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As we begin 2021, there's some good news. COVID-19 vaccines are rolling out after an emergency use authorization, but the challenge facing humanity is that it would still take a considerable amount of time before majority of world population is vaccinated. We continue to see COVID-19 cases spiking across the world with new strains of the virus.

The COVID 19 pandemic has been a life altering experience that very few could have predicted. During these unprecedented and uncertain times, with the majority of the world in some type of lockdown and travel restrictions in most places, medicine like many other fields of work has adapted to this challenging new normal. Most educational institutions in the past year have conducted almost all of their training Online. Similarly, ABIME adopted the moto that learning must go on- virtually!

During 2020, the year that was, ABIME after 3 decades of successful growth of its certified doctors in every part of the world, faced an existential challenge due to inability to conduct in- person gathering resulting from pandemic related restrictions. However, the ABIME leadership and staff boldly met this challenge and successfully adapted and provided its signature CIME and MCIME and other credentialing examination online.

ABIME's affiliate, American College of Independent Medical Examiners (ACIME) also adopted the virtual class room format and delivered online, live state of the art IME certification review courses as well as training programs in the Use of *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*<sup>®</sup>, Medico legal and Expert witness skills workshops throughout the year. The ACIME successfully recruited a world class faculty for these courses whose credentials and commitment rival that of any other organization. Thus ABIME's 30 years long tradition of welcoming thousands of participants not only from United States but from overseas to join us in the exciting and rewarding journey of getting certified as Independent Medical Examiner and expert witness continues. The 15,000+ ABIME certified doctors in 19 countries are a testament to the commitment of ABIME and its faculty, staff and leadership. The future can only bring more distinction.

I invite you to attend our future training programs and sit for the ABIME exam and/or consider attaining the status of CIME<sup>™</sup> or Master CIME (MCIME<sup>™</sup>). I am confident that once you do, you will be impressed with this global benchmark training and will conclude that ABIME can offer you the best tools for a fulfilling and rewarding career in Disability Medicine as well as an Independent Medical Examiner and or an Expert Witness.

We at ABIME pledge to continue marching forward, providing high quality training and world-class certification examinations and credentialing to Independent Medical Examiners and Expert Witnesses everywhere in the globe. The future only looks bright.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best regards,

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