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Dear Dr. Erzurum and Dr. Farmer:

On behalf of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM), thank you for requesting feedback regarding a potential change to the sequence of certification examinations for certification in Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine resulting from satisfactory completion of a combined Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Fellowship.

The Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Boards jointly propose the following changes to the policies for dual certification in Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine:

- Remove the requirement for having Pulmonary Disease certification prior to applying for admission to the Critical Care Medicine Examination
- Allow trainees to take both the Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine Certification Examinations after their final year of combined training

The Alliance's response:

- (1) *Does your organization support the above changes? Please elaborate on why you are responding "yes" or "no."*

Yes, AAIM supports the changes since they offer the flexibility that is provided to fellows in other combined fellowships, without compromising training.

- (2) *What benefits or unintended outcomes would you anticipate should the examination sequence for dual certification in Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care medicine changes?*

Following completion of training, the proposed changes would allow fellows to take both examinations at the same time, or to take the Critical Care Medicine Examination prior to taking or passing the Pulmonary Disease Examination.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (703) 341-4540 or AAIM@im.org.

Sincerely,

D. Craig Brater, MD
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