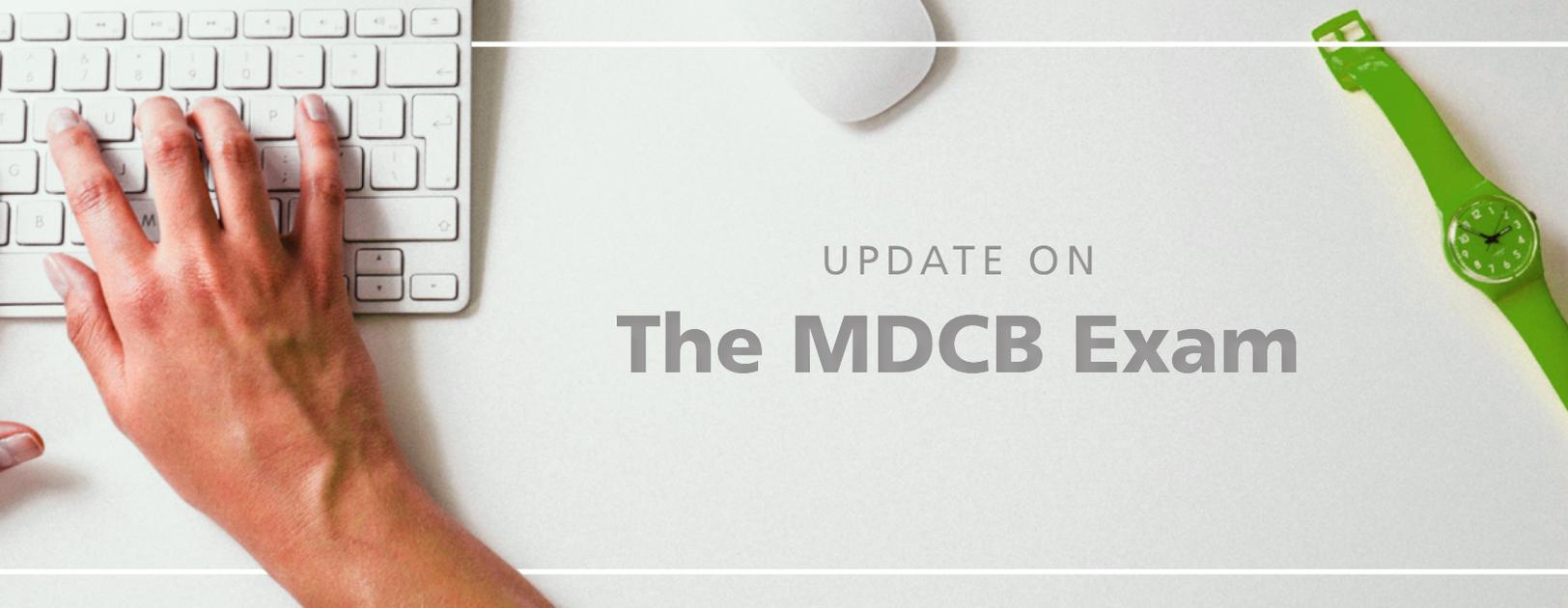
As I enter the second half of my term as President of the MDCB, I want to recognize our current board members. My colleagues on the board have done a tremendous job in working with me and supporting me along the way. It has not only been an honor to serve in this capacity, but moreover a pleasure to give back. As I step down at the end of August, our current President-elect, Christopher Amaloo, will take my place as President. I have the greatest confidence, as do my fellow board members, that he will continue on with our goals to drive our field even further. Please feel free to contact me or the MDCB board members at info@mdcb.org with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

George Spencer Arnould MS, CMD
MDCB President ♦

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UPDATE ON The MDCB Exam

Although the healthcare field has struggled through many challenges in the past few years, the MDCB has continued to successfully deliver the exam semi-annually to a consistent number of candidates. Through the support of the JRCERT, students at formal dosimetry programs were able to complete clinical requirements by supervised remote means.

The MDCB continues to assess the exam to ensure relevance to dosimetry practice. At its March Board meeting, the MDCB conducted a Strategic Planning session. One of the major goals determined was for: “education, the test, and practice to be well-aligned so that all certificants have clinical proficiency.” To that end, the MDCB will be expanding the use of performance-based questions.

Since January 2020, MDCB has incorporated the Elekta ProKnow platform on the CMD exam. Candidates were asked to review a scan and respond to a multiple-choice question that referenced the scan. These items will continue to be included on the exam. In 2023, MDCB will begin incorporating the platform on the exam for the execution of contours. These performance-based items will have greater fidelity to the work of dosimetrists.

To ensure the content of the exam reflects current practice, the MDCB Board continues to conduct exam development procedures, item development and review. Exam items are created in alignment with the [test specifications](#). Test specifications are determined every five years through the conduct of a job task analysis (JTA), a certification testing industry standard. Planning for the next job analysis study will begin in 2024.

The MDCB will continue to strive to achieve its mission to “steer the advancement of the Medical Dosimetry profession”.

January 2022 Exam Statistics

- 111 applications were approved for the January 2022 exam, 109 US candidates and 2 international candidates.
- The test was administered at more than 60 Prometric test sites in the US and internationally.
- The pass rate was 88%.
- The scaled raw cut score for passing is 600 out of a total possible of 800. ♦

September 2022 Exam

The application for the September exam is now available. Before starting the application, applicants are required to read the [Applicant Handbook](#) and familiarize themselves with:

- All requirements and procedures related to the exam application
- All dates related to the application and exam
- Fee policies
- Ethical standards
- Exam content domains
- Exam references ♦

CONGRATULATIONS

to the January 2022 exam candidates who successfully challenged the exam!

Kelly Adams
Linsey Barclay
Niccole Black
Teresha Bradley
Brittany Carter
Ana Cash
Saerom Chang
Danny Chen
Nadiya Chiger
Mark Cicchino
Marisa Clark
Tarshay Cosely
Delanie Cowburn
Jessica Cox
Jon-Isaac Cumberland
Thanh Thao Dang
Shannon Day
Kelsi Depue
Alexa Diaz
Casey Ervick
Marlinn Fisher
Joshua Gardner
Heidy Godoy

John Gonzales
Kireina Gray
Michal Gryza
Patrick Guarnieri
Kayla Hahn
Whitnee Hallford
Stephanie Hanna
Emily Harrison
Robert Hayward
Staci Henderson
Haley Herring
Destiny Holder
Kylee Holton
Stephanie Howard
Nour Issa
Lanisha Jaiprashad
Jacqueleine Jend
Cyre Kalu
Kimberly Kelly
Charles Kengne Choutedjem
Armin Khansari
Erin Konopacke
Ottmar Lezama

Dana Light
Shin Yun Lim
Audrey Magnoni
Brady Mayberry
Ryan Mitchell
Ilam Momin
Danette Murphy
Nicholas Ngo
Hanh Nguyen
Khoi Nguyen
Reyes Nino
Jeremie Oubda
Shailja Patel
Breanna Peyton
Jayne Phoenix
Melisa Phung
Catherine Ramirez
Courtney Raney
Candace Ray
Addah Riebschleger
William Rios
Chantel Rodrigues
Nicole Rote

Melissa Russo
Isaak Sahli
Enoch Sarkodee
Hugo Schreuder
Chase Sitzmann
Amelia Symons
Carrie Tam
Katlyn Tejada
Logan Teten
Cassandra Thon
David Tootle
Anh Tran
Yvonne Tran
Taylor Tucker
Steven Turner
Fiorella Venuto
Lauren Wilson
Alexis Woodin
Clayton Young
Amanda Zylinski

2023 Exam Dates

Dates for the administration of the 2023 January and September exams have been posted on the [MDCB website](#).

The exam is administered at Prometric Test Sites around the world. Please visit "Locate a Test Center" at www.prometric.com.

Beginning May 1, 2022, Prometric will lift its masking mandate at test centers. Candidates and test center personnel will no longer be required to wear masks unless

required to do so by building management or local government. If masks are mandated in a particular locale, Prometric will follow local guidance in test centers as well. Any candidate or staff member that prefers to wear a mask should feel comfortable doing so.

Prometric will continue to require COVID attestation regarding exposure. If a candidate has tested positive for COVID or reports exposure to someone who has COVID, they will be asked to wait 5 days and be symptom-free prior to testing. ♦

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee

The MDCB and the AAMD recently created a joint Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Group. The focus of the task group is to grow awareness of the medical dosimetry profession as a career path among those populations that are traditionally underrepresented in the field.

The task group has met a number of times and is working on several initiatives. The initiatives include outreach to groups and institutions where it has been determined that an impact can be made. The task group also seeks to garner corporate support from companies that support the day-to-day work of radiation oncology professionals. ♦

MDCB Social Media

Be sure to follow MDCB on [LinkedIn](#) for the latest MDCB updates. ♦

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION UPDATES

Learning Plan Review Schedule for 2022

To assist CMDs in maintaining their learning plans, the MDCB will be reviewing learning plans in 2022 based on the following schedule:

- Year 5 of Cycle: Continuous review for CMDs with a 5-year cycle ending in 2022.
- Year 4 of Cycle: January, April, July and October for CMDs with a 5-year cycle ending in 2023.
- Year 3 of Cycle: February, May, August and November for CMDs with a 5-year cycle ending in 2024.
- Year 2 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with a 5-year cycle ending in 2025.
- Year 1 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with a 5-year cycle ending in 2026.

Learning Plan Submission

CMDs whose five-year cycle ends on December 31, 2022 are reminded to submit learning plans for completion by November 30, 2022. ♦

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

As a recognized member of the health-care field providing critical care to individuals facing life-threatening illnesses, it is the sole responsibility of each Certified Medical Dosimetrist to adhere to the MDCB Ethical Standards, renew the credential annually by December 31 of each calendar year, earn and document 50 continuing education credits in each five year cycle and make necessary updates to personal contact information in the CE Center. Renewal fees submitted after December 31 will be subject to a late fee. Failure to submit the renewal fees for any calendar year may result in loss of the CMD credential.

Updates and Reminders from the AAMD

Join Your Colleagues in Baltimore for the AAMD 47th Annual Meeting, June 19 – 23, 2022

Register and Book Travel Early to Save \$\$

Registration is open for the AAMD 47th Annual Meeting! Make plans now to join the AAMD in Baltimore for a return to an in-person Annual Meeting. [Preview the educational sessions, workshops and networking opportunities.](#) Early Bird Rates end May 19.

Treatment Planning and Practical Contouring Workshops – Space Is Limited!

The AAMD is once again partnering with Varian, Elekta and MIM Software to bring educational workshops to the Annual Meeting. Each company will provide hands-on training for their respective systems. These workshops are FREE for any Full Meeting registrant, but pre-registration is required.

Earn 30+ CE Credits (anticipated)

With a diverse program of educational sessions focusing on information you can use in your daily clinical work, you'll have the opportunity to earn more than 30 CE credits (anticipated for MDCB, ARRT Category A and MPCEC). [View the Agenda.](#)

Pre-Conference Workshop, June 18: 2022 Essentials for Radiation Oncology Billing and Coding

This workshop is designed to provide the oncology staff with references and resources to assist in their day-to-day responsibilities in the realm of documentation, reimbursement and compliance. An additional registration fee of \$199 applies. [Learn more.](#) ♦