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The Certification Corner

Welcome to *The Certification Corner* – CBIC's electronic newsletter, bringing you timely information about your organization.



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President's Corner—Deanie Lancaster

Welcome to all of you who are reading our first E-Newsletter from the CBIC. Kudos to those of you who are certified and for those who are certification-eligible, but not certified, I encourage you to take the test. The distinction of being certified in your specialty practice places you on the level of the best and brightest who choose to go a step beyond the ordinary. It elevates you and elevates our profession. Always remember that according to the great football coach Vince Lombardi, the quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.

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New Web-Based Self-Achievement Recertification Exam (SARE) Available in 2009

Big news-2008 is the last year the SARE will be available in pencil and paper hard copy booklet format. In 2009, the SARE will be available only as a web-based computer exam, but will still be designed for the certifying candidates to complete at their own pace within the calendar year in which their certificate would expire. Candidates will be able to log-in to their workplace or personal computers at their leisure and work on the questions; answers can be changed as many times as desired until the final submission key is selected. This decision is based strictly on technology -the machinery that was used to score by hand the answer sheets is no longer available. In addition, moving the SARE to a web-based format will improve the security of the exam questions.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Corner

What is the SARE?

Answer: The SARE has recently been re-named the Self-Achievement Certification (previously the Self Assessment...[click here to continue](#))

What are the differences between the Computer Based Test (CBT) and the Self Achievement Recertification Examination (SARE)?

Answer: The CBT certification is based on a minimum of two years of infection control practice... [click here to continue](#)



CBIC Honored
1983 Certificate
Recipients

During the APIC conference in June, CBIC honored the individuals who took the first certification examination in 1983 with a reception. Those attending received a certificate and special ribbon to commemorate their accomplishment.

CBIC Offered a Discount Coupon for Practice Exam!

The CBIC online practice exam was highlighted at the CBIC Booth at the APIC Conference in Denver June. The CBIC Board of Directors handed out discount coupons that could be applied toward the purchase the practice exam. The discount coupons were also distributed in all the registration packets at the CHICA conference.

A photograph of those in attendance was also taken.

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