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Dear Program Director:

Please advise your chief resident(s) that the next Qualifying (Part 1) Examination of the American Board of Urology will be administered on **Thursday, July 11, 2024 or Thursday, July 18, 2024**. Those residents who will have completed **at least six months** of chief residency in an accredited program by June 30, 2024 may apply for admission to this exam.

Chief resident invite letters for you to distribute to your chief residents are enclosed. Application forms and *Information for Applicants and Candidates* handbooks can be found on our website at www.abu.org. All applications must be received in the Board office by **November 1, 2023**.

A letter from you, the Program Director, confirming that the applicant is expected to successfully complete at least six months as chief resident by June 30, 2024, must be received in the Board office by **January 1, 2024**. In addition, a Program Director's Evaluation Form for each resident who has applied for the exam will be **emailed** to you and/or your residency coordinator in late January for completion by **March 1, 2024**.

After a comprehensive review by the Finance Committee, including a review of fees assessed by peer-ABMS member boards, the Board finds it necessary to raise the QE fee by 3% annually to meet increasing operational costs. We realize that any increase in fees is not desirable, but the tremendous increases in costs associated with the creation and administration of the exam over the last 14 years have made the fee adjustment necessary.

The 2024 fee is \$1442, which is payable by January 5 for Chief Residents and by November 1 for all other applicants.

The Qualifying (Part 1) Examination is given on one of two days and consists of a computer-based examination with integrated questions relating to urologic imaging and pathology. Whereas the exam will no longer include items that require the candidate to interpret pathology pictures, it will continue to test pathologic findings /principles that impact management. It will be administered at selected Pearson VUE test centers across the United States and its territories.

As your chief resident(s) accept positions following graduation, please remind them that a fellowship will **not** fulfill the 16-month practice requirement for admissibility to the Certifying (Part 2) Examination. Credit toward this requirement may be awarded for a fellowship experience relevant to urology of one or more years' duration, subject to Board approval.

Furthermore, please advise your residents that it is their responsibility to keep the Board apprised of any address changes.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

