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American Board for Transplant Certification Exam Turns 30

OVERLAND PARK, KS, September 7, 2018 – The American Board for Transplant Certification (ABTC) is celebrating 30 years of its transplant specialty certification exams, a landmark for transplant professionals committed to the education, examination, experience, and ethics standards of the international organization.

The transplant certification exam was first developed by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) following the National Organ Transplant Act’s call for regulation of practicing transplant coordinators. The proposal received an immediate outpouring of support from physicians and transplant personnel eager to aid in the development of exam questions that would standardize the practice while providing professional and public visibility.

After years of exam development, the ABTC emerged, administering its first certification exam in 1988. Eventually, exam digitization enabled international expansion and increased exam frequency for the growing list of transplant professionals committed to receiving formal recognition as advanced transplant specialists.

Today, the ABTC offers four types of transplant professional exams, including:

- Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator (CCTC)
- Certified Clinical Transplant Nurse (CCTN)
- Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinator (CPTC)
- Certified Transplant Preservationist (CTP)

The exams are offered at more than 355 global sites, a feat achieved by past and present medical pioneers committed to revolutionizing organ donation, procurement, and transplantation.

To learn more about the history of transplant certification, read “[Your Transplant Certification Exam is Now 30 Years Old](#)” by ABTC President Rob Teaster in the September Issue of *Progress in Transplantation*.

For additional information on ABTC certification requirements, please visit www.ABTC.net