THE ECHO EXAMINER

November 2026

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
1996 - 2026
NATIONAL BOARD OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

NBE TIMELINE

- **1996:** ASEeXAM, Inc. incorporated under the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE)
- **1996:** ASCeXAM Inaugural Exam Administration
- **1998:** Name change from ASEeXAM, Inc to The National Board of Echocardiography, Inc. (NBE), which was created by the merger of the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists (SCA) PTExam and ASEeXAM, Inc.
- **2001:** NBE began offering ASCeXAM Diplomate certification status
- **2004:** NBE began offering Advanced PTEeXAM Diplomate certification status
- **2005:** The NBE administered the first Recertification Examination of Special Competence in Adult Echo (ReASCE).
- **2010:** Basic PTEeXAM 1st Exam Administration
- **2011:** NBE began offering Basic PTEeXAM Diplomate certification status
- **2017:** The first ECOSIAC [SISIAC] exam was administered in Panama City, Panama.
- **2019:** CCEeXAM 1st Exam Administration and Diplomate certification began
- **2024:** Recertification Exams Sunset, and Launched MOCE (Maintenance of Certification in Echo) Longitudinal Assessments to replace them
- **2026:** IEeXAM NBE Board of Directors approves development of Examination of Special Competence in Interventional Echocardiography

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"NBE is excited to announce the launch of the IEeXAM, a new examination and certification pathway in the rapidly growing field of interventional echocardiography. As this field continues to evolve with the introduction of new devices, procedures, and advanced imaging techniques, there is a growing need for standardized education, assessment, and certification. IEeXAM represents an important step in supporting physicians practicing in this dynamic and expanding area of cardiovascular medicine."

NBE President
Allan L. Klein, MD, FRCP (C), FACC, FAHA, FASE, FESC



Thank you for your service to NBE! Arthur Labovitz, MD



The National Board of Echocardiography (NBE) extends its sincere appreciation to Arthur Labovitz, MD, for his many years of dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the organization.

Dr. Labovitz served as NBE President from 2003–2005 and continued as a member of the NBE Board of Directors until the summer of 2026. His contributions to NBE's certification programs have been significant and enduring. He assisted with the development of the ASCeXAM® in its early years, circa 1996, and later played an important role in the development of the CCEeXAM® examination and certification program, launched in 2019.

Over the years, Dr. Labovitz has held numerous leadership roles within NBE, including former Chair of the ASCeXAM Certification Committee. He continues to serve NBE as Chair of the CCEeXAM Writing Committee and Chair of the CCEeXAM Certification Committee, helping to guide and advance these important certification programs.

NBE is deeply grateful to Dr. Labovitz for his longstanding commitment to the organization and to the field of echocardiography. His expertise, leadership, and dedication have played an important role in the development of NBE's examinations and certification programs over nearly three decades.

Thank you, Dr. Labovitz, for your extraordinary service and lasting contributions to NBE!

NBE's Newest Board of Directors Member



We are pleased to welcome Antonio Hernandez, MD, MSc, FCCM, FASE, as the newest member of the NBE Board of Directors.

Dr. Hernandez is an Adjunct Professor at UT Health San Antonio Long School of Medicine and an attending cardiac and critical care anesthesiologist at Baptist Healthcare.

He resides in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Megan, and their three children.

We look forward to the expertise and perspective Dr. Hernandez will bring to the NBE Board!



In 2027, Dr. Allan Klein from the Cleveland Clinic will be awarded the **Lindsay Reinsmith, Jason Payne, and Michael and Judy Orkin Endowed Chair in Pericardial Disease Research and Awareness**. This is the 1st chair in pericardial research and patient awareness nationally and internationally.

New Advanced PTEeXAM Content Outline Starting in July 2027!
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Certification Applicants - Letters **no longer** need to be notarized or mailed to NBE after being uploaded to your NBE account.

MOCE

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY *by NBE*

CME for 2026 MOCE®/MOTE®

CME is now available for 2026 MOCE®/MOTE® participation through joint providership of the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) and NBE.

Individuals who complete all 48 questions in 2026 are eligible to claim eight (8) *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

Emails are sent to participants on Mondays once their MOCE/MOTE completion has been verified. This will provide specific CME claim instructions ($30 fee per completed specialty). These CME credits are optional and do not affect your NBE status.

Frequently Asked Questions are here

The deadline to claim credit and complete the required evaluation is 11:59 PM EST on March 16, 2027.

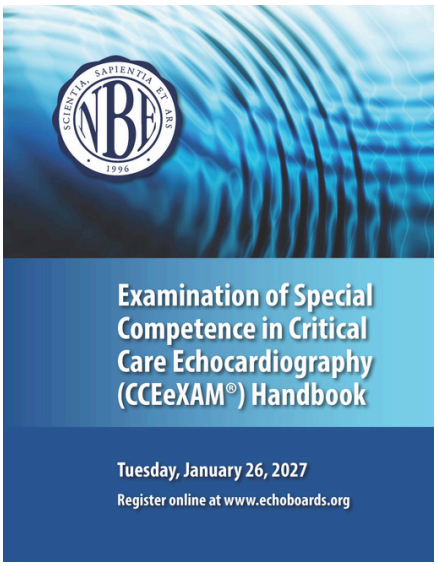
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"I greatly appreciate the effort that went into creating MOCE and found it to be outstanding for all things related to perioperative TEE."

Ronald Bank, MD
INOVA Fairfax Hospital
Advanced PTEeXAM®
Diplomate

2027 Exams



CCEeXAM®

January 26, 2027

(Registration Deadline Dec 22)

ASCeXAM®

July 15, 2027

(Registration Deadline May 13)

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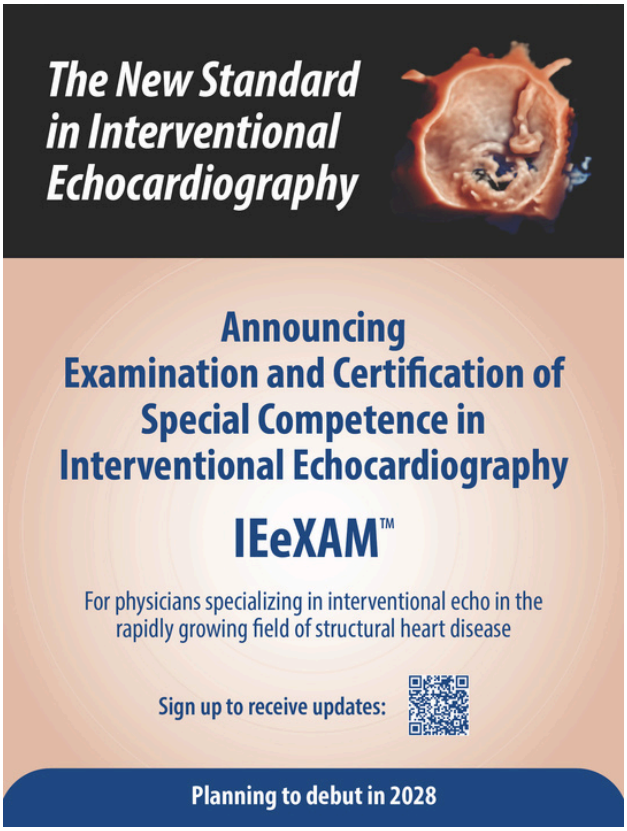
July 22, 2027

(Registration Deadline May 13)

NBE Volunteer Spotlight

Steven A. Goldstein, MD





Dr. Steven Goldstein has been a dedicated NBE volunteer for more than 30 years, beginning when echocardiography was still an emerging subspecialty. He was one of the "Original 10" physicians who developed the first echocardiography examination in 1993, helping establish the foundation of the NBE. He continues to write examination questions and support NBE initiatives.

Dr. Goldstein earned his M.D. from Vanderbilt University, served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, including 13 months in Vietnam, and completed his cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University. He spent 42 years at Washington Hospital Center, where he directed the Noninvasive Cardiology Laboratory. He received the ASE Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

"I most enjoy the wonderful camaraderie among physicians on this committee."

Now retired from hospital practice, Dr. Goldstein continues to contribute to the field through examination development and consulting on artificial intelligence and echocardiography. Outside of medicine, he enjoys golf, swimming, gardening, reading, art history, puzzles, and traveling with his wife, Simoy.

NBE ON THE MOVE!



africaSTEMI Live! May 2026

NBE RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN AFRICASTEMI LIVE! IN NAIROBI, KENYA, WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT JONATHAN LINDNER, MD, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERRY BARROW REPRESENTING NBE. AFRICASTEMI ADVANCES CARDIOVASCULAR CARE THROUGH EDUCATION AND COLLABORATION ACROSS AFRICA AND GLOBALLY.



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MILAN, ITALY, DECEMBER 3-5, 2026

SOCIETY OF CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE (SCCM)
CRITICAL CARE CONGRESS
SAN DIEGO, CA, MARCH 14-16, 2027

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LAS VEGAS, NV, APRIL 8-11, 2027

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