

Thank you, Bill. And before I get into this one which I..some of you are waiting for, I'm sure, we should say that the self-directed educational projects, one of the key things in that is it's prospective. You define it, you look in advance and then you go for it. OK. For the cognitive expertise side of things. Those are our expectations, the fact that the individual will maintain a fundamental core of knowledge but also number two, keep up with the evolving field so we want that to be covered. So this has been set up that there will be three modules over the 10-year period and again I'm talking about the full 10-year cycle. This will be prorated for those who I mentioned previously. The format is going to be on the web. It's going to be proctored. It is open book. That's something I should have underlined that one probably. I'll say a little bit more about that. There will be 50 questions, multiple choice questions, a so-called type A single

correct answer. The partitioning will be 30% in the core knowledge and 70% in the evolving technologies. And on an annual basis there will be a new module available. The source material reference documents will be identified by the ABR and posted so there will be a number of text and seminal articles, etc., that the questions will be taken from. You will know those and so that's part of the open book style of this. And as I've indicated on the bottom the evolving technologies probably go back no more than five years at a maximum. Now I'm not going to read through all this but we, the physicists, had to defend the open book process to the American Board of Medical Specialties. We're doing it as physicists. Our other colleague groups, radiologists and radiation oncologists, are not doing an open book exam and there's one other board within the American Board of Radio..Medical Specialties, the 24 boards, who is also doing

this. So we felt as indicated on the bullets there that an open book style was entirely consistent with the practice of our field. There are aspects of security. Let me go through those at this point. It will be synchronized across the nation on a time scale. And again, since we give three different exams only one will be given on a given day. Let's say nuclear medicine will be given on a given day and at the same hour, a relative hour, across the country. It will be timed on the web, not downloadable. The details there. One candidate per computer, designated computer. There will be assigned passwords to that individual and to the site so you will have to apply and go through the paperwork in advance as to where you'll be taking it. We do believe that there are such a thing as professional honor and we are expecting that and there will be an element of that at play for sure in this process. And I think we don't have to go through the consequences

that one could imagine if someone were not to uphold the degree of honor that's expected. The proctoring will involve and identify ABR individual. Now this does not have to be a physicist, OK. So we were sensitive to the fact that people in small institutions way out there, so as long as it's somebody from the A..who's been ABR certified so it can be a radiologist, it can be a physician. And there will be an affidavit process and honor code extending to the sign-out part of the process. So now to some of the logistics of this exam. The first exam will be available in 2006. A given individual if you got your degree, if you got your certification in 2006 you must wait for the second year following the receipt of that certification. If you pass the exam you must wait two years before taking the next module. Remember there are three modules that you must take within the 10-year cycle. The reason for this is to be faithful to the continuous lifelong

learning aspect and to stretch this out over the 10-year cycle to some..to this degree. If however

you failed one of those modules you could take it then the next year. There's built in enough space here so we don't run out of time for the general individual. Now for those who have multiple time limited certificates and again it's been stated you could have as many as three, that's it. It was mentioned that professional standing must be indicated that you..and documented the fact that you have been active across those areas. Bill indicated the numbers that are there for the lifelong learning so depending on the number of certificates you have that will dictate the number of credits that you must have within the 10-year cycle. Now for the timed exam, if you have three certificates you must take three exams. OK. So that will be there and I think we understand that, that if you are going to be maintaining your certification in a given field you must demonstrate indeed that you are up to par in that field. So those are the general aspects and we're going to break here in a moment for the forum part discussion

questions from the floor. But as a summary and sort of an overall position of the ABR and MOC, indeed I hope you will appreciate the fact that this is a program that is put in place for documenting and promoting the competency of medical physicists of our profession. And since knowledge, as we know there's definitely..we're aware of it these days things are changing, evolving, it's very dynamic indeed, there has to be this requirement for engaging and providing a mechanism to engage and document this continuing learning process. So on the bottom line, the ABR is really committed to assisting the medical physicists in all of the aspects that..for maintain and demonstrating this confidence in the practice of our profession. So I'm going to stop there and we thank you for your attention to this formal part of it. We now open it up for any questions from the floor. So thank you indeed.