

Proficiency Partners Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Proficiency Partner Program and requirements?

Proficiency Partners (PP) is the first level of the Shoemaker Protocol Certification Programs available to any interested party. There is also a high intensity, second level of certification available to physicians and prescribers on the www.survivingmold.com (SM) website.

Proficiency Providers can learn what they need to support CIRS/biotoxin illness patients through the Protocol, and prescribers will have the information needed to RX protocol medications safely. The course is thorough, covering diagnosis and therapy, including two modules on transcriptomics.

Certified Partners will have reviewed an 8-hour online teaching course of 27 modules. After the course has been reviewed, the applicant is able to take an online test 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. We maintain our site, office, and information channels as a service to the Shoemaker Certification Team. Inquiries for treating physicians and support often come in to Dr. Shoemaker's office and survivingmold.com. We refer patients to our certified partners and practitioners, and we also advertise their offerings, and market to a growing audience. The best parts are, you'll be part of a leading edge, reputable team and also be able to see your patients thrive again in life often after a long road with a debilitating illness. As patients learn to live and thrive with CIRS, you become a central part of their care team.

3. I have started the Physicians Certification but have not yet completed my requirements. Can I transfer to the Proficiency Partners program? I'd like to get started treating CIRS patients while I learn.

Proficiency Partners provides a one-stop approach to teaching CIRS. For physicians and prescribers who wish to continue expanding their knowledge and specialization of CIRS, we offer a higher level training process through the Physicians Certification Program.

Any fees paid for the Partners program (\$1500) can be rolled into the cost of the Physicians Certification (\$3,000), should you choose to continue.

For those who started their Physicians Certification, you may apply your fees to the PP program with the following considerations:

If you applied 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.

4. How long do 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.

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

A late fee is charged.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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

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

Yes. Pricing of the program certification/s does not include additional offerings or materials at this time.

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