



American Board of Urology Updates 2026

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None

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We ensure that urologists meet the highest standards of knowledge, skill and professionalism.



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• AUA	4 members	
• AAGUS	3 members	
• ACS	2 members	
• AACU	1 member	
• SPU	1 member	
• SAU	1 member	GAB



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ABU Activities 2025-2026

- Changes to Certifying Examination
- Alternate Pathway for non-ACGME graduates
- ABMS Visiting Scholars Program
- Continuous Urologic Certification



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Qualifying (Part 1) Examination

- Eligibility: Completed a urology residency program accredited by ACGME or RCPSC & completed at least 6 months of chief residency by June 30
- Purpose: Determine whether candidate demonstrates minimum level of knowledge for safe practice of urology

Overview:

- Computer-based examination in Pearson center
- 2 examination periods of 3 hours each, in 1 day
- 300 multiple-choice questions
 - 200 statistically validated questions used to grade candidates
 - 100 questions field-test questions
- Standardized break-down by subject matter



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Changes to Certifying (Part 2) Examination

- 2021 – Virtual - 2 Examiners per Examinee/test – increased reliability
- 2022 – Raleigh - American Board of Anesthesiology
- 2022 - Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) including use of a standardized patient
- 2024 - Candidate completes their exams in one day
 - two one-hour examination encounters with different examiners
 - composed of one OSCE and two protocols each
 - four protocols
 - two OSCEs



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Changes to Certifying (Part 2) Examination

- 2026 - Candidate completes their exams in one day
 - Two 45 min examination encounters with different examiners (4)

1) Standard protocols

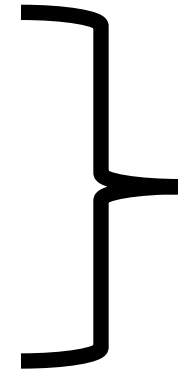
- 3 protocols of 8 items

2) OSCE (3)

- Professionalism and communication – 1 examiner is a patient/family member
- Real time evaluation of a clinical situation or diagnostic study
 - video/radiographs
- Simulation of a male cysto
 - diagnose findings and answer questions

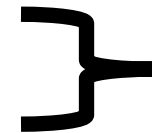
Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

- Communication skills
- Professionalism
- Interpretive/Diagnostic skills



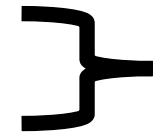
2022 – present

- Procedural/Technical skills
 - Simulators



2026

- Virtual Reality/Augmented reality platforms



The future



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Alternate Pathway

- For graduates of non-ACGME, non RCPSC accredited programs
- Previously virtually impossible to become ABU certified
- 7 years employed at academic institution affiliated with a urology residency approved by the ACGME or RCPSC
- Meaningful scholarship and academic productivity
- In past had to be full Professor – NO longer the case
- LOR's, Case Logs, Complications
- QE, CE

Alternate Pathway

- 31 Urologists have achieved certification through the Alternate Pathway
 - 14 from 2009-2022
 - 17 from 2023-2025
- 13 Urologists are currently in the Alternate pathway
 - 8 sat the CE in 2026



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American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Visiting Scholar

- ABU partnership with ABMS to assist Candidates and early career Diplomates with research efforts and leadership development
- Allows Scholars to engage in innovative research projects addressing challenging and pressing healthcare issues and research priorities.
- ABU's goal is to fund one Visiting Scholars project each year.
- For more information see the ABMS website:
<https://www.abms.org/early-career-research-grants/>.



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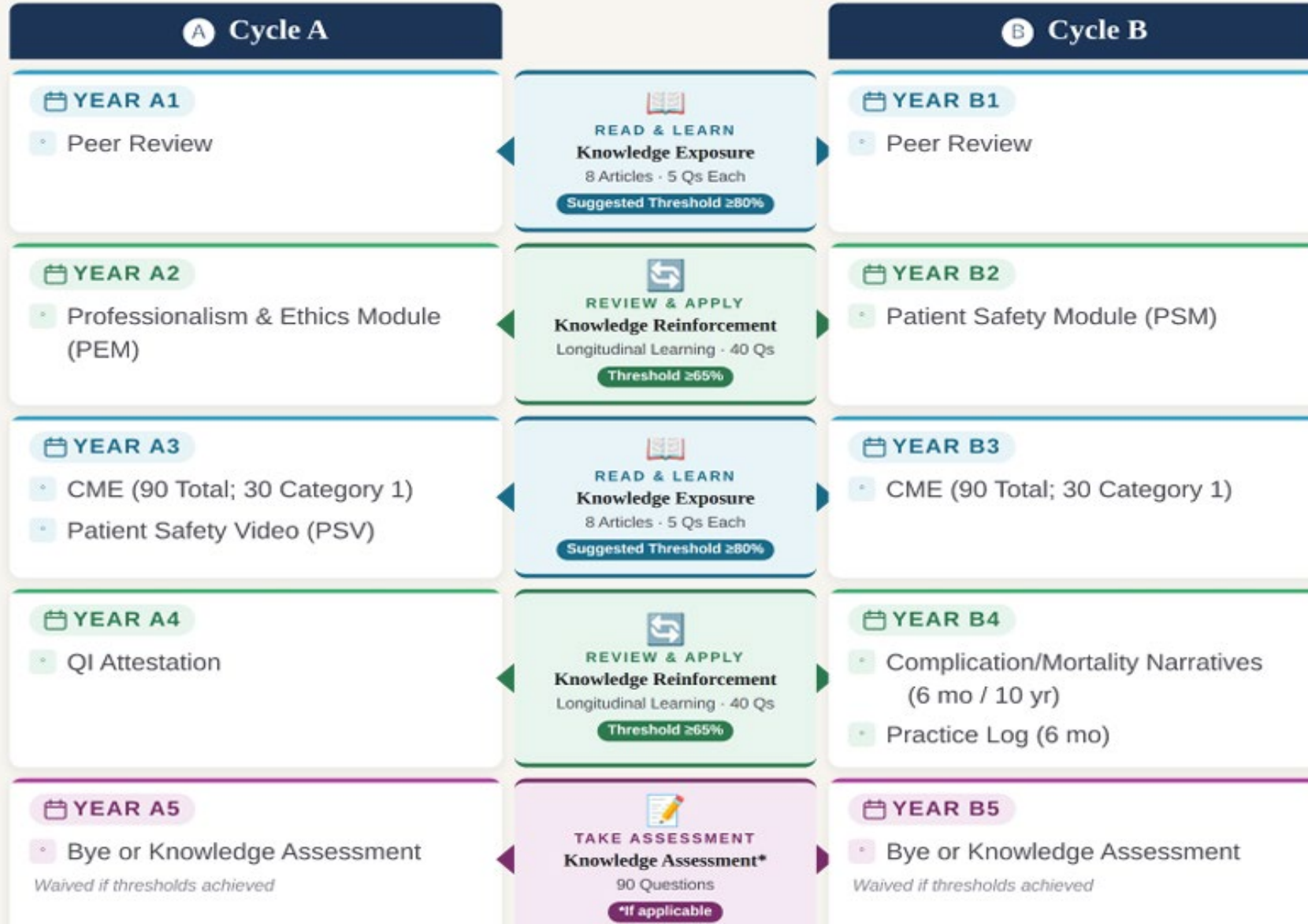
Continuing Urologic Certification (CUC)

- Approved by ABMS March 2024
- David B Joseph, CUC Chair
- All general urology certificate holders are entered in CUC
- > 90% of enrolled Diplomates approve of this ABMS mandated program vs a 10 year exam



CONTINUING COMPETENCY

CUC Portfolio 5-Year A/B Cycles



Summative process including: Peer review, complications, practice log, etc.



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READ & LEARN
Knowledge Exposure

📅 A1 · A3 · B1 · B3

- New concepts
- JUROL / UP / JUOP / AUA Guidelines
- 8 articles · 5 questions each

REVIEW & APPLY
Knowledge Reinforcement

📅 A2 · A4 · B2 · B4

- Memory challenge
- 40 questions
- Personal environment
- Self-paced

TAKE ASSESSMENT
Knowledge Assessment*

📅 A5 · B5

- 90 questions
- Knowledge gaps identified
- Individualized CME remediation



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Where am in LLL or CUC?

- Check your ABU Portal - <https://www.abu.org>

ABU Portal

Welcome, Dr. Elizabeth Ann Gormley!

You will be entering Lifelong Learning Level 1 in 2027.

Certification Verification Status

Original Certification Year: 1995

Certification Type: Urology

Subspecialty: Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery

Expiration Date: 02/28/2035

Participating in CUC / LLL: Yes

Your Profile Information

If details below are incorrect, please edit them on your [profile page](#).

CUC is being developed for URPS and Peds



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How do I know what I need to do?

- E mail and text notifications when your have activities due
- Check your contact info and that you have given permission for texts

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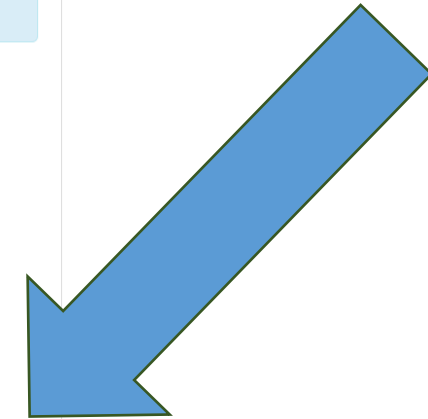
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