Press Release

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PTC Announces New Initiative

The Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) is pleased to work with the American Society of Hypertension (ASH) on the development of the ASH Hypertension Self-Assessment Guide using PTC’s Online Testing System. The Self-Assessment Guide is an educational tool that distills the essentials of hypertension (including pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management) in a condensed format of succinct, individualized chapters. Participants are able to apply the knowledge gained in answering the questions at the end of each chapter, with applications to various clinical problems.

With over 40 chapter authors and 300 questions, the Self-Assessment Guide will help to advance one’s level of hypertension expertise to that of a Hypertension Specialist. Each Self-Assessment Guide Chapter will be worth two CME Credits. The first chapter will be available this month, with subsequent chapters being released on a rolling basis. Each chapter costs a low $25, making this an affordable and convenient option to gain CME credits.

About American Society of Hypertension

ASH is the largest organization of hypertension researchers and health care providers in the United States committed to preventing and treating hypertension and its consequences. ASH is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. ASH designates this enduring activity for two AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. ASH also offers the Qualifying Examination for Specialists in Clinical Hypertension to currently licensed physicians who meet the designated eligibility requirements. This certification program was created in 1998 for the specific purpose of identifying and recognizing physicians with expert skills and knowledge in the management of clinical hypertension and related disorders. Login to www.ash-us.org for more information.

About Professional Testing Corporation

PTC is an organization whose services are focused on the measurement aspects of human resources, including the design, development, and administration of tests and testing programs for professional organizations. PTC’s services to professional organizations include test development, candidate application and fee processing, scheduling, testing center arrangements, test administration and scoring, secure client portals, and data analysis and reporting. Services also include data bank retention and retrieval systems, survey and questionnaire studies, board management, job analysis, self-assessment, and psychometric research in areas of interest to PTC clients.

PTC’s Online Testing System is available to all organizations looking to deliver examinations over the Internet. The system features a colorful, customizable, and user-friendly interface that supports high quality graphics and video. Candidates receive instant, printable score reports after they complete their examinations. They can also tag questions for review and store examinations to return to them later. PTC offers live technical support during office hours, on the telephone and via email. The PTC Online Testing System offers convenience, affordability, and flexibility to both candidates and clients.
The PTC Online Testing System supports both Secure and Nonsecure Testing.

Secure Testing (Certification, Licensure, International)

Under the secure testing model, PTC uses its network of testing sites to arrange a proctored location that is convenient for the candidates, whether they live in the United States or abroad. Examiners are trained in examination administration, security, and operation of the PTC Online Testing System. During the examination, PTC personnel can track the progress of the candidates remotely and are available to provide guidance. After candidates complete the examination, they can either receive instant results or the results can be analyzed and reported to the candidates at a later time.

Nonsecure Testing (Practice Tests, Assessment Tests, Training and Development)

Under the nonsecure testing model, candidates apply for, purchase, and take examinations online on their personal computers. The examinations are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The nonsecure testing model is most appropriate for online practice tests, personal assessments, and training and development. Online practice tests benefit candidates by offering the experience of taking a computerized examination as well as providing insight into question content, format, style, and level of difficulty. For organizations, online assessments can be an easy, cost-effective way to measure learning or knowledge, skills, and abilities. Features of the online practice test system include reporting instant scores and storing testing progress and time so candidates can take the test over multiple sittings.

Special Use (Workshops, Seminars)

The PTC Online Testing System is also ideal for special use testing at workshops and seminars/webinars. Testing could be secure with an independent examiner supervising the administration or nonsecure with a “take-home” component. Online workshops can be linked to the PTC Online Testing System website to provide prompt end-of-session quizzes, tests, or evaluations.

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