



## ABNM PART II-ORAL EXAMINATION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

***The ABNM Part II-Oral examination follows the ABNM Part I-Written examination and can only be applied for by candidates who will have the ABNM Status of “In the examination process” on the date of the ABNM Part II-Oral examination.***

These instructions have been abstracted from the ABNM Policy and Procedure Manual and will serve as a guide for your application process. Where appropriate, the instructions will reference the Policy and Procedure Manual. You are **required** to read the ABNM Policy and Procedure Manual in its entirety to understand fully the application process. Specifically: - **ABNM Policy and Procedure Manual Sections VII, VIII, IX, X and XI.**

Diplomate candidates who pass the ABNM Part I-Written examination are considered "In the examination process" for a period of up to three years and will have the opportunity to take the ABNM Part II-Oral examination at most three times during this time. If, after two attempts, the candidate fails to pass the ABNM Part II-Oral examination, they must wait a period of one year from the date of failure before sitting for the oral examination for a third time. If a candidate fails the oral examination after a third attempt or does not take and pass the ABNM Part II-Oral examination within this three-year period, they will lose the status of "In the examination process" and must apply anew to retake and pass the ABNM Part I-Written examination. All previous and newly adopted ABNM application requirements in effect at the time of a new application for ABNM Certification must be met.

Each candidate will have two 30-minute Oral examination sessions with a 15-minute break between the sessions.

**1st session:** Examination of a participant presented, real surgical case with a significant IONM event in which the candidate was the supervising neurophysiologist of the presented case.

**2nd session:** Examination of a hypothetical surgical case with IONM.

**Requirements of participant presented, real surgical case (the category and type of case may be selected from the list in the Policy and Procedure Manual Section VIII):**

1. Must be a case the participant has monitored as the primary supervising and interpreting neurophysiologist.
2. Case **must contain a significant change(s) or alert(s)** in the neuromonitoring, i.e., electrophysiological data, and must not represent routine, drug-induced neuromonitoring data changes
3. Case Report must demonstrate the occurrence of significant event(s) that occurred during the surgery and associated communication that occurred between the neurophysiologist and the surgical and/or anesthesia teams.
4. Data Records of the presented case must document the occurrence of significant event(s) that occurred during the surgery and associated communication that occurred between the neurophysiologist and the surgical and/or anesthesia teams.
5. Candidates repeating the ABNM Part II-Oral exam cannot choose to present a case from the same

sub-category that was previously selected.

6. The candidate **must** remove all patient, surgeon and hospital identifiers from all materials brought to the examination and failure to do so will result in material being disqualified.
7. Noncompliance with the above will result in failure of the Oral examination

**Requirements of hypothetical surgical case:**

1. The participant will choose a case from the list in the Policy and Procedure Manual, Section VIII that is a different Category from the participant's present, real surgical case.
2. Candidates repeating the ABNM Part II-Oral exam cannot choose to present a case from the same sub-category that was previously selected.

**Requirements of both participant presented, real surgical case and hypothetical surgical case:**

1. Candidates are expected to have a comprehensive and up-to-date understanding of the relevant scientific literature upon which intraoperative monitoring is based. Decisions and positions should be supported by reference to the clinical neurophysiology literature and/or to evidence-based medicine.
2. For both the Presented and Hypothetical cases selected, the candidate must provide a Bibliography of at least ten citations of peer-reviewed publications that are specific to the value of IONM for each specific surgical procedure selected for examination.
3. All materials being submitted for the candidate's presented case and the candidate's selection of case category for the hypothetical surgical case and two bibliographies should be sent to the examining committee at least two weeks prior to the examination.

Materials for application with the \$800 application fee should be sent to PTC – see below. Upon receipt of application, you will receive a letter from the ABNM with specific details of the examination location as well as detailed instructions as to where to send all presented case materials, case category choices and bibliographies. Two printed copies of all presented case materials bound only by a clip, will be required as well as a digital copy of the same presented case material in PDF format.

The application form can be found on the ABNM website at [www.abnm.info/Exam\\_Main.htm](http://www.abnm.info/Exam_Main.htm).

The format of the oral examination can be found in the Policy and Procedure Manual Section X.

Applications for the ABNM Part II-Oral examination are done *separately* from the ABNM Part I- Written examination and the completed Application form and \$800 examination fee should be submitted to:

Professional Testing Corporation (PTC),

1350 Broadway – Suite 800

New York, New York 10018, (212) 356-0660, [www.ptcny.com](http://www.ptcny.com).

The ABNM administers the ABNM Part II-Oral examination once a year (usually in the spring) at dates/locations listed on the ABNM web site ([www.abnm.info](http://www.abnm.info)).

Payment instructions:

Certification Examination in Neurophysiologic Monitoring - Part II –Oral.

\$800. Payment may be made to PTC by credit card or check.