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The American Board of Phlebotomy Announces Results of 2011 Phlebotomy Certification Exam, Congratulates Dr. [FIRST NAME] [LAST NAME] on Achievement of Diplomate Status

San Francisco, CA, June 30, 2011 – The American Board of Phlebotomy (ABPh) will open its fifth phlebotomy exam cycle in the fall of 2011, with the exam to be given electronically in April, 2012 using the network Pearson Vue® testing centers in the United States and Canada.

The fourth class of diplomates for ABPh has just been confirmed. ABPh has now awarded diplomate status to 520 practitioners within the United States and Canada.

It is with great pride that we announce the addition of Dr. [LAST NAME] to this group of diplomates. [HIS/HER] certification with the American Board of Phlebotomy is a direct reflection of [HIS/HER] skill, knowledge, and experience in providing quality patient care, and [HIS/HER] continued commitment to the advancement of vein care. To become ABPh certified is truly an accomplishment. Less than 1% of all phlebotomy professionals in the U.S. and Canada have earned certification from the ABPh.

To become an ABPh diplomate, an applicant must complete the requisite training and experience qualifications, meet the continuing medical education requisites, and pass a stringent certification examination. Certification periods are ten years and maintenance is dependent on the ability of the diplomate to display competency in four areas of assessment: evidence of professional standing, evidence of commitment to lifelong-learning and periodic self-assessment, evidence of cognitive expertise, and evaluation of performance in practice.

[INSERT BACKGROUND ABOUT PHYSICIAN HERE and/or INFORMATION ABOUT THE GROUP OR PRACTICE WITH WHICH THE PHYSICIAN IS AFFILIATED] *Optional...*

The American Board of Phlebotomy (www.americaboardofphlebotomy.org) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 2007 for the purpose of certifying physicians who have met a defined standard of education, training and knowledge in the field of phlebotomy. The American Board of Phlebotomy was established to;

1. Improve the standards of medical practitioners and the quality of patient care related to the treatment of venous disorders and all aspects of venous disease
2. Serve the public and the medical profession by establishing initial and continuing qualifications for certification and maintenance of certification as physician specialists in the practice of phlebotomy
3. Examine physician candidates for certification and maintenance of certification in the practice of phlebotomy
4. Establish educational standards for teaching and training programs in phlebotomy
5. Award certifications in phlebotomy to candidates who meet the established requirements
6. Maintain a registry of individuals who hold certificates issued by the Board

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