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## Inteleos and the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement (APCA) Acquire the American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM) Certification Examinations

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(Rockville, MD, June 5, 2020) Inteleos, a non-profit global certification organization, is pleased to announce the acquisition of the American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM) certification examinations in vascular and endovascular medicine. The Inteleos certification Council, the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement (APCA), now oversees the governance, administration and maintenance of certification components for the examinations that demonstrate proficiency in vascular and endovascular medicine. It is anticipated that APCA will begin offering the vascular medicine and endovascular medicine certification examinations in 2021.

“The stress and changes to board certification that started in 2015 have challenged the ABVM Board to maintain relevancy and to stimulate new growth for our field. Partnering with a respected and stable organization (Inteleos) that includes national and international markets made sense,” said Dr. Bruce Gray, former COO of ABVM. “APCA and Inteleos have nearly 45 years as leaders in testing and certification and we are confident that our current and future Diplomates will continue to receive the highest level of service from their new certification organization.”

The nearly 1,200 physicians holding the Vascular Medicine Diplomate and Endovascular Medicine Diplomate designations join the nearly 17,000 physicians already holding certifications from APCA. The APCA portfolio of certification examinations now includes:

- Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography™ (CBCCT)
- Certification Board of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance™ (CBCMR)
- Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology™ (CBNC)
- Certification in Endovascular Medicine (ABVM)
- Certification in General Vascular Medicine (ABVM)
- Examen de Ultrasonido de Abdomen para América Latina
- Examen de Ultrasonido en Ginecología y Obstetricia para América Latina
- Registered in Musculoskeletal® sonography (RMSK)
- Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation® (RPVI)
- Registered Physician in Vascular Interpretation in China (RPVI – China)

“Our mission is to define, assess, and advance healthcare standards around the world,” said David Dawson, MD, Chair of the APCA Council. “Welcoming the ABVM certifications into APCA allows us to broaden our engagement and relationship with the domestic and global physician communities.”

Dale R. Cyr, CEO and Executive Director of Inteleos said, “Having the ABVM program within the Inteleos family of healthcare assessments demonstrates the growing need for a centralized global community of quality-based proficiency certifications.”

APCA and ABVM are finalizing the logistics of the transition process and look forward to sharing additional details with ABVM Diplomates and the vascular and endovascular communities before the end of 2020. In the meantime, ABVM Diplomates and others are invited to visit [www.APCA.org/ABVM](http://www.APCA.org/ABVM), [www.vascularboard.org](http://www.vascularboard.org), or call APCA at 1-800-943-1709.

Inteleos is a non-profit certification organization that delivers rigorous assessments and cultivates a global community of professionals dedicated to the highest standards in healthcare and patient safety. Inteleos is the governance and management organization of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), the Alliance for Physician Certification & Advancement™ (APCA™) and the Point-of-Care Ultrasound Certification Academy which together represent more than 115,000 medical professionals throughout the world.

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