



# AMERICAN BOARD OF DERMATOLOGY

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**Sent From:** ABD Staff

**Subject:** ABD CORE Exam Study Guide and NEW Exam Pathway Infographic

Dear Program Directors and Program Coordinators,

With the recent administration of the 2018 BASIC Exam, the ABD's new certification pathway is underway. To prepare you for the next step in the process, the CORE Exam, we compiled a [CORE Exam Study Guide](#). We will post a link to this guide within the [Exam of the Future Information Center](#) on our website, and provide access to it from this message and on our homepage. We will also send this Study Guide directly to the current first year dermatology residents.

The [CORE Exam Study Guide](#) lists the types of content that may appear in the CORE modules. These lists are intended to be helpful as a study guide; however, they are not intended to be exhaustive or all-inclusive. There may be subjects covered in the exams that are not included in the study guide. Conversely, not every subject in the study guide may appear on a given exam.

The CORE Exam will be administered on 3 dates 2019 (Thursday, March 28; Thursday, July 25 and Thursday, November 14) and may be taken at a local PearsonVUE test center or via remote proctoring.

To help programs and residents better visualize this new certification pathway, we created a [revised infographic](#) to depict the process. This was created in response to your feedback that our prior infographic was not as easy-to-follow as we intended. We are grateful to the programs who provided their guidance as this new format evolved. This infographic will also be prominently displayed on our website for your future reference. This infographic includes the exam administration dates for the upcoming ABD resident exams. Please notice that we shortened the administration window of the **2019 ONLINE Practice Exam** to avoid a conflict with the AAD annual meeting. **The new administration window is March 11 - 30.** If this poses scheduling problems at your institution, please contact us and we would be happy to devise a solution.

Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about the Exam of the Future process.

Sincerely,  
American Board of Dermatology