



NEWSLETTER

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Chair Report

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ABPS Mission Statement: “The Mission of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. is to promote safe, **ethical**, and efficacious plastic surgery to the public by maintaining high standards for the education, examination, certification and maintenance of certification of plastic surgeons as specialists and subspecialists.”

Coming clean on MOC

Question: Is the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) serving its financial interest when it requires diplomates to participate in MOC?

Answer: Yes. The ABPS receives more revenue from MOC than from the Written or Oral Exams, the other two sources of the Board’s income.

Scandal? Maybe not.

Background. The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is the parent organization of the legitimate medical boards and consists of 24 such boards (Family Medicine, Surgery, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology etc) one of which is your board, the American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS). The 24 Boards all agreed to develop an MOC program for their diplomates. Each MOC program consists of four common parts: Professionalism, Life Long Learning and Self-Assessment, Cognitive Expertise (test), and Practice Performance Improvement. Within this common format, each specialty has some latitude to develop its own MOC program. Hence, MOC-Plastic Surgery is not exactly the same as MOC-Neurosurgery. Ours is cooler; more about this later...

Lawsuit. The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) sued the ABMS in 2013 over the requirement for MOC, citing, among other things, restraint of trade. The AAPS also alleged that MOC

imposes unnecessary recertification burdens on physicians which do not improve patient care and, in fact, keep physicians from their patients. Opponents of MOC say further that it is designed only to make money on the backs of the diplomates. A large number of diplomates in another specialty have refused to participate, citing staff salaries and some investments by their board as evidence that MOC is just a money making scam.

Truth. Finding truth takes at least a lifetime, but, I will explain below why the ABPS believes that MOC is worthwhile and what the ABPS is doing to administer MOC responsibly and make it as **painless** and **inexpensive** as possible. Opposition has benefits; it forces proponents to improve their product as we continue to do with MOC, making significant changes every year (enumerated below).

Common sense. It is hard to argue against physicians needing to demonstrate some type of lifelong learning and having to meet minimal standards as their years in practice tick by. To do otherwise would not be right for our patients and it would not pass the test of common sense. Someone has to police plastic surgeons. Common sense would also suggest that we do this ourselves. So if we agree that demonstrating competence over a medical career is reasonable, then we need only debate the number, and the height, of the hurdles that a physician is required to get over---and at what cost.

Facts about the ABPS:

1. The Directors of the ABPS receive no stipend or compensation, other than travel expenses for two meetings per year, one of which directly precedes the Oral Examination.

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- Barry Noone, M.D., our extraordinary Executive Director, receives a part time salary calculated as 2/5 of an FTE, using the mean, full time, academic plastic surgery division chief's salary as the standard. A similar formula will be used for Keith Brandt, MD, who succeeds Dr. Noone (and will ably fill some extremely large shoes) on Aug 1, 2015.
- Directors on the ABPS, are required to participate in the same MOC process as diplomates with time-limited certificates even if they have an undated certificate that does not expire. The same is true of all examiners who administer the Oral Exam.
- The Plastic Surgery MOC exam, required every 10 years, consists of questions chosen from a large pool that are in the public domain and are available on a study guide, sold by ASPS. The study guide includes explanations of the correct answer and literature references. Your board believes that a high stakes exam with a significant failure rate is neither desirable nor necessary. More importantly, studying the questions /explanations/references in the study guide is fundamentally educational and improves practice, two of the main goals of MOC.

Making MOC-PS easier, cheaper, and friendlier. The following are changes in MOC-PS that were made within the last year:

- Addition of new Tracer Procedures.** Four new tracer procedures were added to meet the needs and diverse practices of our diplomates: Rhinoplasty, Wound Management (including burns), Mandible Fractures, and Unilateral Cleft Lip.
- Simplification of Tracer Procedures.** The data fields of all the tracer procedures were reviewed and simplified over the last two years in an attempt to make data entry as painless as possible and to allow a more relevant practice improvement experience.
- Elimination of the case list requirement.** The 6 month case log used to determine examination module was eliminated this year. Diplomates may now select their preferred module regardless of the composition of their practices. The Board decided that the time associated with entering the case log could not be justified on an educational basis.
- Exam fee reduced.** With the elimination of the 6 month clinical case log requirement, the Board voted to reduce the exam fee by \$125.
- Website redesign.** The ABPS website will be completely redesigned in 2015 with easier navigation, personalized, direct access to MOC activities and a more modern streamlined look. The Board is also working with ASPS to simplify the transfer of CME reports.
- Pearls.** Pearls were added to the benchmarking reports which show the diplomate evidence of best practices for their specific tracer (e.g. breast augmentation). This allows participants to compare what they do in their practices with the best available evidence.
- Elimination of the requirement to purchase an approved online CME credit to fulfill the MOC requirement.** A frequent complaint of diplomates participating in MOC is the requirement, despite already subscribing to PRS, of paying a fee to ASPS to take the post-test for CME credit. The Board has voted to save MOC participants an additional \$100 by eliminating the requirement to take the post-test through PRS in order to document reading an MOC article.
- Participation in the Multispecialty MOC Portfolio Approval Program.** Many diplomates already participate in practice improvement projects at their institutions. The Board will now accept quality-improvement programs approved through the ABMS Portfolio Program. This allows diplomates to satisfy the Board's Part IV requirements with activities they are already completing.

- Reciprocity for Parts I and II with other relevant ABMS Boards.** The Board will accept MOC participation through the American Board of Surgery to satisfy Parts I and II requirements. This will reduce the burden on diplomates of submitting the same information for two Boards.

So why do MOC? From a practical point of view, we do MOC to reassure the public that our education did not end when we became board certified. We do it because we believe in minimal standards for ourselves and our colleagues. We do it because we are part of the ABMS community. We do it because it makes common sense!

Do we need to be part of ABMS? The 24 ABMS boards have the most rigorous standards and are rightly considered the gold standard in specialty certification. The ABPS is the only member board at ABMS that has the words "plastic surgery" in the name. The marketplace is competitive and to give up that unique position within organized medicine seems short sighted.

What do I do now? If after reading this article you still believe MOC-PS is unnecessarily burdensome and/or a waste of time, please find any one of the 18 Directors of the ABPS or our future Executive Director, Dr. Keith E. Brandt, and make suggestions on how MOC can more efficiently, cheaply, and educationally fulfill its mission. I guarantee you that your voice will be heard. We are all in this together.

ABPS ADMISSIBILITY POLICY

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, in accordance with the ABMS Eligibility Policy, approved the admissibility policy in 2012 for surgeons seeking certification in plastic surgery by ABPS:

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. Candidates currently in the examination process must become certified by successfully completing the Oral Examination by November 2018 to meet the January 1, 2019 ABMS Policy deadline.

Candidates must successfully complete both the Written and Oral Examinations required to achieve certification within eight years after completion of plastic surgery residency training. Reapplication is required at the end of the first five years of admissibility.

Candidates are advised to utilize every opportunity (i.e. examination administration years) to complete the certification examinations. That focus will help candidates avoid reaching the maximum admissibility limits and being subject to the additional reapplication requirements after five years of admissibility or the more rigorous requirements for the Reentry Application for Admissibility after eight years is exhausted in the examination process. The full policy is posted on the Board's website under Policies.

PUBLICATIONS

Publication in the Aesthetic Surgery Journal submitted by Jeffrey M. Kenkel, M.D. who is co-author – A Plastic Surgery Resident's View of Aesthetic Training and the Future. Use of MOC data to show percentage of plastic surgeons in MOC who complete a cosmetic module to satisfy Part IV requirements.

Dr. Caterson, Noone, Singh history article submitted to PRS, October 27, 2014. Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, A Tribute to The Founding Figures of The American Board of Plastic Surgery. Just submitted to PRS we should not report on it until it is accepted and has a publication date.

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From the Executive Director

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A RETROSPECTIVE

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, recognizing a need for a practicing plastic surgeon to become its first Chief Executive Officer, held a retreat 18 years ago in January 1997 to address the governance of the Board, becoming among the last of the 24 certifying member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to elect an Executive Director. I was privileged and honored to be selected by the Board for this important position. Eighteen years later I have a unique opportunity to look back at over three decades of service to the Board, to the specialty and to the public, beginning as an examiner, progressing as a Director and culminating as Executive Director for 18 years.

During these 30 plus years, significant achievements in quality assurance and dramatic changes in the landscape of the board certification enterprise have occurred, many to the direct benefit of our specialty and its diplomates.

Because this will be my final Newsletter column, I decided to reflect upon the Board's achievements during my "watch," working with Directors whom I consider to be the greatest achievers in our specialty.

Space does not allow a full compilation of the Board's achievements and efforts, so I have attempted to list what I consider the 10 most prominent advancements made over my period of responsibility.

In true "Letterman" fashion, they are as follows:

10. Keeping Pace with the Electronic Age.

It seems difficult to believe that in 1997 we were communicating by snail mail, and fax machines. Typewriters and hard copy revisions allowed much thought before a letter was completed. The rapid progression of electronic communication through the e-mail system has had a major impact upon communications throughout the world and has not spared the Board. Recognizing the need for existence in the electronic world, in 1998 the Board website was developed. This was followed by; online registrations for all examinations, online submission of oral examination cases, online development of the Written and MOC Examinations, and online tracking of residents. Although it may seem that the transition to electronic communication has been daunting, expensive and time consuming, and has involved investing in cyber insurance, it

actually has been a "saver" of time and expense by the Board.

9. Managing the Great Recession.

Every CEO of a non-profit organization fears the economic impact from a worldwide recession. The specialty of plastic surgery and practicing plastic surgeons were not exceptions in 2008-2009. Because the Board activities are supported by examination fees and voluntary contributions, the generosity of the diplomates carried us through difficult financial times. This allowed the Board to return to its budgetary commitment of having one full year of operating expenses in reserve funds.

8. Continued Improvement of Interspecialty Relations.

Because plastic surgery is a specialty without a specific anatomic area, the direction of the specialty has always been to improve appearance and function of all parts of the human organism. This requires cooperation and occasionally conflict with overlapping specialties. The first of such relationships involved the American Boards of Orthopedic Surgery (ABOS) and Surgery (ABS) when the discussions began in 1982 regarding a subcertificate examination in Surgery of the Hand (SOTH). A joint committee was appointed in 1984, but interspecialty debate continued until May of 1989 when the specialty of plastic surgery decided to join the Joint Committee for SOTH.

Other interspecialty difficulties came to the forefront with otolaryngology, specifically the relationship with the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. After many years of contentious debate at the ABMS regarding a subspecialty in facial plastic surgery, the Board came to a compromise with Otolaryngology in 1998. A subspecialty certificate in Plastic Surgery Within the Head and Neck was created. The fellowships and examinations never materialized. At the present time however, this type of fellowship is being developed with the cooperation of both specialties at the level of the ACGME. Interspecialty cooperation exists also between plastic surgery, dermatology and ophthalmology, the latter by defining parameters for training in oculoplastic surgery.

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2014 – 2015 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 of Craniofacial Surgery (ASCFS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH), the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS), and the American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (ASRM). In addition, there are two Directors of the Board on each Council.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. would like to acknowledge the Advisory Council members for all their dedication and hard work and significant contributions throughout the year. In 2014 the Advisory Council members submitted items for the Written Examination, attended the annual Item Review Session and completed an Item Bank Review for both the Written Examination and the MOC-PS Examination.

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Sheri Slezak, M.D. (ABPS)
David H. Song, M.D. (ASPS)

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James E. Zins, M.D. (ASAPS)

Craniofacial Surgery

Steven R. Buchman, M.D. (ASPS)
Kant Y. K. Lin, M.D. (ASCSF)
Joseph E. Losee, M.D. (ABPS)
Donald R. Mackay, M.D. (ABPS), Chair
Henry C. Vasconez, M.D. (ASMS)

Hand Surgery

James Chang, M.D. (ABPS), Chair
Matthew J. Concannon, M.D. (ASPS)
Michael W. Neumeister, M.D. (AAHS)
Scott N. Oishi, M.D. (ASSH)
William C. Pederson, M.D. (ABPS)

7. Establishing a Culture of Ethics.

The Board is committed to the promotion of safe, *ethical*, efficacious plastic surgery to the public. Accordingly, the Board is leading an initiative to establish a culture of ethics throughout the entire specialty of plastic surgery, beginning with educational programs during residency and continuing with evaluation of ethical practice through the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. The original two-year practice requirement before the Oral Examination intended to allow community evaluation of ethical behavior. Because of the greater need to achieve certification sooner, this was eliminated in 1996, allowing the candidate to become certified as early as 16 months following residency. This forced the Board to place even more emphasis on evaluating ethical principles and practice through the examination processes. Prohibitions were enforced on false and deceptive advertising, including references to “board admissible,” “board qualified” and “board eligible.” Those who advertised board certification before passing the Oral Examination were automatically deferred for at least one year from the examination process.

Recognizing its mission as separate from the societal organizations in plastic surgery, the Board wrote and approved its own Code of Ethics in 2002. Before 1999, only three certificates had been revoked. Because of intense monitoring of the state medical board actions, certificate revocations now total 79. This serious commitment to evaluating ethical practice led to the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics to develop stronger ethical policies. In 2010, a group of recommendations were developed encouraging the Board to take a leadership position in establishing such a culture. This policy, working directly with the program directors in plastic surgery, has led to a substantial curriculum of ethical practice for educating residents.

6. Election of Public Members.

The mission of the Board is and has always been the protection of the public. Recognizing a need to reinforce its mission by developing a more formal relationship with the public we serve, and because the Board realized plastic surgery is a specialty with high public visibility, a policy was developed to allow non-physicians to serve as directors. The public members have made substantial contributions to the mission and accomplishments of the Board while sitting as full voting directors. Since 2001, five non-physicians have functioned in this position, including a state senator, an academic bioethicist, a finance expert, an ethics professor, and a psychologist specializing in human appearance. The Board has grown to rely on the opinions and deliberations of these non-physicians who bring a broad and much needed perspective from the public point of view.

5. Changing Requirements for Education.

Since its origin in 1937, the Board in subsequent decades adhered to the principle of the minimum requirement of three years in general surgery, followed by two years of plastic surgery training. Following a retreat 1990 of representatives from the entire specialty, the concept of integrated residency programs, with matching directly from medical school into plastic surgery, was introduced into the specialty. This expanded on a purpose originally established at Stanford University in 1965. It took a while for integrated programs to take hold, and in 1995 the first integrated program was established.

The independent programs, following the traditional pathway of general surgery or another surgical specialty before entering plastic surgery remained strong. Later another segue into the independent programs through the *combined or coordinated* programs was established. Thus, medical students seeking careers in plastic surgery could match out of medical school into a general surgery residency for three years with the expectation of completing plastic surgery residency at the same institution. With the continued progress of integrated programs, which feature plastic surgery and related educational experiences, the Board decided to discontinue the *combined* pathway, after residents match in 2015 for progression to plastic surgery in 2018.

The program directors and Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS) joined the Board in deciding that five years was not sufficient to provide full training in the specialty. Accordingly, beginning, July 2011, all programs were transitioned to six years in length, with the plastic surgery component focused in the last three years.

4. Improvements in the Examinations.

A major effort in improving the Written Examination came in 1999 when the Board contracted with the Philadelphia-based National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) to assist the examination committee with development, editing, production and psychometric evaluation. For many years, the examination was administered in hotel ballrooms. In keeping with the rapid changes in technology, in 2002, following the lead of the NBME, the Board went to a computer based test at Prometric Centers throughout the country, sparing the candidates the expense and difficulties associated with traveling to a central location for a pencil and paper examination. Keeping pace with examination technology was a big step. The next major change came in 2010 when the Board studied the possibility of web-based examination development, whereby the question items were written securely online, edited by the appropriate committees, and then sent to the examination centers for computer-based testing. This process became a reality in 2013 when both the Written Examination and the Maintenance of Certification Examination were developed online by the Board. The NBME contract was allowed to expire in 2012.

The Oral Examination has always included an evaluation of the candidate’s practice. The “practice biopsy” which was established in 1987 gave the Board an opportunity to select candidates’ cases for examination. Using technology as it existed at the time, in 1990, the 10 cases were sent to the Board Office on computer discs. In 2000, the case entry became web-based and now the Oral Examination Committee has the ability to select the candidate’s cases online.

After many years of administering the examination at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare in Chicago, the examination moved to Houston in 1997 and then to Phoenix in 2003. The 12th consecutive examination at the Hilton at Tapatio Cliffs was completed in November 2014.

Traditionally, the examinations were graded on a pass/fail basis, known as the Holistic System. The Board made a major change in decisions for grading when the Analytical System was established in 2007. The benefit of such scoring adjusted for severity of the examiner, and difficulty of the cases presented. The Board has remained committed to the more objective method of analytical scoring. Grading is supervised by consultant psychometricians.

3. A Greater Presence at ABMS.

Prior to 1997, the ABPS had variable and occasionally inconsistent representation in the important “house” of medical certification, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). After the governance reorganization in 1997, your executive director and other representatives of the Board became very involved in representing the specialty at the ABMS. Serving on important committees such as the Task Force on Maintenance of Certification, the Committee on Monitoring and Oversight of Maintenance of Certification, (COMMOC), the Committee on Certification (COCERT), the Board of Directors of ABMS, the Executive Committee, and the Executive Director Caucus. This has not only given plastic surgery representation in this very important area of evaluation of medical practice and quality, but has led to recognition of plastic surgery as a leader in this arena. The importance to our specialty of having strong representation among the other specialties in medicine cannot be overemphasized. Promoting specialization through the programs of enhanced public trust initiatives at ABMS has elevated that organization to justified recognition in the health care delivery and evaluation system in the United States.

2. Unification of Subspecialty Interests.

In the 1990's, a major trend towards subspecialization, despite its recognized values, became a concern to the specialty. Fragmentation through many subspecialty areas has been feared because of the possible future destruction of the *corpus* or *core* of plastic surgery. Facing the challenges of subcertification in surgery of the hand, and the external pressures brought about by other specialties in medicine, the entire specialty emphasized in 1990 that such areas as cosmetic surgery, craniomaxillofacial surgery and microsurgery were *core* parts of the specialty and should not be divided into formally recognized subspecialty areas with certification. However, because of many external pressures, and following the principle that subspecialization needed recognition in the specialty while preserving the integrity of its *core*, a landmark retreat by the Board in 1999 addressed this issue.

The most important decision of the retreat was the establishment of Advisory Councils to the Board. The councils represent the major subspecialty areas in plastic surgery including hand surgery, cosmetic surgery, craniomaxillofacial surgery and the comprehensive practice of plastic surgery. Since 2000 the Advisory Councils have proved to be invaluable to the structure and function of the Board and the support of its mission. Particularly important were the contributions of the council members to the development of the MOC program and the modifications to the program and the examinations over the past 15 years. They have also served an essential role in the development of future directors for the Board. Facing the subspecialization issue by incorporating subspecialty interests within the core mission of the Board has prevented fragmentation and the potential future dissolution of the specialty.

And, finally, the most controversial, most time-consuming, and potentially most effective achievement:

1. The Development of Maintenance of Certification (MOC).

MOC is obviously not a four letter word, but a serious attempt to carry the mission of the Board through the lifetime practice of the diplomate. Dr. Thorne's report on page 1 in this Newsletter is devoted to questions about the MOC program, and the Board's efforts to face the responsibility of assuring the public that our diplomates are upholding the values of professionalism and are dedicated to continuing education, self-evaluation and practice improvement. After many years of delay compared to other specialties, the Board decided that mandatory recertification was necessary, and the first time limited certificates were issued in 1995, requiring recertification within a 10 year period. Because of the delay in establishing recertification compared to other specialties, an opportunity existed for ABPS to base its recertification program on the knowledge that MOC, which began development in 2000 was inevitable. Accordingly, the ABPS recertification program was based on the four parts of MOC.

The first examination, a computer based test given in 2003, specifically focused on the area of practice of the diplomate, mirroring the above subspecialties represented by the Advisory Councils. The ABMS-mandated MOC programs gave the Board the opportunity to take a fresh look at such issues as professionalism and state medical license disciplinary actions. The self-assessment of individual practices through the tracer procedures in the practice assessment modules has given the individual diplomate a unique opportunity to compare practice against benchmarks established by colleagues performing the same operation. Since 2008, evidence-based educational offerings through journal articles and MOC courses at national meetings are created parallel to the practice assessment modules.

Participation in MOC is now widely regarded as an important quality indicator in the evolution of the healthcare system in the United States, and plans are developing among the Federation of State Medical Boards to allow MOC participants to satisfy the coming requirements of maintenance and licensure (MOL).

SIGNING OFF

Although many will not agree with the order, I have recognized the 10 main achievements of the Board and ranked them according to my personal experience.

As I complete my final column for the Newsletter, I extend sincere thanks to the specialty of plastic surgery for allowing me to serve as the face of our specialty in the important world of *certification medicine*. Leading the mission of the American Board of Plastic Surgery has been the most distinct honor and privilege of my professional life. Of course, an important role in leadership is to encourage the participation and dedication of all interested and involved parties. Therefore, recognition and thanks must be extended to Terry M. Cullison RN, MSN, the outstanding administrator who has worked closely at my side during the past 18 years; and the hardworking, dedicated staff at the Board Office who are listed on page 2. In multiple ways, the 108 directors, including 27 Chairs of the Board with whom I have worked since my first year as a Director in 1988 have contributed greatly to the success of ABPS. It is not possible to give special recognition to any single person among the most accomplished and dedicated group of individuals I have ever known. They have all been exceptional professionals, colleagues and friends.

I conclude this column with a sense of achievement and satisfaction that the Board is exemplary in its mission to serve the public. I am comforted by the knowledge that my successor, Dr. Keith E. Brandt, will continue to lead the Board to new heights by focusing on that mission.

ABPS CONSUMER SEARCH - "IS YOUR SURGEON CERTIFIED?"

The Board's website www.abplsurg.org offers the ability for consumers to search for board certified plastic surgeons. The surgeon's certification status, dates of initial certification, and maintenance of certification, and status of whether a surgeon is current or not current with MOC requirements is provided. Lifetime Certificate Holders have a listing in the **MOC-PS®** Participation Column only if voluntarily participating, otherwise that column remains blank. There are approximately 196 Lifetime Certificate Holders currently enrolled in **MOC-PS®**.

Web searches increase each year with an average of 51,968 per year. ABMS also verifies certification at www.certificationmatters.org.

ETHICS CURRICULUM

The Board, the American Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons (ACAPS) and the Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN) at ASPS developed an Ethics Curriculum which was published on PSEN on July 1st.

News from the Secretary-Treasurer

James Chang, M.D.



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

Special Recognition

Michael L. Bentz, M.D. 2007-2014

Madison, WI

Officer of the Board:

Chair 2013-2014, Chair-Elect 2012-2013, Vice-Chair 2011-2012

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Oral Examination Chair, Credentials and Requirements, Ethics Chair, Maintenance of Certification (ABOC-PS®), Executive Committee, Budget and Finance, Comprehensive Advisory Council, Representative to Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS)

Kevin C. Chung, M.D. 2008-2014

Ann Arbor, MI

Officer of the Board:

Secretary-Treasurer 2012-2014

Committees:

Oral Examination, Maintenance of Certification (ABOC-PS®), Budget and Finance, Chair, Hand Surgery (SOTH), Hand Surgery Advisory Council Chair, Hand Surgery Consultant, Representative to the American Board of Surgery (ABS), ABS Representative to the Joint Committee of Surgery of the Hand (JCSOTH), Representative to the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS)

Arun K. Gosain, M.D. 2008-2014

Chicago, IL

Committees:

By-Laws and Publications, Written Examination, Maintenance of Certification (ABOC-PS®), PSWHN, Craniomaxillofacial Surgery Advisory Council Chair, Advisory Council for Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery, Representative to the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS)

Janice Savin-Williams 2008-2014

New York, NY • Public Member of the Board

Committees:

Ethics, Budget and Finance, Credentials and Requirements

Thomas A. Shannon, Ph.D. 2008-2014

Eagles Mere, PA • Public Member of the Board

Committees:

Ethics, Oral Examination, Maintenance of Certification (ABOC-PS®), By-Laws and Publications

Thank you to Our Diplomates

The Board is very indebted to our diplomates. With your support in volunteerism, in financial contributions, and in valuing the certification and maintenance of certification processes, we have strength and pride as the family of plastic surgery. We are indeed a unique group with a bright future, thanks to you.

In Recognition

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Lawrence B. Colen, M.D.
Norfolk, VA

Medical School: Dartmouth Medical School
General Surgery Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Plastic Surgery Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Fellowship: Microsurgery and Hand, Harry J. Buncke M.D.
Current Academic Appointment: Professor of Surgery (Plastic & Reconstructive) Eastern Virginia Medical School
Administrative Titles: Immediate Past President, Sentara Hospitals-Norfolk Medical Staff and private practice - Norfolk Plastic Surgery

Leadership and Editorial Positions: President, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery (2007) Director, American Society of Plastic Surgeons (2009-2012). Director, Physicians for Peace (2010-present). Editorial Board, Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery. Guest Editor, Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Annals of Plastic Surgery

Board Certification: Diplomate, American Board of Surgery 1984
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James C. Grotting, M.D.
Birmingham, AL

Medical School: University of Minnesota Medical School
General Surgery Residency: University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA
Plastic Surgery Residency: University of California, San Francisco
Current Academic Appointment: Clinical Professor, Plastic Surgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Clinical Adjunct Professor, Plastic Surgery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Administrative Titles: Private Practice, and Fellowship Director, Aesthetic and Breast Surgery, Grotting and Cohn Plastic Surgery, Birmingham, AL

Leadership and Editorial Positions: President Elect, The American Society For Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Section editor, Breast, Aesthetic Surgery Journal Editorial Board, The Breast Journal

Board Certification: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 1986 and **MOC-PS** 2007, American Board of Surgery 1983, Certification in Surgery of the Hand 1989



Mary Jo Iozzio, Ph.D.
Boston, MA

Current Position: Professor of Moral Theology at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, teaching social ethics, fundamental moral theology, and the critiques of systemic injustice

Publications: Professor Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida. Author of *Self-determination and the Moral Act: A Study of the Contributions of Odon Lottin, OSB* (Peeters) and *Radical Dependence: A Theo-anthropological Ethic in the Key of Disability*, guest editor, *Journal of Religion, Disability & Health*.

Professional Activities: Board of Directors of the; Catholic Theological Society of America, the Society of Christian Ethics Professional Conduct Committee, the American Academy of Religion Standing Committee of the Status of People with Disabilities. Ethics Advisory Group of Bon Secours Health System Inc., past service included the ethics committees of the Catholic Health Association, Catholic Hospice of Miami Dade County, Miami's Mercy Hospital, and the State of New Jersey Home Health Assembly.



Michael J. Miller, M.D.
Columbus, OH

Medical School: University of Massachusetts Medical School
General Surgery Residency: Berkshire Medical Center
Plastic Surgery Residency: The Ohio State University
Fellowship: Reconstructive Microsurgery, Tulane University
Current Academic Appointment: Professor of Plastic Surgery, Department of Plastic Surgery, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
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Leadership and Editorial Positions: General and Plastic Surgery Devices Advisory Committee, FDA and Senior Editor, Reconstructive Surgical Oncology, Annals of Surgical Oncology

Board Certification: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 1993 and **MOC-PS** 2010



David B. Sarwer, Ph.D.
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Current Position: Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry and Surgery at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. B.A. 1990 Tulane University, M.A. 1992 Loyola University Chicago, doctorate in clinical psychology 1995 Loyola University Chicago. Clinically, Dr. Sarwer provides psychotherapeutic treatment to persons who have body dysmorphic disorder or other appearance concerns.

Publications: 1995-present, Consultant to the Edwin Fannie Gray Hall Center for Human Appearance at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and where he conducts research on the psychological aspects of physical appearance. 2006, Lead Editor Psychological Considerations in Reconstructive and Cosmetic Surgery, 2013, Co-editor Presurgical Psychological Screening, Editorial Board for the Aesthetic Surgery Journal, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Associate Editor journal Health Psychology.

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TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

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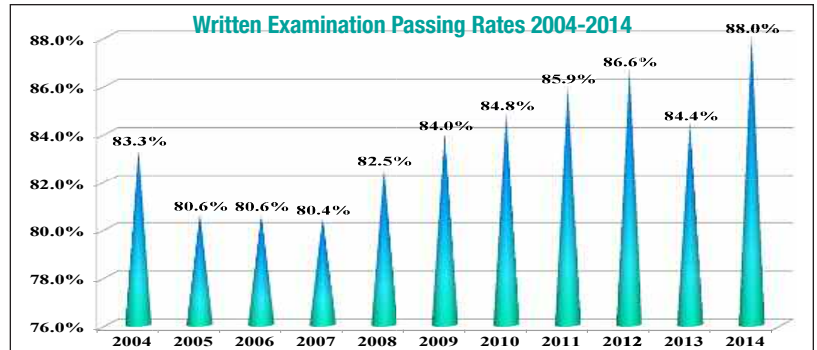
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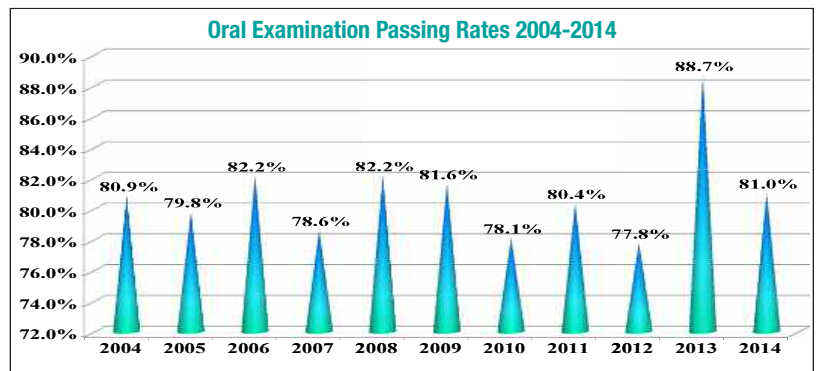
Written Examination

WRITTEN EXAMINATION					
YEAR	TAKERS	FAIL	%FAIL	PASS	%Pass
2004	214	36	16.7%	178	83.3%
2005	237	46	19.4%	191	80.6%
2006	242	48	19.8%	195	80.6%
2007	235	46	19.6%	189	80.4%
2008	251	44	17.5%	207	82.5%
2009	243	39	16.0%	204	84.0%
2010	230	35	15.2%	195	84.8%
2011	234	33	14.1%	201	85.9%
2012	239	32	13.4%	207	86.6%
2013	179	28	15.6%	151	84.4%
2014	225	27	12.0%	198	88.0%



Oral Examination

ORAL EXAMINATION					
YEAR	TAKERS	FAIL	%FAIL	PASS	%Pass
2004	209	40	19.1%	169	80.9%
2005	203	41	20.2%	162	79.8%
2006	241	43	17.8%	198	82.2%
2007	229	49	21.4%	180	78.6%
2008	230	41	17.8%	189	82.2%
2009	256	47	18.4%	209	81.6%
2010	210	46	21.9%	164	78.1%
2011	219	43	19.6%	176	80.4%
2012	234	52	22.2%	182	77.8%
2013	248	28	11.3%	220	88.7%
2014	195	37	19.0%	158	81.0%



MOC-PS® Program Examination 2004-2014

YEAR	TOTAL TAKERS	FAIL	%FAIL	Pass	%Pass	Recert with Surgery of the hand	Total # Recertified
2004	122	4	3.3%	118	96.7%	11	129
2005	159	8	5.0%	151	95.0%	5	156
2006	153	11	7.2%	142	92.8%	15	157
2007	216	12	5.6%	204	94.4%	20	224
2008	274	13	4.7%	261	95.3%	8	269
2009	260	24	9.2%	236	90.8%	9	245
2010	233	8	3.4%	225	96.6%	6	231
2011	174	6	3.4%	168	96.6%	5	173
2012	156	2	1.3%	154	98.7%	9	163
2013	224	8	3.6%	216	96.4%	13	229
2014	271	7	2.6%	264	97.4%	16	280
ALL	2242	103	4.8%	2139	95.5%	117	2256

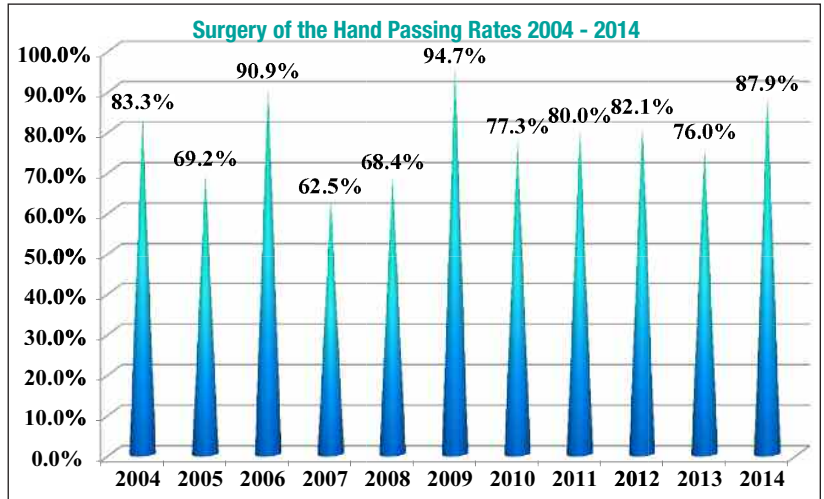
MOC-PS® Tracer Procedures 2008-2014

TRACER PROCEDURES	TRACER COMPLETION	% TOTAL	# TRACER CASES	MODULE
Primary Augmentation Mammoplasty	1674	27.26	16,740	Cosmetic
Reduction Mammoplasty	1399	22.79	13,990	Comprehensive
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	564	9.19	5,640	Hand
Breast Reconstruction*	652*	10.61	6,520	Comprehensive
Autologous Breast Reconstruction Primary - Immediate or Delayed*	Included Above* 33*	0.54	0	Comprehensive
Breast Reconstruction (Primary) Expander/Implant*	Included Above* 77*	1.25	0	Comprehensive
Abdominoplasty	8	7.96	80	Cosmetic
Facial Skin Malignancy	377	6.14	3,770	Comprehensive
Face Lift	189	3.08	1,890	Cosmetic
Cleft Palate (Primary)	167	2.72	1,670	CMF
Blepharoplasty	154	2.51	1,540	Cosmetic
Suction Assisted Lipectomy	115	1.87	1,150	Cosmetic
Lower Extremity Acute Trauma	59	0.96	590	Comprehensive
Metacarpal Fracture	51	0.83	510	Hand
Non-Syndromal Craniosynostosis	50	0.81	500	CMF
Pressure Sores	49	0.80	490	Comprehensive
Flexor Tendon Laceration	46	0.75	460	Hand
Carpometacarpal Joint Arthroplasty	27	0.44	270	Hand
Zygomatic Orbital Fractures	25	0.41	250	CMF
Wound Management - Including Burns	15	0.24	150	Comprehensive
Dupuytren's Disease	11	0.18	110	Hand
Unilateral Cleft Lip Repair	11	0.18	110	CMF
Secondary Cleft Nasal Deformity	7	0.11	70	CMF
Rhinoplasty	6	0.10	60	Cosmetic
Mandible Fractures	3	0.05*	30	CMFc
Total All Tracers	6140	100	56,590	

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

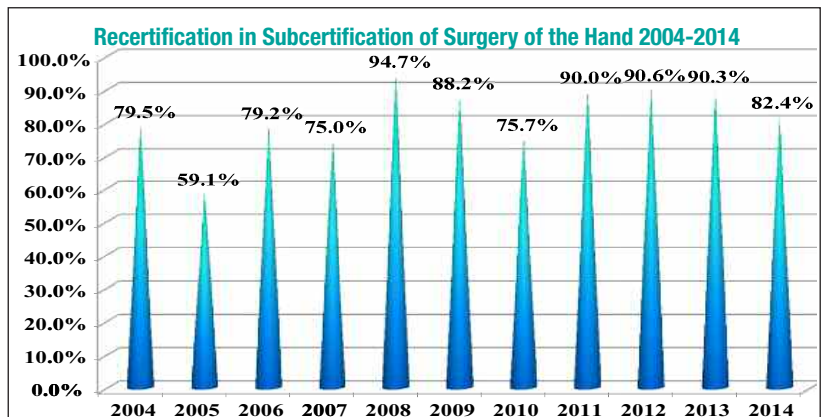
YEAR	TAKERS	FAIL	%FAIL	PASS	%Pass
2004	18	3	16.7%	15	83.3%
2005	13	4	30.8%	9	69.2%
2006	11	1	9.1%	10	90.9%
2007	8	3	37.5%	5	62.5%
2008	19	6	31.6%	13	68.4%
2009	19	1	5.3%	18	94.7%
2010	22	5	22.7%	17	77.3%
2011	25	5	20.0%	20	80.0%
2012	28	3	17.9%	23	82.1%
2013	25	6	24.0%	19	76.0%
2014	33	4	12.1%	29	87.9%



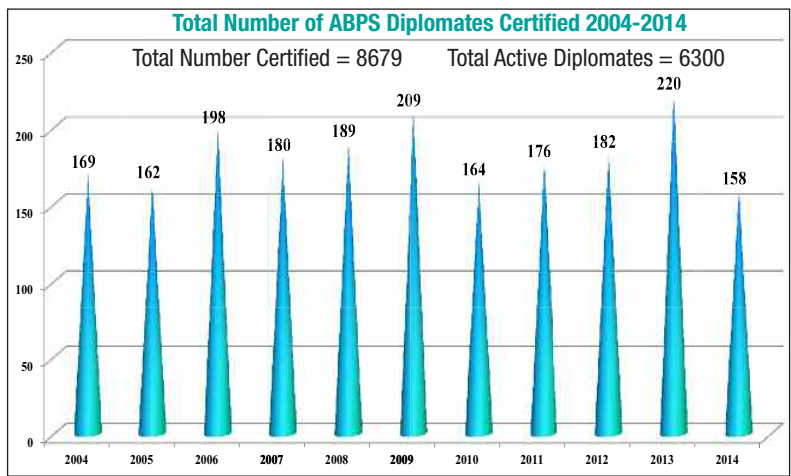
Errata: In the 2014 Newsletter the SOTH failure rate for the 2012 examination was incorrectly reported as 10.7%. The correct failure rate is 17.9%.

Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand - SOTH

YEAR	TAKERS	FAIL	%FAIL	PASS	%Pass
2004	44	9	20.5%	35	79.5%
2005	22	9	40.9%	13	59.1%
2006	24	5	20.8%	19	79.2%
2007	32	8	25.0%	24	75.0%
2008	19	1	5.3%	18	94.7%
2009	34	4	11.8%	30	88.2%
2010	37	9	24.3%	28	75.7%
2011	30	3	10.0%	27	90.0%
2012	32	3	9.4%	29	90.6%
2013	31	3	9.7%	28	90.3%
2014	34	6	17.6%	28	82.4%



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2015 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

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

April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

September 9, 2015, Wednesday – Initial Hand Surgery Examination

September 9, 2015 through September 22, 2015 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination

October 13, 2015, Tuesday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada.

Oral Examination

November 12, 13, 14, 2015, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

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

In April 2014 the following 264 diplomates successfully completed the MOC-PS® cognitive examination. In addition, *16 diplomates used the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 2,343 diplomates have completed the MOC exam process including 121 via SOTH.

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Amy Kathleen Alderman	Gary Wayne Cox	Jeffrey Michael Hartog	Mark Eugene Mathieson	Kevin Charles O'Loughlin
Loreen Ann Ali	David Nicholas Csikai	Simon Hatin	Gwendolyn Sue Maxwell	John Domenic Paletta
Michael Robert Arnstein	Shain Arnold Cuber	Robert John Havlik*	Emily Blackburn McLaughlin	Reed Gregory Panos
Syed Salman Ashruf	Gary Randall Culbertson	Jeffrey Tim Healy	Robert Alan Miller	Mark Braden Pardoe
Carol Ann Aylward	J. Douglas Cusick	Gregory Carl Holland	Stephen Blaine Miller	Jeffrey Davis Pardun
Nagi Tanios Ayoub	Mark Steven Davenport	Sarah Weiland Holland	Paul Brian Mills	Afshin Parhiscar
Kouros Azar	Michael Edward Decherd	Michael Alan Howard	Todd Henry Mahmood Mirzai	Frederick Kim Park
Kodi K. Azari*	Robert William DeConti	Henry Chun-Hung Hsia	David Lynn Mobley	Michael Joseph Pecoraro
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BOARD WEBSITE

A New Look is coming! To keep expenses down, the Board has concentrated its web efforts over the last six years on providing candidates and diplomates the ability to have access to all materials online. Another focus has been to enhance the administrative interface to enable the Board Office to better assist our residents, candidates and diplomates. A face lift has been needed as the website aged. 2015 is the year!

Visit the Board's website at www.abplsurg.org for the following: Website address will change later in 2015 to www.abplasticsurgery.org

- Booklets of Information are published annually and contain the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the certification, MOC-PS® and SOTH processes.
- Annual Newsletters to Diplomates are archived in the diplomate tab.
- Address Changes should be updated on the physician profile.
- Board's History Presentation

Richard James Redett, III	Jerry Alan Rubin*	William Andrew Stefani	Ryan Blane Tsujimura	Marlene Calderon Welch
Henry Arvil Redmon	Adam Jason Rubinstein	Steven Elliot Stein	Janet Kay Turkle	Forrest Simpson Wells
Kurt Robert Reinke	Malcolm Joe Rude	Tracey Heather Stokes	John William Tyrone, III	Thomas Carl Wiener
Ira Harold Rex, III	Kevin Michael Ruhge	Stefan Mark Szczerba	Jeffrey Craig Uecker	Todd Michael Willcox
Roland James Reyes*	Sandra Lee Sacks	Mark Cua Tan	Theodore Waldemar Uroskie, Jr.	Jeremy Za Williams
Edward Joseph Ricciardelli	Craig Jeffrey Salt	Rashmi Taneja	Charles Kendrick Urquhart	Amnart Andrew Wongworawat
Jean-Pierre Alain Riou	Fouad John Samaha	Jason Robert Taylor	Scott Timothy VanDuzer	Robert Jon Wood
Edmond Frederick Ritter	Richard Barrett Schaefer	Leighton Andrew Taylor	Bhupesh Vasisht	Janet Peterson Woodyard
David Lawrence Robbins	Kenton Wayne Schoonover	Mrudangi Shashikant Thakur	Nicholas Blair Vedder*	York Jay Yates
John Douglas Robertson	John Milam Shamoun	Lee George Theophelis	Benjamin William Verdine	Matthew Brian Yoak
Ramon Angel Robles	Jonathan Hilton Sherwyn	Daniel Stewart Thomas	A. George Volpe	Jack Chungkai Yu
Gloria Morene Rockwell	Richard Todd Silverman	Benson E.L. Timmons, IV	Kathleen Anne Waldorf	James Chui-Ping Yuen
Gary Francis Rogers*	Nicolas George Slenkovich	Daniel Martin Tkach	Robert Doyle Wallace	Patricia Yugueros
Thomas Joseph Rojy, Jr.	George Philip Smith	Adam Matthew Tobias	Richard James Warren	John Francis Zavell
Joseph Mark Rosen	Nassif Elias Soueid	Simone Topal	David Scott Warsaw	Thomas Edward Zewert
Andrew Hal Rosenthal	Ryan Andrew Stanton	Joel Toro-Pagan	Renata Vanja Weber	
Donald Scott Rotatori	Michael Mark Stefan	Suzanne Amy Trott	Jonathan Carmel Weinrach	

CONGRATULATIONS

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

In 2014, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 29 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 28 diplomates in SOTH. To date, the Board has certified 700 diplomates and has recertified 386 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2014

Bardia Amirlak	Amy Marcelle Moore
Louis Seitz Brunworth	Mirsad Mujadzic
Dipan Das	Srdjan Andrei Ostric
Brent Michael Egeland	Brian Andrew Pinsky
Jessica Kate Emelin	Wojciech Henryk Przylecki
Robert Chen Fang	Robert Eric Schlenker
Mark Gelfand	Subhro Kamal Sen
Nicholas Till Haddock	Samir Rajendra Shah
Jeffrey Mica Jacobson	Mathew Abraham Thomas
Dennis Shun-Jen Kao	Jennifer Elizabeth Waljee
Jason Hyunsuk Ko	Catherine Ann Walsh
Meryl Singer Livermore	Kia McLean Washington
Gustavo Rozindo Machado	Andrew James Watt
Suhair Maqusi	Joseph Folsom Woodward
Haaris Saadullah Mir	

DIPLOMATES RECERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2014

Milton Byran Armstrong	Michael Jerome Valovis Gordon
Kodi K. Azari	Rodney Allan Green
Steven Thomas Barr	Steven Carl Haase
David Timothy Barrall	Virginia Singlan Hung
Richard John Bene, Jr.	William John Kitzmiller
Timothy James Bill	Brian Ian Labow
Timothy Michael Bradley	Hallene Archibald Maragh
Keith Eric Brandt	Regina Marie Nouhan
Edward Rack Calkins	Roland James Reyes
Clifford Steven Canepa	Gary Francis Rogers
Raymond A. Capone, Jr.	Cynthia Wen-Yeng Su
Gloria Ann Chin	Conrad Joseph Tirre
Stephen Craig Drukker	Charles Alan Tracy
William Walter Dzwierzynski	
Jeffrey Allan Fink	

2015 POTENTIAL ORAL EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2015 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, 2015. If you are aware of a potential candidate omitted from this list, please e-mail to oral@abplsurg.org.

Brenon Lee Abernathie
Tahsin Oguz Acarturk
Joshua Michael Adkinson
Sonya Paisley Agnew
Jamil Ahmad
Naveen Kumar Ahuja
Steven Benjamin Albright
Brian Michael Allen
Alexander Christopher Allori
Andrew Michael Altman
Sergio Arturo Alvarez
Brian Christopher Uy Ang
Luis Ricardo Aponte
Azra Abida Ashraf
Dunya Mary Atisha
Olubimpe Ayeni
Jeroen Pieter Balledux
Zachariah James Barnes
Daniel Matthew Barrett
Daniel Oliver Beck
Jessica Marie Belz
Myla Nicole Bennett
Aaron Jacob Berger
Michael Bezuhly
Mahsa Bidgoli Moghaddam
Matthew Gabriel Bindewald
Kim Andrea Bjorklund
Jonathan Steven Black
Jacob Maxwell-Phillip Bloom
Andrew Loren Blount
Martin Luther Blue
Craig Ashley Blum
Laura Ann Bonneau
Ronnie Mitchel Borsuk
Kristen Parker Broderick
Dallas Roy Buchanan
Marie-Claire Buckley
Whitney Alexis Burrell
David Shannon Cabiling
Kimberly Marie Carpin
Genk Cayci
Ruth Nerline Celestin
Manish Chandu Champaneria
David Thomas Chandler
Emme Dustin Chapman-Jackson

Marjorie Rachel Chelly
Kyle James Chepla
Amy Louise Chesney
Harvey Wei Ming Chim
Kevin Jungwoo Cho
Benjamin Powell Christian
Michael Cohen
Jessica Saya Collins
Jeffrey D. Cone, Jr.
Fadi Christopher Constantine
Michael James Cooper
Bryan Joseph Correa
Raul Albert Cortes
Melinda Aliza Costa
Randall Oliver Craft
Elizabeth Stirling Craig
Karen Michelle Cross
Carolyn Ann Cushing
Neil Dilip Dalal
Sanjay Venkat Daluvoy
Danielle Marie Dauria
Jeffrey Christopher Dawes
Wojciech Dec
Emmanuel Avelino DeLaCruz
Jeffrey Stanton DeMercurio
Urmen Desai
Arthur Edmond Desrosiers, III
Rafael Jose Diaz-Garcia
Lisa Marie Dickson
Vanessa Dajda Dimas
Lewis Arnold Diulus, III
Viet Huu Do
David Wade Dorfman
Cara Ryan Downey
Paul Alan Dreschnack
Natalie Claire Driessen
Jason Robert Dudas
Vidas Dumasius
Kyle Richard Eberlin
Jason Wesley Edens
David Anthony Ehrlich
Haithem Musaab Elhadi Babiker
River McKenzie Elliott
Chandra Varner Ellis
Jennifer Lee Emmett

Matthew Rodrigo Endara
Ryan Douglas Endress
Alexander Quidayan Ereso
Mohammad Sadi Erfani
Joshua Daniel Farrar
Zachary Alexander Filip
Christine Fisher
Mark Daniel Fisher
Keith Elliott Follmar
Kenton Dodyan Fong
Roy Foo
Daniel Peter Mazei Fowler
Ryan Cyril Frank
Francesco Gargano
Manuel Gigena
Kiranjeet Kaur Gill
Nevin Elizabeth Gokalp
Marco Antonio Gonzalez
Sylvia Susana Gray
Joseph Angelo Greco, III
Matthew Robert Greives
Anandev Narahari Gurjala
Raffi Gurunluoglu
Andy Allan Hand
Corey Patrick Harkins
Brett Coby Hartman
Austin George Hayes
Yaron Hazani
Theresa Anne Hegge
Amani Franklin Hemphill
Russell Gerard Hendrick, Jr.
Erika Anne Henkelman
Floyd John Herman
Patrick Christian Hettinger
Matthew Edward Hiro
Elliot Matthew Hirsch
Daron Cecil Hitt
M'liss Erin Hogan
Kathryn Nicole Honz
Ari Steven Hoschander
Lori Kathryn Howell
Michael V. Hromadka, Jr.
Vivian Min-Hwei Hsu
Duncan Buermann Hughes
Kristi Lynn Hustak

Thomas Aghahowa Imahiyerobo, Jr.
Matthew Louis Iorio
John Arthur Jarrell, IV
Lila Jazayeri
Nelson Lee Jenkins
Kunaal Jindal
Nicholas Isaac Jones
Santosh S. Kale
Jennifer Schklair Kargel
Sumesh Kaswan
Melinda Gail Keener
Shahrooz Sean Kellishadi
Christopher Patrick Kelly
Phillip David Khan
Shaher Waheed Khan
John Collier Kirkham
Anya Kishinevsky
Melissa Ann Klausmeyer
Audrey Anne Klenke
Nathan Andrew Kludt
Andrew James Kochevar
Som Kohanzadeh
Jason Michael Korn
Dzifa Sena Kpodzo
Brian Daniel Kubiak
Kate Ashli Kuhlman-Wood
Michael Christian Laliberte
Patrick O'Connor Lang
Frank Ho Pak Lau
Nathalie Lavallee
Wayne Nguyen Ledinh
James Jaejoon Lee
Julia Yeng-Yeng Lee
Erich Stefan Lemker
Benjamin Levi
Mark Mikhail Leyngold
Ni-Jui Liang
Stanley L. Librach
Allen Shuyuan Liu
Percy Hsu Lo
Natasha Nicole Luckey
Liana M Lugo
Joseph Peter Lupo
Stephanie Ma
Rian Adam Maercks

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Herbert Stephen Maguire	Trang Quynh Nguyen	Forrest Sussman Roth	Scott David Swanson
Janae Lynn Maher	Michael Carl Nicoson	Steven Joel Rottman	Maakan Taghizadeh
Edward Walter Malin, IV	Jared Christian Nimtz	Michael Colin Rymer	Goretti Taghva
Benjamin Alden Mandel	Mostafa M. Noury, Jr.	Salim Charles Saba	Youssef Tahiri Hassani
Brandon-Dzung Tien-Duc Mang	Matthew Jordan Nykiel	Karim Walid Sadik	John Ray Talley
Jason James Marengo	Elizabeth Amy O'Connor	Sumita Saha	David Madison Tauber
Michael Dean Marion	Milicent Odunze	Frederick Courtney Sailes	Edward Teng
Mark Khajag Markarian	Christopher John Pannucci	Rafael Emerick Salas	Oren Tessler
Garry Michael Martin, II	Paul Warner Papillion	George Emmanuel Salib	Winnie Mao Yiu Tong
Mark Colin Martin	Brian Juel Parker	Lars Johan Marcus Sandberg	Julia Marie Toto
Matthew Daniel Martin	Joseph William Parks, IV	Jeremy Drew Sanderson	Tsung-Lin Roger Tsai
Jorys Martinez Jorge	Craig Joseph Pastor	Shawkat Sati	John Paul Tutela
Glykeria Martou	Ketan Mukund Patel	Erika Aki Sato	Cristiane Mayumi Ueno
Michael Evans McClure	Niyant Virendra Patel	Thomas Satterwhite	Prashant Kudigram Upadhyaya
Cindy Marie McCord	Lauren Marie Patrick	Abeer Mohamad Walid Sawwaf	Sybile Val
Jarred Michael McDaniel	Martin Theodore Paukert	Syed Mujahid Sayeed	Haritha Bodduluri Veeramachaneni
John Allen McFate	Stephanie Lee Peng	William Frederick Schleicher	Nicholas Vendemia
Bryan Charles McIntosh	Helen Perakis	Lisa Frances Schneider	Raj Mahesh Vyas
Miguel Angel Medina, III	Maxim Pekarev	Hans Jonathan Serleth	William Bryant Walker
Ankur Kishor Mehta	Ronald Steven Perlman	Mitchel Seruya	Jules Andrew Walters, III
Duncan Alexander Goodwin Miles	Michael Robert Pharaon	Kyle Kit Shaddix	Kelli Nicole Webb
Ryan Taylor Marshall Mitchell	Benjamin Zachary Phillips	Darshan Ravindra Shah	Tonja Ielene Palauro Weed
Brent Richard Moister	Emile Anthony Picarella	Thomas Oswald Shannon	Cindy Hsin-yao Wei
Rolando Morales, Jr.	Paul Michael Pierce	Anil Kolkeball Rajeeva Shetty	Katie Elizabeth Weichman
Clinton Strauss Morrison	David Michael Plank	Pak Ho Samuel Shih	Tormod Schumacher Westvik
Timothy Scott Mountcastle	Elisabeth House Potter	Brian Michael Showalter	Kanye Willis
Carlos Andres Murillo	Jason Michael Prigozen	Sachin Mahavir Shridharani	Eric Geoffrey Wimmers
Jill Marie Murphy	Adrian Mariusz Przybyla	Aleksandr Shteynberg	Keith Garret Wolter
Patrick Shawn Murphy	Karina Laura Quinn	Hani Hashem Sinno	Nancy Wong
Meghan Hennessey Nadeau	Smita Rao Ramanadham	Magdalena Soldanska	Ryan Keith Wong
Theodore William Nagel	Gangadasu E. C. V. Sagar Reddy	Angela Yunyoung Song	Benjamin Chadwick Wood
Jane Namkung	Richard Garrett Reish	Charles Derron Spikes	Jeyhan Suzan Wood
Kailash Narasimhan	Matthew James Reiss	Jack Baker Stephenson, IV	Cindy Wu
Rahim Shiraz Nazerali	Jeffrey Ryan Rice	Julia Catherine Stevenson	Kristen Shui-chun Yee
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Luan Nghi Nguyen	Elise Marie Roe	Jessica Sommer Suber	

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS®) PROGRAM

The Board Office will send mailings and e-mail notifications 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 2015-2016.

Diplomates should log in to the Board’s website to review their individual 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, the following documents are available to download:

- 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.



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Certification Matters

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

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), medical license, hospital privileges, outpatient facility accreditation, advertising material, society membership and peer evaluations.
YEAR 6	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module & Professional Standing
YEAR 7, 8 OR 9	Examination Application
YEAR 9	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module and Professional Standing
YEAR 8, 9 OR 10	MOC-PS® Computer Based Test (CBT)
YEAR 10	MOC-PS® Certificates mailed to those who successfully completed the 10 year cycle

The MOC exam study guide offered by the Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN) is an excellent reference for exam preparation, www.psenetwork.org.

This Year for MOC-PS®

2015 Examination

Diplomates taking the April 2015 MOC-PS® Examination, with approved applications and reply forms on file, will receive scheduling permits by February 27th. The Computer Based Test (CBT) will be administered throughout the month of April at Prometric® Test Centers in the U.S. and Canada.

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

2016 Exam Application

Diplomates originally certified in **2006, 2007 or 2008** are eligible to submit the on-line Application for the April 2016 MOC-PS® Examination. The Application must be finalized by September 1, 2015. Lifetime Certificate holders are welcome to apply! **NOTE: The six month clinical case log requirement has been eliminated.**

2015 Activities – Practice Assessment Module & Professional Standing Update

Diplomates originally certified in **1996, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2009 or 2012** and lifetime certificate holders who voluntarily entered the MOC program in 2006, 2009 or 2012 are required to finalize the MOC-PS® Activities by December 1, 2015. 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.

NOTE: Four new tracer procedures were added in 2014. Breast reconstruction has been divided into two tracers for a better practice assessment experience.

The Board’s 75th History Video

The History Video, presented in 2012 in celebration of the Board’s 75th Anniversary, is now available on the Board’s website www.abplsurg.org in the About ABPS section, click on ABPS 75th History Presentation 2012. Mac users are required to have 6.1 or later and use google chrome as the web browser.

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)
 353 North Clark Street, Suite 1400
 Chicago, IL 60654
 Attention: Database Department
 Phone Number: 312-436-2600
 Fax Number: 312-436-2700
 Website: ABMS.org

2015 Diplomate Dues and MOC-PS® Annual Contribution

Enclosed is one of two forms for reference: a 2015 Diplomate Contribution Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders or the 2015 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 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 enclosed form. Your password is your last name (this is case sensitive, first letter should be capitalized, e.g., Smith).

Lifetime Certificate Holders – The Diplomate Contribution is requested of lifetime certificate holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS®. Credit card payment is the preferred method for submission. However, if necessary, you can complete the form and forward a check made payable to **The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.** and return to the Board Office by **April 15, 2015.**

The ongoing support of diplomates has been gratifying. Since 1999, more than half of our diplomates have responded. The income from this support 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.

REVOKED CERTIFICATES

The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. The Board revoked one certificate in 2014. To date, a total of 79 certificates have been revoked.

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