New Self-Assessment in Epilepsy Tool Provides CME/MOC Credit and Certification Prep

The next ABPN Certification subspecialty examination is coming in August and the deadline to apply is May 2. In preparation for the next exam, AES is developing the 2014-2015 version of its Self-Assessment in Epilepsy (SAE). This SAE is designed to be used for Maintenance of Certification Part II and as a resource to help gauge preparedness for the Board examination.

The 2014-2015 SAE is an online, on-demand tool that can help participants identify strengths as well as topics for further study in the content areas of the ABPN examination. The SAE contains 100 questions along with the rationale for each potential response as well as annotated answers, including relevant citations from peer-reviewed publications. Completion of the SAE, review of the annotations and the SAE Evaluation submission will provide up to 8 Cat 1 CME / MOC credits.

The AES Self-Assessment in Epilepsy was developed by the AES Self-Assessment Exam Writing Committee, a subcommittee of Life Long Learning Committee. The Committee of eleven AES members, chaired by Prakash Kotagal, M.D., met on April 22 in Hartford to review the questions and make sure they reflect the basic outline of the ABPN Content Blueprint:

- Classification
- Routine EEG
- Evaluation
- Management
- Systems-based practice issues
- Mechanisms of epilepsies

The 2014-2015 version of the SAE will be available in June 2014 through the AES Epilepsy Learning Institute (ELI). The new SAE will be available for $199 to non-members and $99 for members.

The June 2014 SAE follows on the success of the previous SAE. A recent survey of people who used the 2013 SAE and took the ABPN October exam indicated that the AES SAE was “very helpful as a study aide.” Of the 96 percent who returned surveys indicating that they took the SAE, 99 percent reported passing the ABPN exam. In addition to the SAE, 50 percent also reported that they used AES study webinars to reinforce their knowledge in specific topic areas in preparation for the exam.