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Dr. Donald Cool, Director  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards  
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Cool:

The Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology is pleased to submit evidence that it meets the requirements for recognition by the NRC relative to "Training Requirements for Which NRC Plans to Recognize Board Certification" as announced in the Federal Register, November 2, 2000.

We have carefully reviewed the requirements for Training and Experience required in *Section 35.290, Training for imaging and localization studies* of NRC's medical use regulations in 10 CFR Part 35. To be eligible to sit for the exam given by our Board, all candidates must have completed the training and experience required in this section. We will be glad to supply NRC with a list of those physicians who successfully pass the exam. To date, there are 1,574 who have passed the exam. There will be an additional number by January 1, 2001 as our most recent exam was given on October 29, 2000.

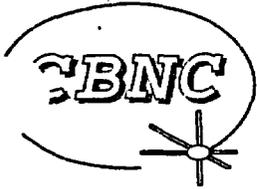
Attached is a copy of Requirement 3 of the "Eligibility Requirements for US Candidates" who wish to sit for our certification examination. This pertains solely to Training/Experience. Also attached is a copy of the current American College of Cardiology/American Society of Nuclear Cardiology COCATS Guidelines which are referenced in Requirement 3.

By way of additional background relative to our exam, a national survey of experts in the field of nuclear cardiology periodically defines the knowledge areas appropriate for this exam. This forms the basis for the exam content area which we share with candidates in the Candidate Bulletin.

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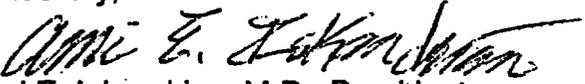
The examination is composed of 175-200 multiple-choice questions. Each question contains four options or choices, only one of which is the correct or best answer.

The examination questions are developed by the CBNC Examination Committee, an expert panel of the CBNC who work under the guidance of Knapp & Associates International, Princeton, NJ. The examination question pool is updated on a regular basis to reflect current knowledge. Individual questions are modified or deleted based on statistical analysis of the exam.

Knapp & Associates International is a research and development firm that serves certification bodies by planning, developing and administering assessment procedures and programs designed to measure professional competence.

We look forward to hearing from you relative to our request for recognition by the NRC. If we can supply your office with any additional details, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

  
Ami E. Iskandrian, M.D., President  
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