

Proficiency Partners Frequently Asked Questions
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1. What is the new Proficiency Partner Program?

Proficiency Partners (PP) is an addition to an existing program called Certification available on the www.survivingmold.com (SM) website. Currently, being a “Shoemaker Certified” mold physician is advertised on the SM website at no charge to those who have completed requirements. Certification now costs \$3000; it is an intensive course.

Proficiency Providers can learn what they need to RX CIRS safely. They will have reviewed an 8-hour on-line teaching course of 27 modules. This course is also available in selective locations in person. Using the on-line version lets the applicant take the course at his or her leisure. After the course has been reviewed, the applicant is able to take a test which is another on-line experience that takes up to four hours to complete. There are approximately 157 questions of which 119 (75%) must be passed to become a Diplomate. Once the test is passed, a certificate is emailed to the Diplomate.

2. What advantages are there to being a Diplomate of the Proficiency Partners?

The speed of successful test taking enables the individual to begin to treat CIRS patients with state-of-the-art information as well as recognition that can be advertised on the SM site for free for 3 months as a Diplomate. The course is thorough, covering diagnosis and therapy, including two modules on transcriptomics.

3. I have applied for Certification but have not yet completed my requirements. I don't have time for all the reading required to become Certified.

Proficiency Partners provides a one-stop approach to teaching CIRS. Should you wish to expand your knowledge of CIRS, you are welcome to continue with Certification. Any fees paid for Proficiency (up to \$1500) for on-line testing and on-line course can be applied to the cost of the Certification process (that process cost \$3000).

4. I started the certification process. Can I rollover all my \$1500 to pay for PP?

Yes, if you started Certification after 9/1/2017 all fees can be rolled over to pay for PP. For those individuals who have not completed their Cert requirements and their fees were paid before 9/1/2017, a total of \$750 can be applied to convert to Proficiency Partners.

Should this reduced credit be too costly, the Certification candidate is encouraged to finish what he/she started originally. The new fee of \$3000 for Cert doesn't apply.

5. How long to I have after I review the course before I take the test?

The test will need to be completed within 12 months of the purchase of the package.

6. What happens if I don't complete the test within one year?

A late fee is charged.

7. I am a life coach interested in working with CIRS. Will this test be of interest to me?

Yes, by understanding CIRS and all its nuances, especially with transcriptomics, your experience with CIRS patients will be enhanced as you will have information available to you that is currently accessed by only to a few physicians in the U.S. Same for all non-prescribing but interested people.

8. Is there a fee to renew my diploma as a Proficiency Provider?

At this time, we are not planning any supplemental recertification for Proficiency Providers. We are planning a dedicated conference for PP 4/2019.

9. Under the Certification program, a very large number of items are available at no charge on the SM website. Will I be receiving those same materials for free under Proficiency?

No. A 60-page handout is provided.

10. What materials are given to me to help me learn more and pass the test?

A hard copy of the slides, 6 to a page, will be supplied either by mail or by a link on the SM site. For those individuals taking the test, a copy of the spoken text is made available in preparation for the test. The SM website has a huge number of pages free to all users. That freedom will continue for you. The text is all you need to pass the test.

11. If I want to buy visual contrast test or VCS test kits or Power Points, do I have to pay for them?

Yes. If you have additional questions, contact info@survivingmold.com.