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American Board of Medical Specialties Statement to Designated Institutional Officials Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and its 24 Member Boards appreciate the extraordinary efforts of our specialty medical professionals and trainees who are working tirelessly to treat and monitor those exposed to or diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and we recognize the associated enhanced health risks and the potential for training disruptions. As with others in our community, our primary concern is for the health and well-being of these individuals and patients and the desire to maintain a strong and effective health care workforce. In most cases, specialty boards' existing leave policies will cover training disruptions caused by quarantine, and boards are supportive of creative strategies to recognize learning opportunities that can take place during such times. In situations in which quarantine impedes completion of on-time training, boards are receptive to case-by-case discussions and do not wish to penalize trainees for situations beyond their control. We encourage those with questions to contact their respective [ABMS Member Board](#) for details and updates regarding COVID-19 related leave policies and the status of board examinations.