



ABIH Eliminates “Test Requirement” For CM Point Review Criteria

Since 1999, ABIH has required that a “test” be administered for all Distance Learning activities as one of the criteria for awarding Certification Maintenance (CM) Points. However, since that time, the Distance Learning technology has advanced very far. Most educators and professional trainers no longer make a distinction between their activities that are taught Distance Learning and those that are taught in the physical presence of the participant.

In recognition of these advancements, ABIH has eliminated the need for a test as a condition of awarding CM points for Distance Learning activities. All activities, whether Distance Learning or not, will be judged based on: 1) subject matter content and 2) contact time. The process and rules for awarding Points are in the CM Point Request Form. (<http://www.abih.org/documents/index.html#RequestForm>)

ABIH believes that this change will increase the number of CM activities available for its Diplomates, the CIHs and CAIHs. This directly supports the primary purposes of the CM program which is to continually advance the technical knowledge and skills of the Diplomates through continuing education.

It should be noted that many Activity Providers will continue to use tests in their activity offerings. ABIH believes that the Activity Providers, who know their material, are in the best position to know when a test is needed in support of their primary learning methods and objectives.

This change is effective Sept 14, 2009