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Subject: ABD 2018 Online Practice Exam for 2nd and 3rd Year Dermatology Residents

Several programs have contacted the ABD with questions and concerns about the administration plans for the 2018 Online Practice Exam for 2nd and 3rd year dermatology residents. We originally intended to administer this exam on Thursday, March 8, via Remote Proctoring, allowing residents to take the exam on a webcam-equipped laptop in a private location of their choice. Based on feedback from programs, we learned that some residents do not have ready access to a laptop or a webcam-equipped desktop computer. A few programs have asked why we cannot just give the Online Practice Exam in the same way as the old In-Training Exam (ITE).

In response to your questions and concerns, we are considering allowing programs to administer and proctor the exam locally. Since the Online Practice Exam is NOT a part of certification, it does not have to be proctored by an independent professional proctor, and therefore it can be administered in the same way as the ITE, given to all residents in a single room at your institution and proctored by you or a member of your staff.

Before finalizing any plans, we want to survey the programs to determine the viability of this alternate administration option. A link to a short survey appears below. Before responding, please note the following:

- Residents who prefer to take the Online Practice exam via remote proctor can still do so.
- Recognizing this provides short notice for programs to secure a room in which to administer the exam, we would offer a broad exam administration window. Programs could administer the exam at any time, Monday- Friday, March 1 - March 31.

Please respond to our brief survey via [this link](#). Your response is kindly requested by Monday, September 18.