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In preparation for the administration of the first CORE Exam in 2019, we would like to share some information about the proctoring methods and related fees.

The CORE Exam functions as a step in the certification process, and therefore it must be administered by professional third-party proctors. The CORE Exam cannot be administered at your institution as was done for the BASIC Exam. However, to provide residents with maximum flexibility, there are two methods by which the CORE Exam may be taken:

Pearson VUE Test Center

Pearson VUE test centers are located nationwide and are staffed by Pearson's administrative, technical and proctoring personnel. Residents seeking this option will book an appointment on our exam date and report to the test center for the exam. Pearson VUE's [Professional Test Center Tour](#) provides a helpful overview of the test center process. To locate a test center in your area, you may use the [Pearson VUE Test Center Search](#). Additional information about this option will be provided when registration for the CORE Exam opens in early 2019.

Pearson VUE Remote Proctoring

Remote Proctoring allows residents to take the exam on our exam date in a private and secure location of their choice, such as in a home office. The resident will take the exam on a webcam-equipped computer with a reliable internet connection. Via the webcam, Pearson VUE's proctoring staff will ensure the compliance of the exam environment prior to the start of the exam and will then monitor the entire administration of the exam in real-time. Pearson VUE's [Online Proctored Getting Started Video](#) provides a helpful demonstration of the process. Prior to securing an appointment for remote proctoring, residents **must** take a no-stakes simulated exam (consisting of one question) to ensure their computer meets the technical requirements. For more details, refer to the Policies and Procedures on Pearson VUE's [Online Proctored page for the ABD](#). Additional information about this option will be provided when registration for the CORE Exam opens in early 2019.

Although the ABD will not charge residents a fee to take the CORE Exam, Pearson VUE imposes proctoring fees, which are paid by the resident directly to Pearson VUE. Pearson VUE's fees are charged per-module and vary based on proctoring method. Please refer to the [CORE Exam Fee Summary](#) for details.

We look forward to rolling out this next step in the Exam of the Future process but recognize that this is a complicated transition for all involved. We encourage you to refer to our [visual overview of the process](#) for a simplified view of the exam pathway and some key points about each exam. Additionally, we are here to support you and are always happy to address your questions by phone (617.969.4100 x4) and [email](#).