



NEWSLETTER

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Chair Report

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While everyone recognizes that Plastic Surgery is an independent field of specialized medicine with a discrete body of knowledge, its autonomy from general surgery has been a point of contention. A compelling argument for Plastic Surgery to assume autonomous departmental status in U.S. medical schools is its longstanding independent certifying body for practitioners of the specialty, the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS), that was established 75 years ago. It is difficult for the dissenters of Plastic Surgery department status to argue for external administrative oversight, when the process of verifying qualified practitioners has existed within our field for such a lengthy period.

The mission of the ABPS, indeed, is to “promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public” via certification of plastic surgery practitioners. With the 2012 class of 182 newly certified diplomates, whose names are noted in this newsletter with our hearty congratulations, the ABPS has to date certified 8,301 diplomates. Keeping the public trust by maintaining high standards for the certification of plastic surgeons is a task that all the Board Directors take seriously. Few people outside the Board realize the time and effort by generations of ABPS Directors to ensure the certification process is comprehensive, balanced, and fair. This fine tradition by volunteers of our specialty has continued, and I would like to highlight some of the recent activities on our Written Exam, Oral Exam, Maintenance of Certification Exam, and Surgery of the Hand Exam in that regard.

Written Examination

Like their Oral Exam colleagues, the Written Exam Committee members devoted great efforts in ensuring the quality and relevance of the exam questions. In keeping with technological advances, the Board initiated In-house administration of on-line

item writing and review processes this year. This project has been supervised by Committee Chair Dr. Sheri Slezak. After initial submission by the question authors consisting of Advisory Council members and Nominees, the committee members conducted on-line reviews. Comments and suggested changes were sent back to the question authors for editing. The revised questions were then discussed in detail and in person by the Advisory Council and Written Exam Committee members during the ABPS fall meeting. The items then were reviewed on-line once again by Drs. Slezak and Noone, along with Dr. James Chang. The process will culminate in administration of the examination as a computer-based test at Prometric Centers, as has been the Board practice for the past decade.

Every year the Written Exam Committee identifies questions that, despite the above stringent algorithm, need to be re-written from the key validation or item review process. Such a “re-write project”, together with submission of new exam questions, will result in a large pool of written exam questions from which future exams can be constructed.

It is of great importance for the Board to ensure the confidentiality of all Examination content and to promote a culture of ethical behavior by its candidates and diplomates. Candidates must sign a pledge of ethics on the Application for Examination and Certification and agree not to divulge any questions or content of any ABPS examination to any individual or entity. Candidates agree that a violation of the Confidentiality Agreement can result in actions by the Board.

Oral Examination

Much preparation has occurred long before the Oral

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Examination is given annually in November. Members of the Oral Exam Committee reviewed the case lists submitted by candidates not only to select appropriate cases for examination, but also to judge the adequacy of the entire case portfolio for a comprehensive examination. In order to improve consistency in accepting and rejecting case lists, the Oral Exam Committee under its Chair Dr. William M. Kuzon, Jr., instituted this year a three-tier review system. Any candidate's case list that was denied or deemed marginal by the primary reviewer was sent to another committee member for a secondary review. With two independent opinions, the final determination was then made by Dr. Kuzon and Dr. R. Barrett Noone in a tertiary review. We believe this system helped to improve an already fair and consistent mechanism for accepting and denying candidate case portfolios.

The ability of ABPS oral examiners to give "mock orals" to the trainees in their own institutions was debated at the spring meeting of the American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS). In order to provide balanced considerations to this issue, the Board consulted the public members of both ABPS and American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), and helped conduct a survey of ACAPS members. In addition, the varying views of the committee members were openly expressed and discussed at committee meetings. After deliberation, the committee voted to uphold the current policy that, while the oral examiners may engage in problem-based Socratic teaching in their residency curriculum, they may not participate in educational activities such as the mock orals that reproduce the ABPS Oral Exam scenarios.

Finally, the committee members devoted long hours to select cases for the Theory and Practice sessions ("the unknowns") of the exam. In addition to the in-person committee meetings in the spring and fall, the committee has been holding marathon evening conference calls to select the optimum test cases and to refine the suggested questions for the examiners. In order to broaden the source of clinical cases for the committee's consideration, the Board has instituted the new requirement for all examiners,

Advisory Council members, Nominees, Directors, and the Executive Director to submit one case per year for possible use in the oral exam.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC-PS®)

Under the direction of MOC Chair Dr. Keith E. Brandt, the on-line exam writing project was also instituted in 2012, improving the detail in each of the four exam modules. An on-line process this year streamlined the manual paperwork required for peer review for the MOC Application and those audited for the Professional Standing Updates.

The MOC Committee has engaged in further enhancing Part IV of MOC in practice improvement which is required in years 3, 6, and 9 of the 10-year MOC cycle. The data fields for the current Practice Assessment tracer procedures are being streamlined to reduce the burden of data entry. A revised "benchmarking report" that compares the individual diplomate to peer data is produced, and the committee is studying the addition of "pearls of information" from the best evidence available. The plan is to allow the diplomate to compare individual data not only with the aggregate of peers, but also with accepted evidence-based data. The committee's goal is to make the tracer procedures more useful and user-friendly. New tracer procedures are also being developed, along with separating the breast reconstruction procedures into implant-based reconstruction and autologous tissue reconstruction, in order to suit the evolving practices of our diplomates. Drs. Brandt and Noone also continuously collaborate with the specialty and regional societies to produce evidence-based MOC-approved educational activities and articles.

Subspecialty Certificate in Surgery of the Hand (SOTH)

Distinct from other functions of the Board, the Surgery of the Hand Committee works in conjunction with its counterparts from the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery and American Board of Surgery to jointly develop and administer the examination for the Subspecialty Certificate in Surgery of the Hand (SOTH), formerly known as the Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in hand surgery. This Joint

Committee for Surgery of the Hand has noticed in recent years an increasing percentage of surgeons certified by their primary Board who have not taken the SOTH Examination after completion of hand fellowships. A potential hurdle is the case list requirement for the SOTH Examination. In its most recent teleconference meeting, therefore, representatives on the Joint Committee reached agreement to extend the time period for case collection, decrease the number of required case categories, and consider the complexity of certain cases in order to fulfill the case list requirement. With the full endorsement of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, the Joint Committee aims to encourage more diplomates to undergo the certification process for hand surgery.

ABPS International Task Force

Physicians around the world have increasingly appreciated the value of board certifications, and the processes by the member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) in particular have been a model for many countries. Many of our sister boards in ABMS have begun international outreach to bring their experience and capability to enhance the practice of medicine in certain foreign countries. To explore this potential opportunity, an ABPS International Task Force has been established, chaired by Dr. Donald R. Mackay, to study the nature of demands in different world regions for ABPS, learn the international activities by other ABMS boards, and recommend to the Board in the spring any appropriate future steps for international reach. Whatever the recommendations and future actions, the Board shall not compromise its primary mission in the U.S.

While the highlighted activities above represent but a small fraction of the Board's scope of work this year, they illustrate the age-long commitment by the Board to implement and refine a balanced and fair process for certification. Such commitment and dedication by the ABPS Directors set us apart from most of the newer, non-ABMS Boards, and upholds the value and significance of certification by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. It is indeed the quality of our work as plastic surgery practitioners, as ensured by the certification process, that shall maintain our public trust into the next 75 years.

Did You Know?

The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Recognition Awards Program provides 60 Category I CME credits for the successful completion of initial certification and maintenance of certification. Contact the AMA at www.ama-assn.org for details.

From the Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.



This column in the Annual Newsletter to our diplomates allows me to review some of the highlights of the many important activities of the Board in 2012. This year's column will focus on only one topic:

A history dedicated to serving the public.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) concluded its 75th Anniversary celebration in 2012. A video featuring the history of the Board from its founding in 1937 to the present will be available on the Board's website www.abplsurg.org under the "About Us" section.

Although plastic surgery became a distinct specialty following World War I, the need for setting standards for training and certification was recognized over a decade later. The following is a synopsis of a time-line of the important milestones in the founding and continuing development of the Board in its mission to serve the public.

- 1936** – Dr. Vilray P. Blair of St. Louis, Missouri began visits to plastic surgery associations throughout the United States, gathering support for the formation of a certifying board.
- 1937** – An organizing committee of 15 held discussions at Dr. Blair's home on June 14th deciding to form the ABPS as a subsidiary of the American Board of Surgery (ABS). Dr. John Staige Davis, of Baltimore, Maryland was elected as the first board chair. An Executive Committee met in September in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to develop a Founders Group.
- 1938** – First annual meeting was held in Galveston, Texas. The ABPS By-laws were approved, the ABPS logo was developed and qualifications for the Founders Group were defined.
- 1941** – ABPS became recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) as an independent board, no longer a subsidiary of the ABS. The first examination was administered in September. First Booklet of Information, containing detailed requirements for training and examinations, was published.
- 1942** – Admission to the Founders Group was closed at 139 members.
- 1945-1953** – Further efforts were made to define minimum training requirements. Attempts were made to resolve differences between hospital-based residencies and office-based preceptorships.
- 1953** – The American Medical Association (AMA) residency review boards approved hospitals for training of plastic surgery residents.
- 1956** – Decision was made to discontinue examination of candidates at their practice settings; standardized examinations were established, with 35 cases required for the Oral Examination.
- 1959** – Preceptorships were abolished with formal transition to residencies by the end of the year.
- 1960** – The Board reaffirmed three years of clinical general surgery residency and two years of plastic surgery residency, plus two years in practice to qualify for the examination.
- 1964** – The concept of "integrated" plastic surgery training directly after medical school was introduced at Stanford University.
- 1966** – Death of Estelle E. Hillerich, corresponding secretary for 29 years at age 47. Ms. Hillerich was succeeded by her daughter, Estelle Vappas, with the office remaining in St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1970** – Eight sponsoring organizations were recognized. Part I and Part II examinations were given at six-month intervals. Guest examiners were added to examination teams.
- 1977** – Trial voluntary recertification examinations were introduced, but discontinued two years later.
- 1978** – Discussions were held about the impact of advertising by "learned professionals." ABPS began discussions regarding adding a member of the public to the Board addressing the issue of fraudulent and deceptive advertising.
- 1979** – Board Office was moved to Philadelphia in shared offices with ABS.
- 1980** – Initial discussions were held with the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS) and the American Board of Surgery (ABS) for subcertification in hand surgery.
- 1981** – Number of certified ABPS diplomates reached 2,500.
- 1982** – Patent was placed on the ABPS logo. Countway Library at Harvard Medical School was selected to house the archives.
- 1984** – Joint Committee on Surgery of the Hand was formed by ABPS, ABOS and ABS.

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2012 – 2013 Advisory Council Members

The Advisory Council Members listed below were nominated from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS), the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), the American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS). In 2012, the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM) was added to these organizations supporting an Advisory Council member for the Board. In addition, there are two Directors of the Board on each Council. The Board acknowledges the significant contributions of each of the following Advisory Council Members:

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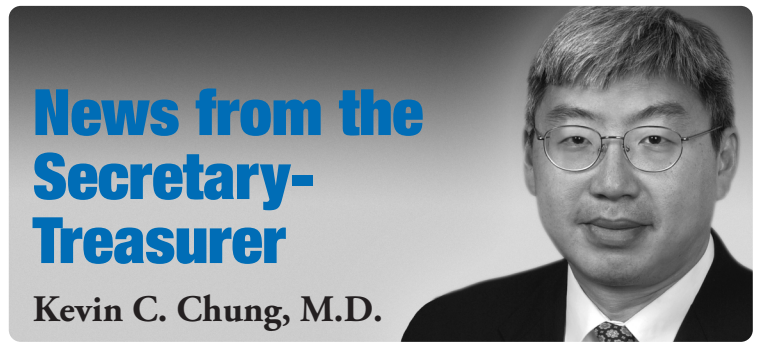
- 1986** – Written Examination was administered at two locations – Philadelphia and San Francisco.
- 1987** – Candidate’s practice cases for the Oral Examination were selected by the Board.
- 1989** – First Certificate of Added Qualifications in Surgery of the Hand Examination was administered.
- 1989** – Board Office was moved from ABS office to new location at 1635 Market Street, Philadelphia.
- 1990** – Combined or coordinated programs were formed, matching medical school graduates into general surgery residency and plastic surgery residency in the same institution. Integrated program concept was revisited.
- 1992** – Neurosurgery, Urology and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery join General Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Otolaryngology as acceptable prerequisite pathways to independent plastic surgery residencies.
- 1994** – Discussions began with the American Board of Otolaryngology regarding subcertificate in facial plastic surgery.
- 1995** – First time-limited (10 years) certificates were issued.
- 1996** – Two-year practice requirement to qualify for the Oral Examination was eliminated. Oral Exam test site moved from Chicago.
- 1997** – January Retreat on Governance established the Executive Director position and Budget and Finance Committee. Theresa M. Cullison, RN, MSN, replaced Constance Hanson as Administrator.
- 1997** – R. Barrett Noone, M.D. became the first Executive Director in August.
- 1998** – The Written Examination testing site was moved to Houston, Texas.
- 1999** – National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) began assisting the Board with the Written Examination.
- 1999** – ABMS approved the joint subcertificate with otolaryngology and plastic surgery for “Plastic Surgery Within the Head and Neck.”
- 1999** – A Retreat on Subspecialization developed the Advisory Councils.
- 2000** – Web-based case submission was required for the 2000 Oral Examination.
- 2000** – Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS®) was instituted by ABMS boards.
- 2001** – Decision was made to add a non-physician public member to the Board.
- 2002** – First Written Examination computer-based test was administered at Prometric Test Centers in the United States and Canada; ABPS developed a Code of Ethics separate from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS).
- 2003** – First Recertification Examination was administered.
- 2006** – Canadian pathway was expanded and approved.
- 2007** – Criterion-referenced analytical system for grading for the Oral Examination was implemented; MOC-PS® replaced the Recertification Examination.
- 2008** – Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery modules (PA-PS) were introduced for the MOC-PS® program.
- 2011** – Plastic surgery residency training in Independent programs became three years; integrated programs six years. Decision was made to eliminate combined programs.
- 2012** – On-line in-house development of examination for initial certification and maintenance of certification instituted.

The Board has completed 75 years of growth in an environment in which the landscape of the practice of medicine and its scrutiny by the public and its agencies has changed dramatically. The volunteer time and energy of the directors, examiners and later the advisory council members of the Board fueled the work during these years of growth. Throughout these dynamic times, the specialty of plastic surgery has

improved the lives of patients through advancements in reconstructive and aesthetic surgery. The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. and the surgeons who have completed and maintained requirements for certification have continued to grow in respect and recognition not only in the academic world of certification in medicine but also in the public arenas of quality improvement and safety.

THE BOARD’S WEBSITE: “IS YOUR SURGEON CERTIFIED?”

The Board’s website www.abplsurg.org highlights a link documenting an individual surgeon’s date of initial certification, and status of whether a surgeon is current or not current with MOC requirements. Lifetime Certificate Holders will have a listing in the MOC-PS® Column only if voluntarily participating, otherwise that column remains blank. There are approximately 196 Lifetime Certificate Holders currently enrolled in MOC-PS®. The ABPS website is in continual use by consumers, with an average of 18,000 visits per month. You can also contact ABMS to verify certification at certificationmatters@abms.org.



The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. extends sincere appreciation to the following Directors for their dedicated service to the Board:

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Ethics Committee	2006-2012
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Thank you to Our Diplomates

Your Board works hard for you. We are also very indebted to our diplomates. With your support, both in volunteerism, in financial contributions, and in valuing the certification and maintenance of certification process, we have strength and pride as the family of plastic surgery. We are indeed a powerful group with a bright future, thanks to you.

In Recognition

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. gratefully acknowledges the contributions and commitment of those plastic surgeons who served as Question Writers for the Written Examination and Hand Examination and those who served as Examiners and Evaluators for the Oral Examination.

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Alert to Senior Partners About Advertising

Candidates are not permitted to advertise any status with the Board until certification is achieved. This includes use of the terms board qualified, board eligible or board admissible. Senior partners and practice managers should check all advertising with new physicians in the practice. The Board reaffirmed this policy in November 2012 and defers candidates in the examination process for one year for misstatements, however inadvertent, of board status. Candidates are responsible for misleading advertising, no matter how inadvertently placed.

The Board welcomes its Diplomates to report any false, misleading or deceptive advertising to the Board Office. For example, use of the Board's trademarked logo on a website. Refer to the logo notice later in this newsletter.

Board Website

www.abplsurg.org is the central location for all resident, candidate and diplomate activities. Log in to your physician profile. Keep your mailing and e-mail addresses current. Diplomates are encouraged to list their business address and phone number on the profile for the consumer search.

ABPS ADMISSIBILITY POLICY – EFFECTIVE 2012

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) approved an eligibility policy which sets limits for attaining board certification after residency completion effective January 1, 2012. Member boards must limit the period of time that may lapse between the completion of an ACGME or RCPSC accredited residency training and attainment of board certification to no more than seven years plus any time in practice required for admission to the certifying examination. January 1, 2019 is the outer limit set by ABMS for candidates currently in the examination process to obtain certification.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, in accordance with the ABMS Eligibility Policy, will initiate the following policy for surgeons seeking certification in plastic surgery:

Residents who complete an accredited plastic surgery residency training program in 2012 and thereafter must complete the certification process within eight years of the conclusion of residency. This allows for the practice requirement of one year which is necessary to collect and submit cases for the Oral Examination. The full policy is available on the Boards website.

Congratulations! ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FROM 2012 - 2018

The Board welcomes the following New Directors elected in April 2012 in San Francisco, California



Joseph J. Disa, M.D.
New York, NY

Medical School: University of Massachusetts Medical School
General Surgery Residency: University of Maryland Medical Systems
Plastic Surgery Residency: University of Maryland/Johns Hopkins Hospital Combined Training Program
Fellowship: Microsurgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Current Academic Appointment: Attending Surgeon, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, Professor of Surgery, Weill Medical College of Cornell University
Administrative Titles: Member Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Senior Member at Large, American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery; Immediate Past President, Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons; Chair Craniofacial Sub-Committee, PSEF In-Service Exam Committee; Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; Associate Editor, Annals of Plastic Surgery; Associate Editor, Annals of Surgical Oncology
Leadership and Editorial Positions: Diplomate, American Board of Surgery 1995 and ABS MOC 2005
Board Certifications: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 1999 and **ABOC-PS*** 2009



Joseph E. Losee, M.D.
Pittsburgh, PA

Medical School: University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
General Surgery Residency: Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester
Plastic Surgery Residency: Strong Memorial Hospital, University of Rochester
Fellowship: Craniofacial Surgery, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania, University of Pennsylvania
Current Academic Appointment: Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh
Administrative Titles: Chief, Division of Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Program Director, Plastic Surgery Residency, University of Pittsburgh, Director, Cleft-Craniofacial Center, University of Pittsburgh Director, Reconstructive Transplantation Program, University of Pittsburgh
Leadership and Editorial Positions: President Elect, American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons, President, Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, Vice Secretary, American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, Council Member, American Society of Craniofacial Surgeons, Editorial Board, *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* and *Annals of Plastic Surgery*
Board Certifications: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 2001 and **ABOC-PS*** 2010

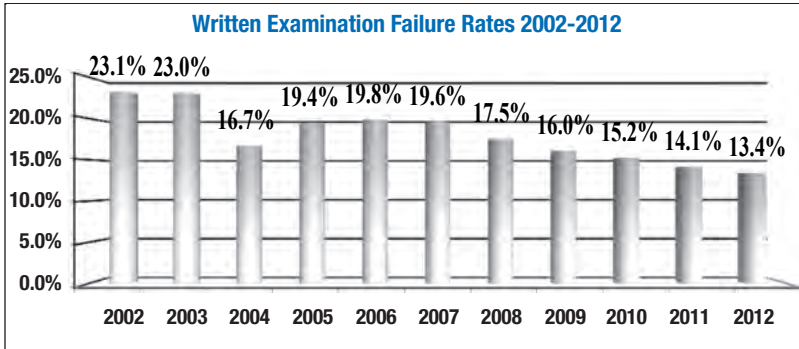


David T. J. Netscher, M.D.
Houston, TX

Medical School: University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
General Surgery Residency: University of Louisville
Plastic Surgery Residency: Baylor College of Medicine
Fellowship: Hand and Microsurgery, Christine Kleinert Hand Fellowship, University of Louisville
Current Academic Appointment: Clinical Professor, Division of Plastic Surgery and Department of Orthopedic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine Adjunct Professor of Clinical Surgery (Plastic), Weill Medical College, Cornell University Associate Professor, Dept. of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Baylor College of Medicine Program Director, Combined Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine, Chief, Plastic Surgery, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Chief, Hand Surgery, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital Hand Section Chief, Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine
Administrative Titles: Deputy Editor, Journal of Hand Surgery, Past Associate Editor, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Council Member, American Society for Peripheral Nerve Chair, Adrian Flatt Residents and Fellows Conference, Hand Advisory Council, ABPS, Multiple Past and Present Committees and Chairs, AAHS, ASPS, ASRM, ASMS, AAPS, ASSH, Reviewer, Multiple Journals
Leadership and Editorial Positions: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 1991 and **ABOC-PS*** 2007, Certification in Surgery of the Hand via ABS 1992 - 2023
Board Certifications:

EXAMINATION STATISTICS

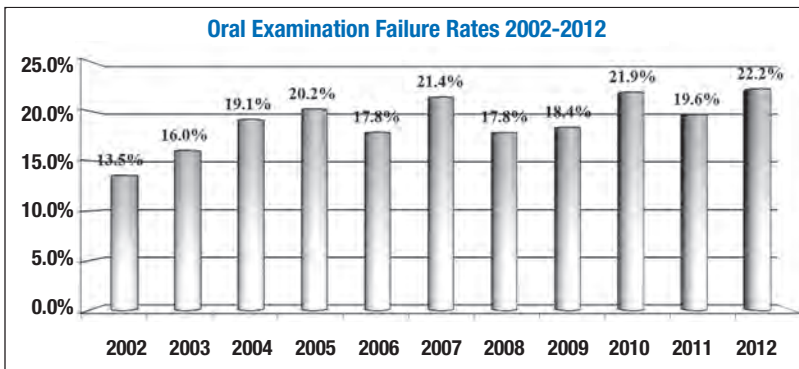
Written Examination



WRITTEN EXAMINATION

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
2002	242	186	56	23.1%
2003	230	177	53	23.0%
2004	214	178	36	16.7%
2005	237	191	46	19.4%
2006	242	195	48	19.8%
2007	235	189	46	19.6%
2008	251	207	44	17.5%
2009	243	204	39	16.0%
2010	230	195	35	15.2%
2011	234	201	33	14.1%
2012	239	207	32	13.4%

Oral Examination



ORAL EXAMINATION

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
2002	222	192	30	13.5%
2003	206	173	33	16.0%
2004	209	169	40	19.1%
2005	203	162	41	20.2%
2006	241	198	43	17.8%
2007	229	180	49	21.4%
2008	230	189	41	17.8%
2009	256	209	47	18.4%
2010	210	164	46	21.9%
2011	219	176	43	19.6%
2012	234	182	52	22.2%

MOC-PS® Tracer Procedures

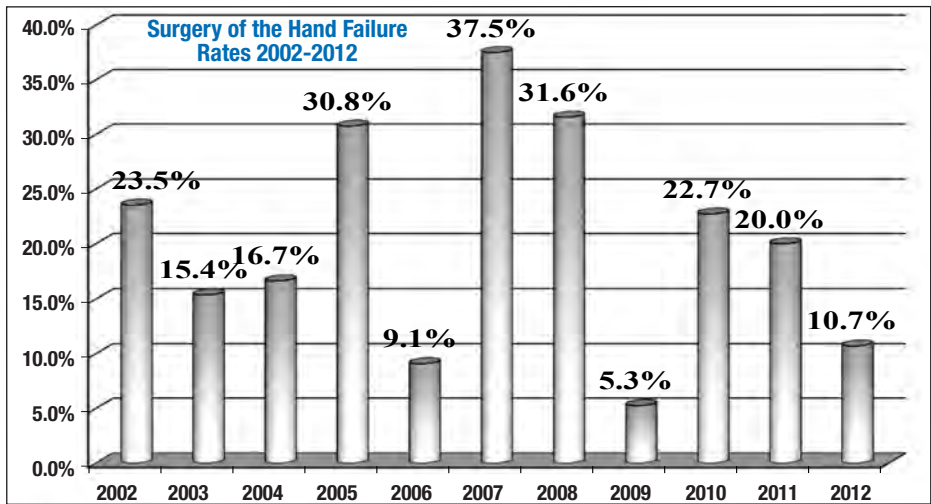
TRACER PROCEDURES	TRACER PARTICIPANT TOTALS	% TOTAL	# TRACER CASES 2008-2012	MODULE
Augmentation Mammoplasty	1177	28.18	11,770	Cosmetic
Reduction Mammoplasty	964	23.08	9,640	Comprehensive
Breast Reconstruction	439	10.51	4,390	Comprehensive
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	369	8.84	3,690	Hand
Abdominoplasty	332	7.95	3,320	Cosmetic
Facial Skin Malignancy	248	5.94	2,480	Comprehensive
Cleft Palate (Primary)	117	2.8	1,170	CMF
Blepharoplasty	114	2.73	1,140	Cosmetic
Face Lift	110	2.63	1,100	Cosmetic
Suction Assisted Lipectomy	80	1.92	800	Cosmetic
Lower Extremity Acute Trauma	44	1.05	440	Comprehensive
Metacarpal Fracture	37	0.89	370	Hand
Pressure Sores	34	0.81	340	Comprehensive
Non-Syndromal Craniosynostosis	33	0.79	330	CMF
Flexor Tendon Laceration	33	0.79	330	Hand
Carpometacarpal Joint Arthroplasty	17	0.41	170	Hand
Zygomatic Fractures	15	0.36	150	CMF
Dupuytren's Disease	8	0.19	80	Hand
Secondary Cleft Nasal Deformity	5	0.12	50	CMF
Total All Tracers	4176	100	41,760	

MOC-PS® Program Examination

YEAR	TOTAL TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL	Recert with Surgery of the hand	Total # Recertified
2003	102	99	3	2.9%	4	173
2004	122	118	4	3.3%	11	129
2005	159	151	8	5.0%	5	156
2006	152	141	11	7.2%	15	156
2007	216	204	12	5.6%	20	224
2008	274	261	13	4.7%	8	269
2009	260	236	24	9.2%	9	245
2010	233	225	8	3.4%	6	231
2011	174	168	6	3.4%	5	173
2012	156	154	2	1.3%	9	163
ALL	1848	1757	91	4.9%	92	1849

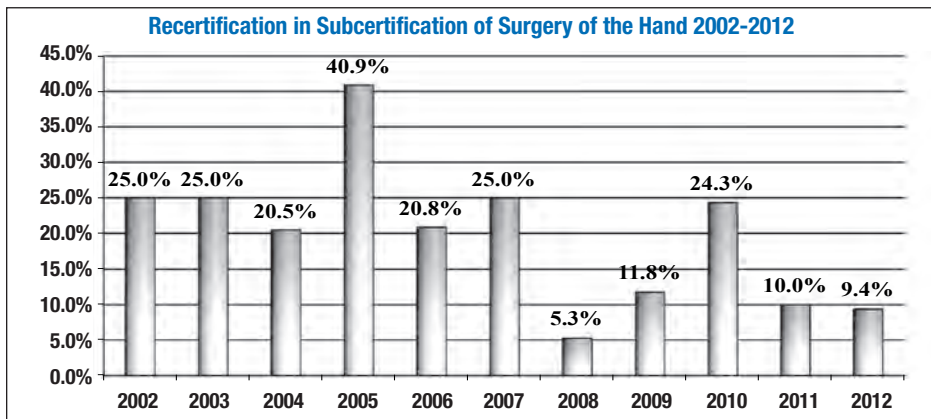
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Initial Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand - SOTH



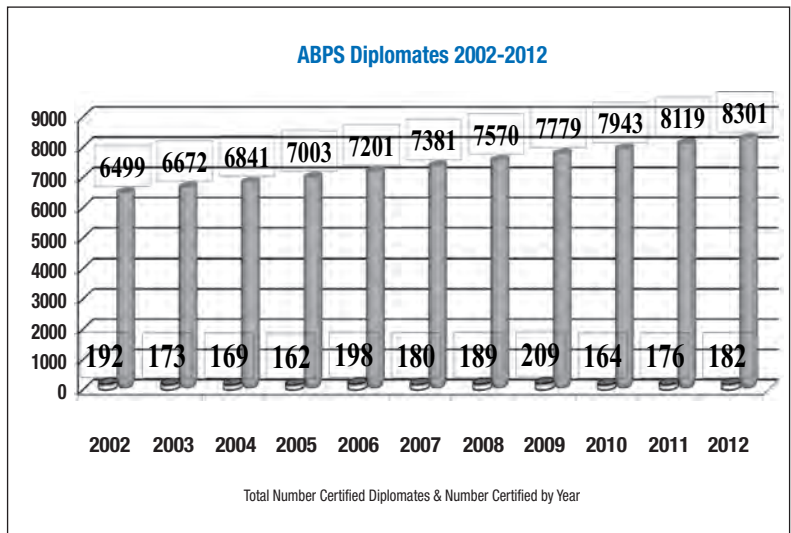
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
2002	17	13	4	23.5%
2003	13	11	2	15.4%
2004	18	15	3	16.7%
2005	13	9	4	30.8%
2006	11	10	1	9.1%
2007	8	5	3	37.5%
2008	19	13	6	31.6%
2009	19	18	1	5.3%
2010	22	17	5	22.7%
2011	25	20	5	20.0%
2012	28	23	3	10.7%

Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand - SOTH



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
2002	28	21	7	25.0%
2003	28	21	7	25.0%
2004	44	35	9	20.5%
2005	22	13	9	40.9%
2006	24	19	5	20.8%
2007	32	24	8	25.0%
2008	19	18	1	5.3%
2009	34	30	4	11.8%
2010	37	28	9	24.3%
2011	30	27	3	10.0%
2012	32	29	3	9.4%

Diplomates Certified Over 10 Years



2013 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Maintenance of Certification Examination in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS®)

April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

September 9, 2013, Monday – Initial Hand Surgery Examination

September 9, 2013 through September 21, 2013 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination - Columbus Day

October 14, 2013, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination

November 14, 15, 16, 2013 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 182 diplomates in November 2012. To date the Board has certified 8,301 plastic surgeons. Those certified in 2012 are:

Nour Abboushi
Richard Louis Agag
Brian Thomas Andrews
Morad Askari
Alexander Francis Au
Craig Andrew Baldenhofer
Sophie Annette Bartsich
Richard Caringal Baynosa
Derek Edward Bell
Nada Nikolic Berry
Branko Bojovic
Edward Patrick Buchanan
Mark Steven Burke
David Laurence Cangelo
Jennifer Michelle Capla
Joseph Nicholas Carey
Ricardo Castrellon
Angela Kaye Champion
Jennifer Wai-Haine Chan
Edward I-Fei Chang
Jerry Weiger Chang
Shiliang Chang
Yeon-Jeen Chang
Albert Huang Chao
Swetanshu Chaudhari
Jose Guilherme Christiano Neto
Dustin Christiansen
Mark Warren Clemens II
Brian Douglas Cohen
Shannon Margaret Colohan
Alex Peter Colque
Damon Sean Cooney
Laura Beth Cooper
Marcin Czerwinski
Dennis Dass
Drew Johnson Davis
Peter Karas Davis
Kevin Allen Day
Christopher Armen Derderian
Leo Christopher DeRosier
Ryan Sean Diederich
Nathan Bradley Easterlin
Richard Thomas Ethridge
Gamal Peter Fakhre
Scott Thorne Farber
Evan Michael Feldman
David Aaron Feldmar
David Charles Alexander Fisher
Stacey Hindy Francis
Gary Leland Freed Jr.
Andrew Charles Freil
Brooke MacLeod French
Chad Ronald Gordon
Parviz Hiroshi Goshtasby
Patrick Joseph Greaney Jr.
Joshua Richard Groves
Salil Gulati
Monica Susan Hall
Catherine Mary Hannan
Tristan Layton Hartzell
John David Hayes

Margo Stevenson Herron
Kent Kihyet Higdon
Kenneth Benjamin Hughes
Tara Lynn Huston
Seree lamphongsai
Jesus Gil Tito Belen Inciong
Harry Hubertus Intsiful
William Dotie Jackson
Shareef Jandali
Tina Fan Jenq
Mark Hall Jensen
Dennis Shun-Jen Kao
Wrood Madeleine Kassira
Christian Anthony Kauffman
Amy Frances Kells
Nabeel Ali Khan
Christopher Khorsandi
Peter Seihwan Kim
Daniel Gene Kolder
Jeffrey Hall Kozlow
Richard Henry Kutz III
Daniel Kwock-Way Kwan
Robert Kang Kwon
Joshua Ainsley Lampert
Ethan Erik Larson
Nam Hoai Le
Martin Raoul LeBlanc
Anh Tuyet Thi Bui Lee
Valerie Lemaire
Ines Chi-Ying Lin
Avron Herschel Lipschitz
Jerome Hu Liu
Tom Sheng Liu
Michael Anthony Loffredo
Christopher John Low
Ashish Yogindera Mahajan
Sumeet Narender Makhijani
Gideon Simon Maresky
Carlos Mata
Samuel Michael Maurice
Benjamin Clayton McIntyre
Juan Nicolas McLean
Edward Thomas Melkun
John Mario Mesa
Eric Christopher Minns
Tansar Naveed Mir
Adeyiza Olutoyin Momoh
Andrea Arnaud Moreira-Gonzalez
Robert Scott Myers
Deepak Kanakasundaram Naidu
Robert Matthew Najera
Hossein Nasajpour
Noel Blythe Natoli
Guillermina Nava
Alexander Thien-Quang Nguyen
Dung Hoang Nguyen
Juan Antonio Ortiz
David Mark Otterburn
Humberto Palladino
Brian Shen-Ta Pan
Ashit Patel

Kamlesh Babulal Patel
Nima P. Patel
Jason Michael Petrunaro
Rocco Charles Piazza II
Kiran Polavarapu
Effie Pappas Politis
Karen Lynne Powers
Jeremy William Pyle
Khurram Rashid
Mari Rebane-Mazzotta
Marjorie Angela Reid
Brian Christopher Reuben
Ronald Emilio Reyna
Emily Boye Ridgway
Jeremy Ronald Rinard
Donovan Thomas Rosas
Michelle Curtis Roughton
Roe Elan Rubinstein
Michael James Salvino
Majed Youssef Sarouf Maalouf
Andres Guillermo Sarraga
Hani Sbitany
Ulysses Scarpidis
Basel Sharaf
Robert Bruce Shaw Jr.
David Alan Shifrin
Kamaljit Singh
Kimberly Ann Singh
Juan Socas
Ravi Somayazula
David Heath Stacey
Stacy Michelle Stephenson
Christian Robert Subbio
Reps Barnes Sundin
Jimmy Chi-Yun Sung
John David Symbas
Simon George Talbot
Nicholas Albert Tarola
Traci Marie Temmen
Oren Mordechai Tepper
Alvaro Javier Testa Jr.
Taylor Bryan Theunissen
Elizabeth Peebles Tran
Matthew John Trovato
Roderick Maxwell Urbaniak
Snezana Veljic
Anthony William Viol
Vanessa Lynn Voge
Jimmy Lee Waldrop Jr.
Derrick Check Wan
Leland Shayne Webb
Jennifer Lorie Weintraub
Justin Eric West
Patrick Charles Wilson
Michael Brent Wolfeld
Laurence Casey Yeung
Kamakshi Raimondo Zeidler
Andrew Yuan Zhang
Christopher George Zochowski
Joshua David Zuckerman

TO OUR DIPLOMATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE AOC-PS® COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

In April 2012 the following 154 diplomates successfully completed the AOC-PS® cognitive examination in addition to 9 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 1,849 diplomates have been recertified including 92 via SOTH*.

Hatem Ahmed Abou-Sayed
Stefan Rene Adair
Hiyad Jawad Al-Husaini
Ravi Kumar Aloor
Hamid Reza Amirshaybani
William Gerald Austen Jr.
Daniel James Azurin
Stephen Bradley Baker
Gregory Alan Baum
Gunnar Ernst Olof Bergqvist
Diana Marie Breister-Ghosh
Gregory Alan Buford
Erwin Joseph Bulan
Jay Wynn Calvert
Holly Dawn Casey
Stanley Asbury Castor
Eric Kyungwoo Cha
Phillip Jingo Chang
Thomas Ryan Chang
Douglas Howard Chaucer Luke Chin
Christopher Youngkwon Chung
Stanley Joseph Ciletti
Barry Stuart Citron
Adam Craig Cohen
James Farrell Coleman*
John Patrick Connolly III
Michael Leslie Cooper
Stephen Preble Daane
Sumer Louise Daiza
Ramazi Otarovich Datiashvili
Mark Dennis DeLacure
Frank Joseph DellaCroce
Rosa Lisa Dell'Oca
Mark Andrew Deuber
Lisa M. DiFrancesco
Paul Christopher Dillon
Tue Anh Dinh
Thomas Michael Dixon
William George Doubek III
Ivica Ducic
Themistocles Peter Economou

John Morton Eggleston III
Kenneth Allen Fischer
David Malcolm Fisher
Matthew John Fox
William Culp Franckle IV
Daniel James Freet
Marthe Ann Gabey
James William Gaffield
Pedramine Ganchi
John Alan Giroto
Steven Andrew Goldman
Robert Thomas Grant
Elizabeth Ann Grasee
Mark Allen Grevious
Helena Maria Guarda
Aldo Benjamin Guerra
Karl John Hapcic
Kent Victor Hasen
Andrew John-Haidukewych Hayduke
Robert Todd Heck
Robert Eugene Hersh
Keith Ray Hodge
Barbara Elaine Howard
Jon Ryan Jackson
Michael Amin Jazayeri
Thomas Tayf Jeneby
John Warren Keller
Daniel Beom Soo Kim
Albert Edward Ko
Jeffery Keith Krueger
Ajay Verma Kumar
Daniel Gerard Kuy
Donald Hector Lalonde*
Ernest Gaston Layton Jr.
Bernard Travis Lee
Jamie Peter Levine
Linda Jian-Yuh Li
David Alan Lickstein
Andrew John Livingston
Christopher Kennon Livingston*
Tor Martin Ljung

Anthony Stephen Lombardi
Kimlyn Charmaine Long
Edward Joiner Love
Grace Yu-chun Ma
Julia Wright MacRae
Eric Scott Mager
Wojciech Tomasz Majewski
Christopher Thomas Maloney Jr.
Marc Edward Mani
Bradley Laine Manning Jr.
Gregory Allen Mantooth
Philip Charles Marin*
Erik Scott Marques
Scot Anthony Martin
Marga Faith Massey
Mehdi Koliai Mazaheri
Thomas Cornelius McFadden Jr.
Sharon Theresa McLaughlin
Laura Ann McMillan
William Maynor Meadows Jr.
Adam Mitchell Mecinski Jr.
Pedro Guillermo Meneses
John Michael Menezes
Wandra Kaye Miles
Randy Bruce Miller
Michael Kirk Moore Jr.
David Evan Morales
Steven Lawrence Moran*
W. Michael Morrissey Jr.
Todd Andrew Morton
James Rastgar Mottagh
Delora Louise Mount
Sanjay Mukerji
Patrick James Mullen
Arshad Raziuddin Muzaffar*
Margaret Napolitano*
Seung-Jun O
Wendy-Ann Michelle Olivier
Kerry Elizabeth Owens
Allan Jay Parungao
Gregory Harold Pastrick

Jagruti Chandrakant Patel
Kenneth Owen Phillips
Joseph Thomas Poggi III
Alain Polynice
William Louis Reno III
Donna Carol Rich
Francisco Leones Rilloraza
Michael Simon Risin
Donald F. Roland
John Marshall Rowley
James Douglas Saar
Arya Peter Salas
Amorn Neil Salyapongse*
John Michael Sarbak
Christopher Jon Schaffer
Celestino Eddie Sepulveda
Alissa Marie Shulman
Nicholas Erik Sieveking
Raluca Gerardo Soltero
Eiler John Sommerhaug
David Habin Song
Julia Ann Spears
Robert Lee Steely
Hedieh Arbabzadeh Stefanacci
William Dean Strinden
Mark Damian Suski
Roxanne Libi Sylora
Michael David Thompson
Jess Ting*
Hakan Usal
Randall Warren Volk
Simeon Heninger Wall Jr.
Frederick Harvey Watkins IV
James Jason Wendel
Jonathan Michael Winograd
Michael Sheldon Wong
Scott William Wrye
Dan Yamini
Peirong Yu
John William Zinsser

CONGRATULATIONS

To Our Diplomates who were Certified or Recertified in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand (SOTH)

In 2012, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 23 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 29 diplomates in SOTH. To date the Board has certified 681 diplomates and has recertified 358 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2012

Omar Ahmed
Alfonso Camberos
Charles Theodore Clasen III
Ramsey Ann Ellis
Christopher Pell Fender
Mytien Thi Goldberg
Hongshik Han
Scott Lee Hansen
Ginard Irwyn Henry
Ryan David Katz
David Hiroshi Kawamura
Christopher K. Livingston

Ian C. Marrero-Amadeo
David Michael Megee
Pranay Manoj Parikh
Brian Michael Parrett
David Wesley Person
Warren L. Poag
Murtaza Rizvi
Jason Michael Rovak
Timothy Allen Schaub
Naveen Chandra Setty
Emran Salahuddin Sheikh

DIPLOMATES RECERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2012

Duffield Ashmead IV
Warren Conrad Breidenbach III
Richard Ervin Brown
James Farrell Coleman Jr.
Woodward Leslie Coleman
Alexander Bee Dagum
Thomas Morgan Dreyer
Michael John Halls
Jann Johnson
Michael Kwangsoo Kim
Donald Hector Lalonde
Ramtsumi M. Makhene
Philip Charles Marin
Steven Lawrence Moran
Arshad Raziuddin Muzaffar

Margaret Napolitano
James Louis Pertsch
Clara Maria Rivera
Ignatius Daniel Roger
David Frederick Ruebeck
Amorn Neil Salyapongse
Christian Edward Sampson
David Patton Taylor
Jess Ting
Norman Weinzwieg
Mark Douglas Wells
Carl Nathaniel Williams Jr.
Jonathan Michael Winograd
Thomas Leigh Zoeller

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS®) PROGRAM

ALERT ALL DIPLOMATES:

The Board Office will send mailings and e-mail notices to the applicable diplomates prior to any deadlines. Be sure that your e-mail address is updated in the "My Profile" tab available once logged in to the Board's website. E-mail staff@abplsurg.org if you did not receive your MOC information for 2013-2014.

Log in to the Board's website to review the MOC-PS® Tracking page to ensure they are current with requirements to maintain certification. The tracking page outlines MOC-PS® requirements by year and lists deadline dates, status and completion dates.

Once the MOC-PS® requirements are met in any calendar year, look for the ability to download the following:

- Confirmation of Participation letter;
- Certificate verifying the MOC-PS® requirements have been met; and
- The ABMS MOC Starmark logo. Diplomates are encouraged to use this logo on their website, letterhead, advertisements and business cards.



American Board of Plastic Surgery ABMS Maintenance of Certification

Certification Matters

Review the general timeline below for an outline of requirements within the 10 year MOC cycle:

This Year for MOC-PS®

10 YEAR CYCLE:	MOC-PS® Annual Contribution required each year
YEAR 3	STEP 1: Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) Module including: tracer procedure, benchmarking report, MOC-approved CME, action plan. STEP 2: Professional Standing Update including CME report(s). Additional documentation required if selected for audit.
YEAR 6	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module & Professional Standing
YEAR 7, 8 OR 9	Examination Application and 6 month Case List compilation.
YEAR 9	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module and Professional Standing
YEAR 8, 9 OR 10	MOC-PS® April Computer Based Test (CBT)
YEAR 10	MOC-PS® Certificates mailed to those who successfully completed the 10 year cycle

2013 Examination

The Computer Based Test (CBT) will be administered throughout the month of April at Prometric® Test Centers in the U.S. and Canada.

2014 Exam Application

Diplomates originally certified in 2004, 2005 or 2006 are eligible to submit the on-line Application and Clinical Case Log for the April 2014 MOC-PS® Examination. The Application and Clinical Case Log must both be finalized by September 5, 2013.

2013 Activities – Practice Assessment Module & Professional Standing Update

Diplomates originally certified in 1997, 2000, 2004, 2007 or 2010 are required to finalize the MOC-PS® Activities by December 1, 2013. Diplomates are encouraged to repeat the same tracer for two sequential (three year) cycles in order to provide a full self-assessment and learning experience for practice improvement. Diplomates will have the ability to access their historical tracer data for comparison purposes and to evaluate improvement between cycles. After two cycles of the same procedure, selection of a different tracer procedure is recommended to optimize other areas of practice.

RENEWAL CERTIFICATES

Renewal certificates are mailed December 1st of the expiration year rather than at the completion of the MOC-PS® examination. All MOC-PS® requirements must be met to receive your new certificate. Look for frequent e-mail reminders regarding outstanding requirements.

REVOKED CERTIFICATES

The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. The Board is pleased to report there were no new revocations of certificates in 2012. To date, a total of 77 certificates have been revoked.

Change of Address to the ABPS

Help the Board keep our records up to date. Enter your change of address via your physician profile by logging in to www.abplsurg.org.

Change of Address to the ABMS

Update your listing in the ABMS Directory by faxing or mailing a notice on your stationery directly to:

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)
222 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60601
Attention: Database Department
Phone Number: 312-436-2600
Fax Number: 312-436-2700
Website: ABMS.org

The Board's Trademarked Logo

The use of the Board's Logo is exclusive for business of the Board only and is not permitted for any other purpose. Diplomates should remove this logo from all practice websites and materials. Please notify your web vendor. The Board appreciates the cooperation of all diplomates.



Newsletters and Booklets of Information are on the Board's Website

Visit the Board's website for the Booklet of Information and archived newsletters.

The Board's 75th Anniversary Celebration Video - Coming Soon

The Board's 75th Anniversary Celebration video will be available on the website, www.abplsurg.org to view.

2013 Diplomat Dues and MOC-PS® Annual Contribution

Enclosed is one of two forms for reference: a 2013 Diplomat Dues Remittance Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders or the 2013 MOC-PS® Annual Contribution Form for Time Limited Certificate Holders.

Time-limited Certificate Holders – The MOC-PS® Fee is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates who are participating in the MOC-PS® Program. Log in to the Board's website to complete the form on-line and pay by credit card. **You must use your username and password.** If you have not already created a username and password, your username is your six digit board number which can be found on the remittance form. Your password is your last name (this is case sensitive, first letter should be capitalized, e.g., Smith).

Life-time Certificate Holders – The Diplomat Dues of \$230.00 is requested of lifetime certificate holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS®. Credit Card payment is the preferred method for remittance. However, if necessary, you can complete the form and forward a check for \$230.00 made payable to **The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.** and return to the Board Office by **April 15, 2013.**

The ongoing support of the Diplomat Dues request has been gratifying. Since 1999, approximately 65% of our diplomates have responded. The income from the dues has greatly assisted the Board in its operations and its mission, and has been especially helpful in defense of the standards represented by the ABPS certificate and development of web-based procedures.

2013 POTENTIAL ORAL EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2013 Oral Examination. The Board will review comments regarding the suitability of any candidate for certification. Please direct written comments on official letterhead, signed and received in the Board Office by April 1, 2013. If you are aware of a potential candidate omitted from this list, please e-mail to oral@abplsurg.org.

Sharline Zacur Aboutanos
Demetrio Juan Aguila III
Jamil Ahmad
Naveen Kumar Ahuja
Mustafa Akyurek
Ali Al-Attar
Mohammed S. Alghoul
Abdullah Yahya Al-Shaikhi
Sonia Maria Alvarez
John Paul Amato
Alexander David Anzarut
Ralph Leo Aquadro
Bryan Stapp Armijo
Shannon Dale Armstrong
Adam Christian Augenstein
Diana Lynette Aviles Castillo
Olubimpe Ayeni
Jason Richard Bailey
Robert Bajnrauh
Jeroen Pieter Balledux
Gregory Nelson Bancroft
John Richard Barbour
Ario Barzin
Michael Joseph Bass
Nicholas Bastidas
Mazen Ibrahim Bedri
Emily Hannah Beers
Amir Babak Behnam
Stephanie Kathryn Beidler
Kyle Asher Belek
Myla Nicole Bennett
Michael Bezuhly
Gaurav Bharti
Reena Anjalie Bhatt
Christine Marie Blaine
Christi Lynn Blakkolb
Matthew West Blanton
Jason Matthew Blocksom
Martin Luther Blue
Rachel Olga Bluebond-Langner
Adam Keith Boettcher
Kelly Michelle Bolden
Ronnie Mitchel Borsuk
Mark Walter Bosbous
Ronald Patrick Bossert

Joseph Bou-Merhi
Peter Niclas Broer
Daniel Jonathan Brown
Rodger Hamilton Brown
Louis Seitz Brunworth
Marie-Claire Buckley
Samuel Damion Buonocore
Renee Michelle Burke
James Allen Butterworth
Matthew Carroll Camp
Steven Martin Camp
Christopher Alexander Campbell
Clifton Lamar Cannon III
Aaron Matthew Capuano
Daniel Eduardo Careaga
Kimberly Marie Carpin
Adam Daniel Cash
Michael Paul Cash
Nelson Enrique Castillo
Kongkrit Chaiyasate
David Thomas Chandler
Eric I-Yun Chang
Peter Chang
Suzie Heejeong Chang
Marjorie Rachel Chelly
Joyce Chi-yi Chen
Wei Fan Chen
Angela Cheng
Amy Louise Chesney
Hank Shuo-Horng Chien
Kevin Jungwoo Cho
Matthew Choi
Chia Jen Chung
Thomas Lawrence Chung
Julio Alfonso Clavijo-Alvarez
Jennyfer Faridy Cocco
Michael Cohen
Patrick Duffy Combs
Thomas Kevin Cook
Michael James Cooper
Ross David Cooperman
Curtis Nathan Crane
Ovidiu Gratian Cristea
David Daizadeh Daniels
Dipan Das

Augusto Santos DaSilva
Danielle Marie Dauria
Poya Davoodi
Jeffrey Christopher Dawes
Emmanuel Avelino DeLaCruz
Jeffrey Stanton DeMercurio
Jordan Christopher Deschamps-Braly
Arthur Edmond Desrosiers III
Sara Rath Dickie
Brian Peter Dickinson
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