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To: ABMP Diplomates and Candidates for Certification

From: Larry Reinstein, Chairman ABMP

Re: ABMP-ABR Working Agreement

9/14/01

Dear Colleagues,

On July 9, 2001, after many long months of negotiation, the American Board of Medical Physics (ABMP) unanimously approved a Working Agreement between the ABMP and the American Board of Radiology (ABR). As this Agreement had been previously approved by the entire ABR, it became effective immediately. This Agreement was first announced at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine on July 26, 2001 in Salt Lake City, UT and I have enclosed a copy of that announcement as well as the exact text of the ABMP-ABR Working Agreement.

I am also including a copy of a document entitled "Frequently Asked Questions of ABMP Diplomates and Medical Physicists Regarding the ABR-ABMP Working Agreement" which attempts to answer many of the questions about the implications and impact of this Agreement on ABMP Diplomates and current candidates for ABMP certification. These documents can also be found on the ACMP and ABMP websites. It is my intention to keep the FAQ's posted on the website up-to-date and responsive to any further questions that you may have.

This Agreement is an extraordinary event in the history of medical physics. It is the sincere hope of the ABMP that the spirit of cooperation and goodwill that prevailed during these negotiations will infuse the medical physics community so that we can all work together toward the advancement of our profession.