

High Stakes Recertification Testing for PAs

NCCPA has offered

6 REASONS

recertification testing is needed for PAs.

AAPA DISAGREES.

NCCPA Reason #1

vs

AAPA's View

Performance on assessments of **medical knowledge declines the further one is away from training.**



There is **no evidence** that this has any impact on patient care or patient safety.

Valuable information is accessible with apps

like Up-To-Date which are much more current than an exam.



NCCPA Reason #2

vs

AAPA's View

People are not good at self-diagnosing areas of **knowledge deficiency**



AAPA agrees, BUT this is not a good justification for making continued certification and licensing of PAs contingent on passing **additional recertification tests.**

AAPA would welcome NCCPA to

provide tools for PAs

to better understand what areas of Continuing Medical Education (CME) they should focus on.



NCCPA Reason #3

vs

AAPA's View

When structured correctly, **testing is a valuable learning tool** that is more effective than study.



The studies cited were intended to assist educators design more effective

classroom strategies

for medical education.

The research did not examine

whether testing improved life long knowledge retention or patient outcomes



NCCPA Reason #4

vs

AAPA's View

Certification and recertification **examinations are associated with improved practice.**



No research has been produced

showing that recertification tests have improved medical practice.

There are **multiple studies that fail to correlate**

recertification exams with patient outcomes.



NCCPA Reason #5

vs

AAPA's View

An effective recertification model is a comprehensive approach involving multiple aspects of continuous learning and assessment.



Learning and assessment can occur within the context of CME,

without the need for high stakes test.

NCCPA Reason #6

vs

AAPA's View

The public has high expectations of health care providers and **wants assurances regarding the quality of preparation and maintenance of knowledge and skills.**



Public Opinion

VS

A public opinion poll about whether the public would like health care providers to take periodic tests **is not sufficient justification for recertification testing.**

The public relies on recertifications to make **evidence-based decisions, not opinion-based decisions.**



Research Evidence