The Boards of Trustees/Directors of the ABNM and ABR convened a joint ABR-ABNM Task Force to explore opportunities for closer collaboration. This Task Force developed a series of ideas that were shared with the two Boards, and the Boards discussed these opportunities during their respective board meetings over a period of time. These internal discussions are now at a place where the Boards of Trustees/Directors have developed a proposal, and they are seeking public comment from stakeholders on this proposal. Their proposal is as follows:

1. That the Boards support the development of a single training pathway (possibly with multiple entry points) that incorporates a Diagnostic Radiology (DR) core curriculum and dedicated Nuclear Medicine (NM) curriculum, resulting in a new primary certificate in NM/DR. The new pathway would replace the current NM and Nuclear Radiology (NR) training pathways after an appropriate time, allowing existing programs to make the transition.

2. The new independent discipline of NM/DR would be created under the umbrella of the ABR, with ultimate dissolution of the ABNM. This new organization would become the re-certifying body for physicians with current ABNM and NR credentials as well as certifying future NM/DR trainees.

3. In the transition from NM and NR certifications to NM/DR, the ABR would have its single NR Trustee replaced by NM/DR dedicated Trustees with ABNM and/or ABR credentials to represent the new Discipline of NM/DR on the ABR’s Board of Trustees.

For more information, see the ABR-ABNM Task Force Joint Statement and the ABR-ABNM Task Force FAQs.

Please note that the decision to go forward with the proposal has not been made at this time. The two Boards are now seeking public comments from stakeholders about their proposal. The link to provide comments is http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2241491/d664d6a7a0f2.

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Thank you.