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Audiologists Can Earn Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification During the 14th International Conference on Cochlear Implants

CI2016 is set for May 11-14, 2016, in Toronto, ON, Canada

(Reston, VA, January 11, 2016) — The American Board of Audiology[®] (ABA) will offer its spring Specialty Certification in Cochlear Implants (CISC[®]) national exam at the 14th International Conference on Cochlear Implants and Other Implantable Technologies (CI2016) in Toronto, May 14th. The CI2016 is co-organized by the American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACI Alliance) and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre at the University of Toronto and is the premier international cochlear implant meeting for audiologists. It brings together more than 1,500 physicians, audiologists, speech pathologists, educators, hearing scientists, and members of industries from around the world.

“We are honored to have been invited to hold our spring 2016 CISC exam at the prestigious CI2016 International Conference,” said John Coverstone, AuD, Board Certified in Audiology[®] and Chair of the ABA Board of Governors. “This is the second time that the ACI Alliance has hosted our exam, and we greatly appreciate their support of the specialty certification process, the field of audiology and, specifically, the field of cochlear implants. We look forward to working with them and everyone at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Center.”

Audiologists who hold the ABA CISC are experts in all areas of cochlear implant knowledge, including expectations, surgical considerations, device operation, and rehabilitation. 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.

Key topics to be addressed at the CI2016 International Conference include:

- Cochlear Implants Meet Regenerative Biology
- The Sound of a Cochlear Implant: Insights from Patients with Single Sided Deafness
- Auditory Cortex Plasticity Following Deafness and Cochlear Implantation
- Adult Rehabilitation Strategies and Outcomes
- Educational and Therapeutic Issues for Children
- Music Perception
- Auditory Brainstem Implants

Please visit the CI2016 Conference Website at www.ci2016toronto.org for additional details regarding registration, travel, housing, exhibits, and more.

To earn the CISC, a candidate must first submit an application verifying professional experience and education requirements. To learn more about the CISC, visit <http://www.americanboardofaudiology.org/specialty/ci.html>. 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.

Applications are due for the ABA CISC exam at the CI2016 International Conference by March 14, 2016. Visit www.boardofaudiology.org or email the ABA at aba@audiology.org to learn more about the CISC and other ABA certifications.

About the American Cochlear Implant Alliance

The American Cochlear Implant Alliance is a not-for-profit membership organization created with the purpose of eliminating barriers to cochlear implantation by sponsoring research, driving heightened awareness and advocating for improved access to cochlear implants for patients of all ages across the US. To learn more about the American Cochlear Implant Alliance, visit the website www.acialliance.org and follow us on Twitter @acialliance.

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An autonomous organization, the American Board of Audiology® (ABA) creates, administers, and promotes rigorous credentialing programs that elevate professional practice and advance patient care. The ABA administers the Pediatric Audiology Specialty Certification (PASC®) and the Cochlear Implant Specialty Certification (CISC®), both of which are voluntary certification programs. These specialty certifications were created by and are administered by ABA certified audiologists. Follow us on Twitter @AmerBoardofAudiology. # # # Website: www.boardofaudiology.org

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