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Message from the AOBPMR Chair

Dear Colleagues,

The American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation (AOBPMR) is looking forward to continued progress in 2024-25. I would like to thank the members of the AOBPM&R Board and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) PM&R Certification Director for their tireless efforts, dedication, hard work, and support over the last several years. We have accomplished a great deal over the past three years. Our AOBPM&R board members possess a great deal of knowledge, experience, and understanding in assisting our AOA PM&R diplomats with continuing as lifelong learners while sustaining their careers. Further, the board has recognized the need for proactive advocacy in reaching out to eligible American Osteopathic Association (AOA,) Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, residents, and candidates to assist in maintaining a strong connection to the AOBPM&R. This relationship is critical and would leverage our healthcare role by successfully applying and passing our certification examinations, participating in continuous certification examinations and in sustainable transformational approaches in ongoing certification programs.

We continue to see growth in our field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Osteopathic Medicine. COVID-19 has had an enormous impact on clinical care and postgraduate education, we experienced many challenges but also have had marked opportunities for innovations in providing flexibility and convenience in examining our eligible candidates. The logistical and tactical impact of developing and implementing virtual examinations have been challenging and we appreciate AOA's leadership for its sustained support. Our number of diplomats has increased by over 3.2% and we are encouraging more of our AOA PM&R residents to consider joining us.





Here are some reasons why:

- We have successfully completed our third year of virtual, Part II, Oral Board Examinations with 93% pass rates
- We have launched our Longitudinal Assessment platforms for continued continuous certification with over 100 participants
- We have maintained rapport with our AOA Certifying Board Services to continue to improve our outreach efforts and collaborations with academic and clinical practice stakeholders on local, state, and national levels.
- We have continued to invest in world-class psychometric experts and tools to improve our examination's statistical strengths for assuring public trust

If you're passionate about advancing AOBPM&R's mission and vision, consider getting involved as an item writer, oral examiner, or even a board member. Your contributions can make a meaningful impact.

In closing, I appreciate your continued support for the work that we are doing on your behalf. Please contact us if you have any questions and to learn more about getting involved with AOBPM&R!!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Beverly Roberts-Atwater'.

Beverly Roberts-Atwater, DO, PhD

Read the full letter for more information on:

- Longitudinal Assessment
- Upcoming Application Dates
- AOBPMR CME Reminder
- AOBPMR Item writers are needed





ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR LONGITUDINAL ASSESSMENT?

Registration for the AOBPMR Longitudinal Assessment opens in the fall of 2025. If your current certification expires in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025, you are required to participate in the 2025 program. Please take some time to review the link below for helpful ways to have a successful experience before submitting your registration.

You **must** register and participate in the longitudinal assessment to keep your certification active. Learn more about your **OCC requirements**.

HELPFUL TIPS

View all exams on the [AOBPMR website](#)

UPCOMING APPLICATION DATES

Please help us spread the word by sharing the following information with other AOBPMR physicians in your network. The following list outlines application timeframes for future exams. We will provide additional exam information as it becomes available:

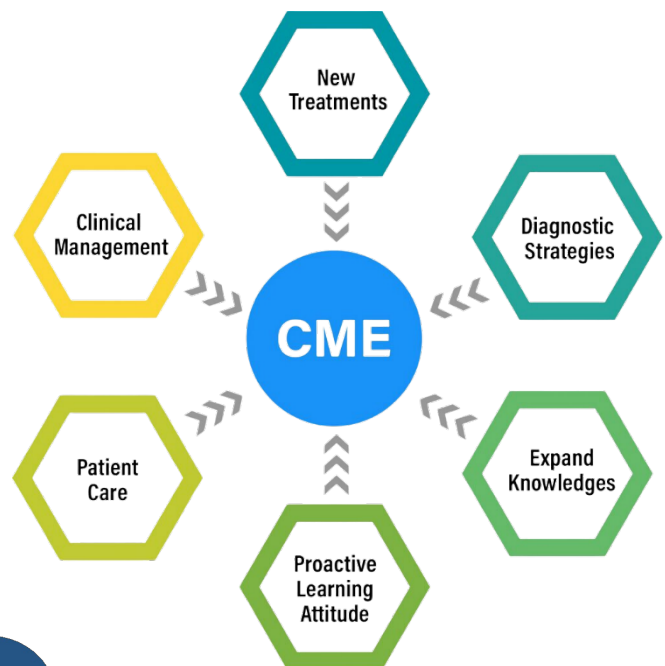
- ♦ **September 2024:** 2025 Longitudinal Assessment Registration
- ♦ **October 17, 2024:** AOBPMR Written Part I Exam
- ♦ **April 5, 2025:** 2025 AOBPMR Oral Part II Exam
- ♦ **September 2025:** 2026 Longitudinal Assessment Registration
- ♦ **October 16, 2025:** AOBPMR Written Part I Exam

AOBPMR CME REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that the AOBPMR 2022-2024 CME cycles closes on **December 31, 2024**. Please see below the requirements of the CME.

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AOBPMR) Time-limited diplomates or non-time-limited diplomates voluntarily participating in OCC.

- ♦ 75 credits of CME with 18 credits AOA Category 1-A CME
- ♦ Non-time-limited diplomates not participating in OCC are required to complete 120 credits of CME 30 of which must be AOA Category 1- A CME.





AOBPMR SME ITEM WRITERS NEEDED

The American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine Rehabilitation (AOBPMR) is searching for Item writers to join our Exam Writing Committee as Subject Matter Experts. The Exam Writing Committees for the Initial, Oral, and Longitudinal Assessment are led by an outstanding group of physicians. We have an ambitious timeline for this year's exam writing, and we know that we can meet it with your participation.

What is an Item Writer?

Item writers offer their expertise and develop items (examination questions) for the AOBPMR's computer-based, written, and oral examinations. Item writers must be board-certified by AOBPMR.

What is expected of Item Writers?

New item writers will need to complete an online AOA item writing training module before participating. Item writers participate in content development for board examinations each year - this can be achieved remotely via assignments determined by the examination committee.

What are the benefits of item writing?

Item writing offers many benefits, including CME, professional development and recognition, member discount and waiver for OCC Component 3 (Longitudinal Assessment) for physicians participating as significant contributors, and other benefits as your participation grows. You will also be considered a significant contributor if you consider being an SME. Please see attached the criteria for being a significant contributor. As well as the requirements and benefits.

To confirm your interest in participating as an item writer, please submit your current CV to *Felicia Tate-Johnson, AOBPMR Certification Director* at aobpmr@osteopathic.org for consideration.

