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**Deanna Matusik, AuD, Earns National Specialty Certification
in Cochlear Implants from the American Board of Audiology®;
Demonstrates Her Expertise, Knowledge, and Mastery in Cochlear Implants**

(Reston, VA, December 15, 2014) — The American Board of Audiology® (ABA) is pleased to announce that Deanna Matusik, AuD, of Chicago, IL, has successfully passed the ABA Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®) exam and joined the elite group of audiologists who hold the credential. The ABA CISC recognizes audiologists who hold expertise in all areas of cochlear implant knowledge, including expectations, surgical considerations, device operation, and rehabilitation.

Dr. Matusik had to meet strict eligibility requirements to sit for the national certification exam, and now that she has earned her CISC, she will be required to maintain current knowledge in the specialty to maintain her credentials in the future.

According to Mindy K. Brudereck, AuD, Board Certified in Audiology® and chair of the ABA Board of Governors, “The CISC is a credential that can be displayed proudly to let patients and colleagues know that you are highly educated and are a cochlear implant expert. Holding the CISC sets an audiologist apart from others in the profession, and we are pleased to welcome Dr. Matusik to the network of audiologists who hold advanced ABA credentials.”

The CISC was developed to standardize training and knowledge of CI audiologists, elevate professional standards in audiology, and recognize those professionals who have acquired specialized knowledge in the field of cochlear implants. To earn the CISC, a candidate must first submit an application verifying professional experience and education requirements.

The successful applicant then must pass a challenging examination that covers eight cochlear implant knowledge domains: Candidacy Considerations, Counseling/Expectations, Surgical Considerations, Programming Principles/Speech Coding, Device Operation, Troubleshooting, Rehabilitation, and Outcomes. Only those who are able to achieve the designated examination score earn the CI

credential. Once earned, the certification must be renewed every three years through 60 hours of continuing education, 30 of which must be specific to cochlear implants.

The ABA will offer a subsequent examination in pediatric audiology, as well as cochlear implants, on the following date:

March 29, 2015 – San Antonio, TX (*applications due Jan. 29, 2015; late registration February 28*)

For more information regarding the CISC, the ABA Pediatric in Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC[®]), or the ABA Board Certified in Audiology, visit www.boardofaudiology.org or call the ABA at 1-800-881-5410.

About the American Board of Audiology[®] (ABA)

An autonomous national credentialing organization, the ABA is dedicated to enhancing audiological services to the public by promulgating universally recognized standards in professional practice. The ABA encourages audiologists to exceed these prescribed standards, thereby promoting a high level of professional development and ethical practice.

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