Diplomate in Safety Pharmacology (DSP) Certification Exam

2019 Certification Exam: September 22, 2019, Barcelona, Spain
2020 Certification Exam: September 12, 2020, Montreal, Canada

The Safety Pharmacology Society (SPS) has established a process for certification which evaluates and documents competency in the field of safety pharmacology. There is a need from the industry, and regulators worldwide for a certification process to confirm expertise and identify quality standards for professionals involved in the practice of safety pharmacology.

Eligibility
- Be a current SPS Member
- Register for the Exam, and pay the examination fee ($250)
- Achieve a passing grade on the DSP certification examination (see below)
- Currently have earned at least a bachelor degree in science
- Have at least two years of relevant experience in positions involving safety pharmacology
- Have at least one poster on safety pharmacology as first author presented at a recognized major (national or beyond) scientific meeting

The Certification Exam
Certification is achieved by success on the certification examination. The exam is a written exam, conducted in English. Each examination consists of four one and a half hour parts. The exam will contain approximately 200 multiple choice questions covering a variety of areas in safety pharmacology.

Maintenance of Diplomate Status
- Maintain valid membership of the SPS
- Pay annual Diplomate fees ($75)
- Obtain a total of at least 15 “credits” over a 3-year cycle. Diplomates are required to submit their credits every 3 years, please keep all receipts and acceptance/invitation letters for the following items:
  - Attendence at the SPS Annual Meeting (5 credits)
  - Invited oral presentation on a topic related at recognized academic institution or safety pharmacology recognized scientific meeting (e.g., SOT, ACT, EUROTX, etc.) (5 credits)
  - Attendance at a scientific meeting related to safety pharmacology (e.g., SOT, ACT, EUROTX, etc.) (3 credits)
  - Each first author poster presented at a recognized scientific meeting (2 credits)
  - Each non-first author poster presented at a recognized scientific meeting (1 credit)
  - Publication in the field of pharmacology (10 credits)
  - Continuing education course, including webinars (1 credit)

More information, registration, and sample questions can be found on our website.