Mary Walchuk

Mary Walchuk first started writing and proofreading for the Newsletter in April 1993. After graduating from Mankato State University in Minnesota with a B.A. in Mass Communications and English in 1983, she and her husband Christopher traveled around the U.S. and Germany while he was in the U.S. Army. In 1991 the Walchus returned to Mankato where Christopher teaches English, Speech and Religion at Loyola High School. Mary takes care of their four children, Luke (11), Zachary (7), Mark (5½) and Julia (1½), while working for the Newsletter and freelance writing for the Mankato newspaper. "I really enjoy working for the Newsletter because I can do most of the work at home and can bring my daughter with me when I work in the office," Mary commented. "I also have a lot of fun working with Sharon and Gen. There's never a dull moment in the Newsletter office." In her spare time Mary enjoys reading and painting (jewelry and music boxes, not houses!).

ABMP Certification

The results of the 1994 American Board of Medical Physics written examination are as follows:

| Part 1 | General Medical Physics | 116 | 102 | 88 |
| Part 2 | Diagnostic Imaging Physics | 32 | 22 | 69 |
|        | Radiation Oncology Physics | 86 | 48 | 56 |
|        | Medical Health Physics | 3 | 3 | 100 |

Some questions come to mind:
- Why does the ABMP have such a higher pass rate than the ABHP? Easier exam? Better screening of candidates?
- In particular, why is there such a better performance on their Part 1?
- Why are so few interested in Medical Health Physics Certification? Does this imply that the AAHP is meeting the needs of the medical HPs?

The ABMP application and screening process is much different than that of the ABHP. Perhaps HPs who also are members of the AAPM could provide us with their perspectives.

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