The American Clinical Board of Nutrition

An Accredited Nutrition Certification Organization
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THE AMERICAN CLINICAL BOARD OF NUTRITION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2015 – 2018:
The ACBN Executive Board is comprised of:
Elicia Rosen-Fox, President, MS, DC, DACBN, CDN (Brooklyn, NY)
James Dilenno, Vice President, DC, DACBN (Dunedin, FL)
Kirk Whitten, Secretary, DC, DACBN, ND, NMD (Margate, FL)
Ira Geier, Treasurer, DC, DACBN, DACBSP, CCSP, CNCB (Coral Springs, FL)
John Podlaski, Director, DC, NMD, DABCI, DACBN, DCBCN, CNS, CGP, FLAMA (Ocala, FL)

WE ARE ALSO HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW ACBN EXAMINING COMMITTEE:
Dr. John Gaffney and Dr. G.R. Moon, Co-Chairmen of the ACBN Examining Committee, are happy to announce the newly elected members of the Examining Board:
Manuel Faria, DC, NMD, MD, DCBCN, DACBN, FIAMA, Dipl. Ac. (Altamonte Springs, FL)
John Findlay, DC, MBBS, DACBN, DACBI (W. Palm Beach, FL)
Frederick Hult, DC, DABCN, DABCI, PhD, CCSP, CCN (McHenry, IL)
Michael Jurgelewicz, DC, DACBN, DCBCN (Enfield, CT)
Steve Perman, DC, DACBN, DACBSP (Boca Raton, FL)
Frederick Tinari, DC, MS, ND, DACBN, DCBCN (Holbrook, NY)
Shirley Watson, DC, DACBN, QME (Culver City, CA)

Our Examining Board Members who are starting their second term are:
Robert Ducu, Jr., DC, MS, DABCI, DACBN, APC Vienna, VA
Morgan Mullican, DC, CCN, DACBN (Gainesville, GA)
Augustus Reynolds, MS, DC, CCN, DACBN (Edgemont, AR)
Dwight Shaneyfelt, DC, DACBN, CCN, RN (San Raffael, CA)

Our Public Member remains Ms. Anita Wayland of Harrisonburg, VA. Ms. Wayland is Head of the Science Department at MonteVideo Middle School in Harrisonburg.

Each of these doctors on both the Executive Board and the Examining Committee has been vetted and found to be above the bar. Many have served on other boards and strive to expand the chiropractic physicians’ knowledge base for the benefit of their patients and their profession. We consider them all to be outstanding additions to our Boards with their vast knowledge and drive. These doctors are here for you! If you have any questions, concerns, comments, please do not hesitate to contact any one or all of them. Contact information is available by contacting Bonnie at 540-635-8844 or acbn@comcast.net Each of these doctors is vitally interested in nutrition and nurturing and furthering the chiropractic profession. They are all strong believers in the ACBN, what it stands for and how it will improve the profession and the care of patients in the years to come. With their combined dedication and commitment, ALL will be great assets to the DACBNs.

ACBN TAKES A STAND TO PROTECT ITS DIPLOMATES FUTURE IN NUTRITION:
Your ACBN has been assisting in the fight to turn the “tide” for the right to practice nutritional therapeutics without the legal restrictions from dietitians.

Ms. Judy Stone, the Legislative Policy Director for the Board of Certification of Nutrition Specialists, has, on a number of occasions, asked the ACBN to participate in opposing Bills that are introduced by the dietitians. The dietitians continue to
legislate themselves as the “Sole” providers of nutrition. Your ACBN has been there ready to document our DACBNs qualifications and ready to testify when necessary. We must explain to legislators why the dietitians Bill, making them the sole providers for diabetic and pre diabetic patients, would be a serious mistake as it would prohibit, by law, any other healthcare provider (DC, MD, DO, DDS, ND, PhD, etc.) from rendering nutritional treatment. Ms. Stone and the ACBN target specific legislators, contacts them and presents our documentation as to why they should defeat the Bill.

Ms. Stone is a wonderful advocate for the ACBN, the chiropractic profession and other like organizations. Without her determination and non-stop work, these things would not be accomplished. Ms. Stone always alerts the ACBN so we can help in defeating the RDs discriminatory legislation “as it relates to your right to practice nutrition”. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude, as she is ever vigilant in her struggle to support the public in their right to access nutritional expertise from ALL certified professionals.

The importance of obtaining a DACBN cannot be overstated. The ACBN is the only certifying board in nutrition that holds accreditation status with the National Commission of Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and is recognized by the ACA.

The time will come when regulatory agencies as well as the general public will demand their nutrition doctor be board certified by an accredited government agency. The government and state regulatory agencies, as well as patient, will seek qualified nutritional professionals. You, as a DACBN, are that professional.

RDs have proposed legislation to deny YOUR legal right to utilize nutrition in these states:

- California
- Colorado
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- Texas
- Virginia
- West Virginia

The ACBN and Ms. Judy Stone have been instrumental in defeating each and every one of these Bills, defending your right to practice based on the recognition of your credentialing.

**THE NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (NCLC) 2015:**

The National Chiropractic Leadership Conference 2015 is an important gathering of the leadership in the Chiropractic profession. Almost 700 Doctors, students and Chiropractic advocates from all over the country visit our elected officials on Capitol Hill and discuss Chiropractic. Topics include fair and equal access for all patients to Chiropractic care and the advantages of Chiropractic care on patient health.

The ACA House of Delegates also passed legislation to create the ACA College of Pharmacology and Toxicology. It was created in effort to bridge the gaps between legal scope of practice and professional competency. The ACA states that there is no language that promotes or supports prescription pharmacotherapy in the practice of chiropractic. What the ACA does advocate for is the understanding and education about pharmaceuticals and how it affects our patients. Chiropractic schools today are teaching about Pharmacology, the effects and drug actions on the human body, not necessarily pharmacotherapy. The creation of this college is a very important step to maintain our role as primary care providers, and maintain our role in managing patient care when they are being treated with medications.

We encourage all ACBN certificant holders to become involved in the leadership and advocacy of Chiropractic. The doctors of the ACBN are the preeminent nutrition practitioners in our profession. We need your voice and expertise to support our profession. The next NCLC is February 24-27, 2016. We hope to see you there!

**CBCN PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE ACA WITHDRAW ITS RECOGNITION OF THE ACBN:**

During the recent NCLC Meeting, the CBCN proposed a resolution that would have had the ACA withdraw its recognition of the ACBN. It also proposed that the ACA send letters urging all of the DACBN’s to be “grandfathered” into the CBCN.

This was discussed by the Presidents of the Specialty Boards and voted down by the Specialty Board except the CBCN President. Then the ACA Board of Governors reviewed and discussed the Resolution and found it to be baseless and not in the best interest of the profession, the ACA, or the physicians who have earned their Diplomate Status in Nutrition. The CBCN subsequently withdrew their proposed resolution.

The ACBN respects the ACA for their leadership and political expertise in leading the profession into the 21st Century. The ACBN endeavors to integrate the ACB N into the patient care model as the “nutritional expert”. This is one way the chiropractor maintains “equal status” among all healthcare providers.

This is a bold move on the part of the powers that be within the ACA as they work tirelessly on behalf of all chiropractors, to be recognized and accepted on par as “equals” within the framework of the new emerging healthcare paradigm.

The ACBN recognizes that the CBCN wishes to promote the “Chiropractic Only Specialty Board” to other chiropractors - and that is a worthy endeavor, but the ACBN stands for EQUAL RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING regardless of the type of nationally recognized healthcare related doctoral degree earned.
We continue to fight in every state, to establish the credentials of the DACBN and their verifiable qualifications to provide nutritional care, in the best interest of the public at large.

MORE REASONS TO EARN AN ACCREDITED STATUS LIKE THE DACBN:

A recent article in several health publications reported that the New York Attorney General ordered big box stores Wal-Mart, GNC, target, and Walgreens to stop selling some of their "store brand" herbal supplements. This move was reportedly based on “suspicions” regarding the reliability of the products and also the methods for validating product quality. Following the New York General's move, thirteen (13) more State Attorney Generals have decided to "climb on the bandwagon". Whether or not this is a "witch hunt", designed for political gain or to garner favor within “Big Pharma” circles, the microscope is upon all of us. The ACBN maintains your credibility in these litigious times.

This move raises significant questions for anyone who recommends or uses dietary supplements. There is a growing demand by the public, the profession, as well as governmental agencies to establish that these products are verifiable and certified as well as insuring that the doctors who prescribe they are properly vetted.

This is only one nutraceuticals and supplements, but for those individuals who utilize them in their practice.

ANNOUNCING A NEW EDUCATIONAL PLATFORM THAT MEETS ALL 300 ACBN REQUIRED HOURS:

The ACBN is pleased to announce that there is a new 300 hour integrative medicine certification program available to all doctorate level health care providers. The CIHP (Certified Integrative Health Care Practitioner) is CEU approved by National University of Health Sciences and the ACBN accepts all 300 hours toward the ACBN's 300 hour board examination requirement. This program is designed to help clinician's like you acquire clinical integrative healthcare knowledge about the nature of illness, healing, and wellness. With cutting edge information, you will learn to incorporate evidence-based, safe and ethical integrative therapies through analysis of a comprehensive patient history and physical examination, and interpretation of basic and advanced clinical laboratory tests. The goal of this program is to develop integrative healthcare expertise for the treatment and management of common acute and chronic health conditions.

The CIHP program includes 104 hours of live lectures that teaches skills not effectively learned on-line and is followed by 196 hours of jammed packed lessons on homeopathy, botanicals, pharmacology, and more.... The website for this program is still under construction, but it is our understanding class sizes are limited and are filling up quickly! Classes are available in various locations. For information contact:
www.CollegeofIntegrativeMedicine.org
Catherine@IntegrativeMedHealth.com
877.841.7241
(There is also 12 hours of on line CEU available for DACBN's renewing their Diplomate!)

A CALL TO ACTION FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT:

The ACBN offers the opportunity for ALL healthcare professionals to speak as one qualified voice on the practice of nutrition to government regulatory agencies, legislators and the insurance industry. Being a Diplomate of the ACBN certifies your expertise to practice nutrition. You, as an ACBN certificant holder, are a part of that voice. We encourage you to contact us to see what we are doing and how you can be a part of it. We want to know your ideas and how you feel the ACBN can support you.

Additionally, the more certificants ACBN has, the greater its influence on legislators, regulatory boards and governmental agencies. It is the ACBN that provides testimony and documentation of our certificants to State regulatory boards. It is the ACBN that will be working with insurance companies for parity of reimbursement. Finally, regardless of academic degree, the ACBN certification tells parties interested in nutrition, that there are doctors who are tested and recognized as excelling in their field. There is strength in numbers. Tell your colleagues about the value of their participation with ACBN.

FOR THE RECORD:

The ACA acknowledges the ACBN as the nationally recognized certifying organization for Diplomates in Nutrition.

The ACBN is the only NCCA certifying organization recognized by the ACA.

The ACBN is the only NCCA certifying organization that represents the interests of chiropractic physicians in every state of this country.

The ACBN embraces the support of physicians practicing in nutrition.

The ACBN, because of its standing with the NCCA must be autonomous and cannot be “governed” by ANY political entity.

The ACBN is a Certifying Organization, which means that we are responsible for insuring that doctors, of any health related field, have met the stringent educational standards and comprehensive testing required, prior to being granted Diplomate Status.
We verify that Diplomates have fulfilled annual requirements for continuing education.

The ACBN is not a “membership” as its certificants cannot simply decide to join. It cannot be purchased, it cannot be “grandfathered”. This is an earned status and as such carries significant “weight” as it speaks to the undeniable level of expertise of its certificant.

We have had some DACBNs, who, based on erroneous and/or malicious rumors, have allowed their DACBN status to lapse. This is truly an ill conceived action as it strips them of a status that places them “on par” with any other doctorate level healthcare provider in the realm of nutrition.

The ACBN supports the physicians’ role in the practice of nutrition for the benefit of their patients regardless of that physicians’ doctorate. Our focus is commitment, to ensure that the physicians providing these potentially lifesaving services to the public are absolutely, positively, without a doubt undeniably qualified to provide that care. To that goal, we cannot compromise.

Should any certificant holder with the status of diplomate in the ACBN wish to add the CBCN to their CV, we accept that decision, but want to caution each certificant that loss of their NCCA Accredited Diplomate the DACBN Status requires reapplication, as well as re-examination to be reinstated. The value of this status is growing steadily.

THE ACBN SUPPORTS NUTRITION AND THE DOCTORS WHO PROVIDE IT:

Taking an active role in the ACBN in some capacity gives you the opportunity to be a part of this movement, it gives you the chance to interact with like minded professionals who want to make a difference, it gives you the opportunity to make your voice heard to legislators, regulatory agencies, the insurance industry, the corporate world and your peers. Your contribution matters. It is very rewarding to be a part of something bigger than yourself and contribute to the benefit of others on a larger scale. Call a board member or Bonnie. Tell us what you think about all this and what you might be interested in doing to advance your role in healthcare.

For further information, please visit our website www.acbn.org. or call Ms. Bonnie Sealock at 540 635-8844