The American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to the advancement of neuromuscular (NM) and electrodiagnostic (EDX) medicine. The AANEM Knowledge Examination in chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP) is designed to capture the specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities of medical personnel who work with CIDP patients and/or research. The exam will be open to physicians, physician assistants, nurses, other medical personnel, and researchers interested in CIDP.

Key Dates and Fees

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>2017 CIDP EXAMINATION</strong></td>
<td><strong>KEY DATES</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registration Opens</td>
<td>April 1, 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registration Closes</td>
<td>May 5, 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exam Fee Refund Request &amp; Proctor form deadline</td>
<td>May 5, 2017</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CIDP Examination</td>
<td>May 18, 2017 or May 19, 2017 (Three hour exam; candidate chooses day)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notification of Examination Results</td>
<td>by July 15, 2017</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                                                                 |                                                                 |
| **REGISTRATION FEES**                                           |                                                                 |
| Members                                                         | $75                                                             |
| Non-members                                                    | $125                                                            |
| *(A $25 cancellation fee will be assessed for any cancellations prior to May 5\textsuperscript{th}. Once the exam fee refund request deadline has passed, no refunds will be awarded.)* |                                                  |

Notice: Deadlines are firm and not subject to exception. The content of this publication is subject to change from year to year. It is the applicant’s responsibility to seek information concerning the current requirements. The most current information found on the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) website at www.aanem.org supersedes the information in all published booklets concerning board requirements, policies, and procedures.

The AANEM does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.

Accommodations: The CIDP Knowledge Examination is a computer-based exam administered through QuestionMark (an online learning management system capable of administering online exams). Candidates will find a local proctor (co-worker, supervisor, etc…) who will sign a document attesting that they will confirm the candidate is who they say they are and that no outside materials are used during the exam process.

Americans with Disabilities Act: The AANEM supports the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Board will make a reasonable effort to provide qualified candidates who have documented disabilities the necessary auxiliary aids and services that do not fundamentally alter the measurement of the skills or knowledge the board’s program is intended to test or result in an undue burden [Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) §309(b)(3)]. Candidates desiring accommodations for documented disabilities must detail, in writing, accommodations requested for test taking. Please e-mail staff at aanem@aanem.org or send to 2621 Superior Drive NW. Rochester, MN 55901. Request must be received no later than May 10, 2017.
Application and Eligibility Requirements

The CIDP Knowledge Examination is open to physicians, physician assistants, and other allied health professionals interested in testing their knowledge in CIDP. Grifols personnel who have been extensively trained in CIDP diagnosis and treatment may sit for the exam. Employees of pharmaceutical companies other than Grifols are not eligible to take the examination until 2019.

Individuals taking the exam will provide their current employment situation, title, and name of employer. Individuals also agree they understand that passing the CIDP examination does not certify clinical expertise or confer any clinical privileges, and does not qualify the individual to perform or interpret needle EMGs or NCSs.

Examination Format

The examination is a 3-hour, proctored examination containing approximately 75 multiple-choice questions that test knowledge relevant to the clinical experience of chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculopathy (CIDP). Emphasis is placed on the clinical features, diagnosis, and management of peripheral neuropathy, with special attention to acquired immune-mediated neuropathies. All questions are written by American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine (ABEM) certified physicians. The multiple-choice examination tests knowledge in the areas of:

- Anatomy of the nervous system
- Structure of nerves
- The neurologic history
- The neurologic examination
- Classification of neuropathy
- Symptoms of neuropathy
- Acute inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (AIDP)
- Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP)
- Laboratory evaluation of neuropathy
- Electrophysiologic evaluation of neuropathy
- Other evaluation of neuropathy
- Treatment of CIDP, including immunoglobulin therapy, corticosteroids, plasmapheresis, and other immunomodulatory treatments

Passing the CIDP exam does not qualify candidates to perform or interpret needle EMGs or NCS.

Candidates may pick ONE day to take the exam when filling out their application. There are 2 dates to choose from:

Thursday, May 18, 2017 (opening at 10:00 a.m. EST and closing at 3:00 p.m. EST\(^1\))

-or -

Friday, May 19, 2017 (opening at 11:00 a.m. EST and closing at 2:00 p.m. EST)

\(^1\)Candidates choosing to examine on Thursday may start any time after 10:00 a.m. EST. Test will shut down after 3 hours or at 3:00 p.m. EST, whichever comes first (i.e., a candidate would want to start at 12:00 noon if they wanted to get their full 3 hours).
**Reference Material**

Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP) is a disorder of the peripheral nervous system and the focus of the examination. Information needed for this examination is available in standard textbooks and journals (see below) dealing with neuromuscular disease, peripheral neuropathy, electrodiagnostic studies and general neurology. It may be helpful to attend relevant courses offered at the AANEM annual meeting. AANEM publications, including monographs and course books, are also excellent study resources. Please note: the AANEM does not necessarily consult these sources when developing examination questions.

The following journal articles have been chosen by the CIDP Examination Committee to be helpful when studying for the examination:

**Treatments:**
- Plasmapheresis in CIDP
- IVIG in CIDP
- Corticosteroids in IVIG
- Other immunosuppressants in CIDP

**General review articles:**
- Corticosteroids in CIDP
- CIDP Treatment Update
- Review of CIDP treatment
- Review of CIDP treatment #2
- Broad review of CIDP, including some basic science concepts
- Acquired immune demyelinating neuropathies
- IVIG in CIDP

**Examination Scoring and Release of Results**

**Scoring the Examination**

The number of correct responses will be totaled to determine the examinee’s score. The passing score will be based on an analysis of specific questions performed prior to the examination. Examination results will be sent to all candidates via email. It is the candidates’ responsibility to provide the AANEM with their most current contact information. Candidates who fail the CIDP examination will receive only an exam failure notification. Candidates passing the CIDP examination will receive a passing notification.

**Release of Examination Results**

By applying for the examination, candidates agree that the board may, at its discretion, release examination results and scores to researchers selected by the board to study the testing and evaluation programs under appropriate conditions of confidentiality. Any such studies will contain information about candidates only in the aggregate, and the names of individuals will not be revealed in any publications. Aside from the above reasons, individual examination scores will be considered to be confidential and will not be released to others except pursuant to legal process.
Frequently Asked Questions

What does CIDP stand for?
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy. It is also sometimes referred to as Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy.

What does it mean that someone has passed the CIDP Knowledge Examination?
The AANEM Knowledge Examination is designed to assess the specialized knowledge of individuals who interact with CIDP patients or physicians. Passing the CIDP Knowledge Examination does not certify clinical expertise or confer any clinical privileges. It does not qualify the individual to perform or interpret needle EMGs or NCSs. Individuals who pass the CIDP Knowledge Examination may serve as an information resource and thereby aid medical personnel in providing quality patient care.

Where/how will the exam be administered?
The CIDP Knowledge Examination is a computer-based exam administered through QuestionMark (an online learning management system capable of administering online exams). Individuals taking the exam will find a local proctor (coworker, supervisor, etc.) who will sign a document attesting that they will confirm the candidate is who they say they are and that no outside materials are used during the exam process.

When does registration open? How much does the exam cost?
Registration opens April 1 and ends May 5, 2017. The registration cost is $75 for members and $125 for non-members (including a non-refundable $25 processing fee). You must contact AANEM on or before May 5th to receive a partial refund. Any cancellations or no-shows after that date will be non-refundable.

How do I apply for the exam?
The application for the 2017 examination is online. After registration opens, simply log into the online application using your AANEM username and password, fill out the application questionnaire, and complete the online payment. The application must be submitted, along with the appropriate application and proctor form, by May 5, 2017.

Will this knowledge assessment examination fulfill my Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirements for self-assessment?
The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) as well as American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR) reviewed and approved this activity for MOC credit.

What is the format of the exam?
There are approximately 75 multiple choice questions taken online, and a three-hour time limit to complete the exam. There are no video questions on the CIDP Exam.

Why should physicians, physician’s assistants, nurses, or other allied health professionals take the CIDP exam?
Passing the knowledge examination demonstrates your understanding of the clinical features, diagnosis, and management of peripheral neuropathy and acquired immune-mediated neuropathies. It demonstrates your commitment to supporting positive health outcomes for patients with CIDP.

Why should a pharmaceutical representative take the CIDP Exam?
The pharmaceutical representatives who pass the knowledge examination are committed to supporting positive health outcomes for patients with CIDP. Any medical personnel that meet with a pharmaceutical representative who has passed the CIDP knowledge examination can learn more about assuring quality
care for their patients. Please note: Employees of pharmaceutical companies are not eligible to take the examination until 2019, unless they are employed at Grifols.

Where do I get the application for the CIDP Examination?
It is on the AANEM website upon registration opening at www.aanem.org/cidp

If I have any questions about the CIDP Exam, who should I contact?
Contact the AANEM at 507.288.0100 or at aanem@aanem.org.

How do I withdraw?
You should contact the AANEM in writing requesting to be withdrawn from the exam. An email request is preferred.

If I withdraw will the fees be refunded?
The processing fee is nonrefundable, regardless of when you withdraw. If you submit an examination fee refund request in writing before the refund request deadline, your examination fee will be refunded, minus the processing fee. If the refund request deadline has passed, no refund will be awarded.

When will I be notified of my examination results?
Pass/fail notifications are expected to be emailed to all candidates by July 15, 2017.

What happens if I fail the CIDP Examination?
If you fail the examination, you will receive an e-mail letting you know when the next registration and examination dates are scheduled.

CIDP Examination Committee Members

Committee Chair: Zachary N. London, MD;
Members: Joshua P. Alpers, MD; Michele L. Arnold, MD; Elliot L. Dimberg, MD; Amanda C. Guidon, MD; Lisa D. Hobson-Webb, MD; Rebecca L. Hurst, MD; Michael Rosario, MD.