



# AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY

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**Sent From:** ABD Staff  
**Subject:** Exam of the Future Information: Follow Up

Dear Program Directors and Coordinators -

We recently sent a message with tentative dates for our 2018 Exam of the Future administrations (BASIC Exam and Online Practice Exam). In response, we received inquiries from several Programs about whether faculty members will be able to take the exams that comprise our Exam of the Future, since some faculty members take our In-Training Exam as a means of personal assessment or to gain insight into the ABD's expectation of examinees.

Beginning in 2018, we welcome interested faculty members to take our BASIC Exam, with the reminder that the purpose of this exam is to evaluate first-year residents and it may not provide the insight they seek.

The CORE and APPLIED exams are required for certification; thus, they are available only to those individuals who are in the certification process. Just as faculty don't take our current certifying exam, faculty will not be eligible to take the CORE or APPLIED exams. Since the BASIC Exam is not required for certification, we can offer it more widely.

We look forward to keeping you informed as we continue to define our Exam of the Future process. Do not hesitate to contact us with questions.

Sincerely,

ABD Staff

**NOTE: When this memo was released, the Online Practice Exam was referred to as the CORE Practice Exam. We updated the name of this exam to the Online Practice Exam in July 2017.**