



Press Release

## **PTC and ABCN Launch New Part II Track: Critical Care EEG Monitoring**

**New York, June 2015** – The Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) is pleased to work with the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology (ABCN) in the development and administration of a new Part II Track in Critical Care EEG Monitoring to be launched in October 2015. The ABCN exists to encourage the highest quality and establish standard competencies in central clinical neurophysiology in order to facilitate safe and proper evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of patients. The ABCN provides this certification program to recognize licensed physicians who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and proficiency in clinical neurophysiology. Candidates are awarded the credential after successfully completing Part I as well as one of the Part II tracks. The Part II Track in Critical Care EEG Monitoring will target candidates who have successfully completed the Part I examination in addition to one year of clinical neurophysiology/EEG fellowship training or six months of dedicated EEG training during NeuroCritical Care Fellowship with an additional six months of supervised critical care EEG experience.

ABCN began work on the new Part II Track in Critical Care EEG Monitoring in 2012, under the direction of Dr. Suzette LaRoche of Emory University. Along with Dr. LaRoche, many experts in the fields of EEG and neurocritical care participated in the examination development process including the item writing, reviewing, editing, and coding of questions. Janice Walbert, CAE, ABCN Executive Director has stated that ABCN relies on PTC to provide valuable psychometric services, securely maintain the item banks, and deliver reliable statistical reports, all of which are critical to their credentialing program, including this new track in Critical Care EEG Monitoring. “Together, the ABCN subject matter experts and the team at PTC provide certification examinations that have meaning and value to our Diplomates.”

The track in Critical Care EEG Monitoring is the fourth track offered to candidates along with tracks in Epilepsy Monitoring; Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring; and General Clinical Neurophysiology.

### **About the American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology**

The American Board of Clinical Neurophysiology, Inc. (formerly The American Board of Qualification in Electroencephalography, Inc.) was founded in 1946 by Herbert Jasper, M.D. It is the oldest free-standing Board for medical certification.

The purpose of the Board is to establish and improve standards of knowledge and proficiency in the professional practice of Clinical Neurophysiology. This is accomplished by examinations in the field of Clinical Neurophysiology (CNP) of the Central Nervous System, including Electroencephalography (EEG), Evoked Potentials (EP), Polysomnography (PSG), Epilepsy Monitoring (EM), and Neurologic Intraoperative Monitoring (NIOM). The Board grants one or more subspecialty designations (upon successful completion of a Part II examination) in the areas of: General Clinical Neurophysiology, Epilepsy Monitoring, Neurophysiologic Intraoperative Monitoring, and (starting in October 2015) Critical Care EEG. The Board issues certification to eligible candidates who have satisfactorily completed both Parts I and II of the examination.

For more information about ABCN, visit [www.abcn.org](http://www.abcn.org)



## **About Professional Testing Corporation**

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