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## Chair's Report

BRUCE M. ACHAUER, M.D.

I am now serving in my seventh year at The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. It seems only recently that I attended my first meeting, which was an emergency meeting to debate and vote The American Board of Plastic Surgery's position on sub-specialization within the head and neck. After years of discussions within and outside of our specialty and at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), we eventually came to an understanding with the American Board of Otolaryngology. Because of this experience the Board examined its strengths and weaknesses and is developing a strategy for the future. Out of this has come a number of changes, which are serving us well. One of the most important policy decisions was to hire an Executive Director, and we decided that the Executive Director should be a senior plastic surgeon. Dr. R. Barrett Noone accepted that position in 1997 and has taken the Board in a direction that would never have been possible without him. Along with that we have new staff members, who have turned out to be absolute treasures. All of these changes have led to a very highly functioning Board.

### Exam Changes

The time for completing residency to becoming Board Certified was shortened to help plastic surgery graduates deal with current trends in medicine in the United States. This process is being examined once again. The Oral Examination will be moved back a few

months in 2003 to allow for a more fruitful case collection time period and additional cases will be reviewed by Board members screening for the Oral Examination. The Oral Examination process will also be improved with a new examiner training video, which will include not only instruction examples for examiners but examinees as well. The Written Examination will be a Computer-Based Test (CBT) beginning in 2002. It will be given at testing centers throughout the country, eliminating the need for travel for most of our candidates. This examination is highly reproducible and remains one of the standards among ABMS exams.

### Finances

Examination fees do not cover all of our expenses. Dues paid by diplomates have significantly aided the Board. Consequently, we can spend time and money to defend the use of our logo and the term Board Certified Plastic Surgeon. We have been able to aggressively challenge anyone who uses these inappropriately. This has helped to serve the public and also protect our diplomates. All of our efforts have been quite successful thanks to the effectiveness of our legal counsel. The American Board of Plastic Surgery has been a leader in revoking certificates for those who have had licensing problems or other major issues that interfere with their practice of medicine.

### Recertification and Maintenance of Certification®

The recertification process has occupied a great deal of the Board's time. The Recertification Examination is being made available to all our diplomates. Those with time-dated certificates will

need to take this examination, others are encouraged to participate as an educational experience. The ABMS is very interested in the process of Maintenance of Certification® and this is a complex issue with many elements. We are working closely with the ABMS and with our advisory councils. Our approach was to develop a modular exam based on the diplomate's actual practice. Each of the criteria was developed by the advisory councils, and the Recertification Committee Members, who are also beginning to write questions for this modular examination to be used for Recertification as well as Maintenance of Certification®. Details were sent to diplomates in October 2001.

### Education Retreat

The role of The American Board of Plastic Surgery and educational training standards was examined recently in a retreat in Philadelphia. Different pathways of plastic surgery training were reviewed, focusing on the Board's role in testing and documenting the process. Presentations were made by a medical student, a

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resident, several program directors, representatives from AACPS, the RRC, the Tripartate Committee, and other Boards represented by Wallace P. Ritchie Jr., M.D., PH.D., Executive Director of the American Board of Surgery. Questions examined were: Should we reinstitute a CORE Surgery examination? Should we use the American Board of Surgery In-Service exam (ABSITE)? Should we establish minimum standards for integrated programs as we do for independent programs? No CORE examination is planned at the present, but we did decide to require uniform standards in the PGY-I-III years for integrated and independent models. This change actually affects only a small number of programs and will not be a major burden on any institution.

#### **Public Member**

Senator Liz Figueroa is our first public Board Member, and she attended her first Board meeting this November in Philadelphia. She serves as a State Senator in the California legislature representing the Silicon Valley area. During her years as an Assembly person and Senator, she has authored and backed many bills supported by the California Society of Plastic Surgery. She has supported Board Certification and truth in advertising (only ABMS Boards or equivalents can be used in advertising in California). At our recent Board meeting she made significant contributions in a number of areas. Our mission is to protect the public, so it is very helpful to have a public member's view of what that means. She is also very helpful with focusing our attention on basic issues and how others would see them. She is a terrific addition to the Board.

#### **Summary**

The American Board of Plastic Surgery consists of 22 Board Members, an Executive Director, and office staff of 4 people, plus our legal counsel. This small group functions very effectively. Our Executive Director and staff carry out deliberations and decisions of the Board. Each Board Member makes innumerable contributions and is usually an expert in several areas of Board concern. The debates of the Board are excellent, allowing us to usually discern the best path. It is a pleasure and honor working with this terrific group of people who play such an important role in medicine. ■



## *From The Executive Director*

*R. BARRETT NOONE, M.D.*

### **THE ABMS – WHERE PLASTIC SURGERY LIVES WITH OTHER SPECIALITIES**

I am frequently asked to explain the difference between the Recertification Program of The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) and the evolving Maintenance of Certification© program, being developed at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

Our Board carries out its mission to promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public by working in cooperation with the other specialties in medicine within the guidelines and framework of the ABMS. The ABMS assists the member Boards in our efforts to develop and utilize professional and educational standards for the evaluation and certification of specialists. The primary responsibility of the ABPS and the other 23 member Boards of the ABMS is to the public. It is important for all plastic surgeons to recognize that the public is demanding more and more from us to assure that our diplomates continue to remain competent in the practice of the specialty.

The ABMS movement for initial or primary certification is widely recognized both within and outside organized medicine as the gold standard to assure the public that physicians are competent at the time of the certifying examinations. To maintain this standard throughout the career of a specialist, the Board movement recognized the need for recertification of specialists. The first medical specialty Boards to institute recertification were the American Board of Family Practice in 1969 and the American Board of

Internal Medicine in 1974. Our Board, entering the Recertification Program at a later date, was the next to last Board to require recertification. Neurosurgery followed us. Now our diplomates who became certified in 1995 or later have certificates which expire at the end of a 10-year period, thereby mandating that recertification must be completed before the certificate expires.

About the same time that the ABPS was applying for and receiving approval for the Recertification Program by ABMS, the ABMS Boards were reevaluating the recertification process. The principle of recertifying a diplomate by a cognitive examination every 6 to 10 years was being replaced by the concept of assuring the public that the physician specialist so certified was indeed competent on a continuing basis. This was the genesis of the Maintenance of Certification© (MOC) Program.

Just as policies regarding initial specialty and subspecialty certification have undergone change over the years, the ABMS has continued to refine its views on requirements necessary to maintain certification. The Task Force on Competence, created in March of 1998, has concentrated its efforts on developing standards and methods for member Boards to evaluate physician specialists following initial certification. As a result, the program for the Maintenance of Certification© (MOC) has been proposed, consisting of four essential components.

- Evidence of professional standing.
- Evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement in a periodic self-assessment process.
- Evidence of cognitive expertise (medical knowledge).
- Evidence of evaluation of performance in practice.

Instead of a cognitive examination every 6 to 10 years after initial certification, diplomates will be required to maintain certification by fulfillment of each of the components contained within the MOC© Program on a continuing basis. The purpose would be to continue to assure the public by regularly assessing the general competencies of a certified physician in the above component areas.

Because the details of the Recertification Program of the ABPS were in the planning process at approximately the same time that the ABMS was developing the MOC© Program, it gave our Board an opportunity to get a "head start" and establish some of the components of our Recertification Program along the guidelines of the up and coming new Maintenance of Certification©. Accordingly, our Recertification Program will address the four essential components.

For example, in addressing the first element, evidence of professional standing, the application for recertification must include evidence of an *unrestricted* license to practice medicine in the state in which the plastic surgeon currently maintains a practice, as well as evidence of valid hospital appointments. Addressing lifelong learning, the continuing medical education program, which has been in existence, will be the template. The performance in practice section will be determined by assessing practice profiles through surgical case collection over a six-month period. From this case list, modular assignment for the cognitive examination will be determined. The fourth element, evaluation of knowledge, will be determined by the cognitive examination, produced in a computer based test (CBT) format. The examination will be given as a comprehensive plastic surgery examination, or as a subspecialty module, depending on the practice profile of the diplomate. A diplomate may request assignment to a modular examination, but only will be eligible for the module if it fits his or her practice profile as defined by the case list.

Therefore, because our Recertification Program was being developed in parallel with the MOC© Program of the ABMS, our program can exist as a template for us to transform into the MOC© Program when it is finally approved in detail by the ABMS.

To date, the ABMS Assembly has approved elements two and three: (2) evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement of periodic self-assessment, and (3) evidence of cognitive expertise (medical knowledge). Details regarding the demonstration of evidence of professional standing and evidence of performance in practice are still being processed by the working groups at ABMS, which will develop the guidelines to be used by all Boards.

With regard to evidence of professional standing, the ABPS has taken a strong stance in the past two years regarding restrictions on licenses of its diplomates, with the view that a plastic surgeon must hold a license to practice in order to maintain diplomate status. Accordingly, through searches of the restrictions placed on licenses by various state medical boards, it has come to the attention of the Board that a number of licenses of our diplomates have been revoked or voluntarily surrendered in order to satisfy court requirements. Those diplomates with revoked licenses have, after due process, undergone revocation of their Board certificates. Before 2000, the Board revoked only three certificates of diplomates since 1937. When the Board adopted a more aggressive approach to the principle that an unrevoked medical license was absolutely necessary for continued recognition as a diplomate, 12 certificates were revoked in November of 2000, one in May of 2001 and three in November 2001. These measures have been taken to assure the public that diplomates convicted of felonies or other egregious actions will no longer hold certification. The ABPS is one of the leaders in specialty medicine in

enforcing the need for an unrestricted license for maintaining certification. Our administrative and legal efforts in this effect have been largely supported by the annual dues of diplomates.

Once the other essential elements of the MOC© Program are approved by the ABMS, the ABPS will modify its Recertification Program to one of continuing certification. This program will then be submitted to the ABMS for approval, and eventually implemented and phased in to replace the Recertification Program as it currently exists.

Although we are a small specialty, plastic surgery has excellent representation in the structure of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Representing the ABPS are:

R. Barrett Noone, M.D. -  
*ABMS Executive Committee and Risk Management Committee*

William B. Riley, Jr., M.D. -  
*ABMS Committee on Certification and Recertification.*

Bruce M. Achauer, M.D. -  
*Voting Representative for ABPS*

Dennis J. Lynch, M.D. -  
*Voting Representative for ABPS*

John J. Coleman, III, M.D. -  
*Alternate Representative for ABPS*

Bruce L. Cunningham, M.D. -  
*Alternate Representative for ABPS*

Carolyn L. Kerrigan, M.D. -  
*ABMS Task Force on Competence*

David L. Larson, M.D. -  
*ABMS Task Force on Competence* ■

## 2002 Diplomate Annual Dues

Enclosed is the 2002 Diplomate Annual Dues Remittance Form. Please complete and enclose a check for \$100.00 made payable to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. and return to the Board Office by **April 15, 2002**.

## 2001 – 2002 OFFICERS



BRUCE M. ACHAUER, M.D.  
*CHAIR*



JOHN J. COLEMAN, III, M.D.  
*CHAIR-ELECT*



BRUCE L. CUNNINGHAM, M.D.  
*VICE-CHAIR*



DAVID L. LARSON, M.D.  
*SECRETARY-TREASURER*

### INTERNET WEBSITE

The Board's Internet Website was launched in May 1998. Approximately 110 to 170 people visit the site daily. Please visit our Internet site at WWW:<http://www.abplsurg.org> for the Board's examination and certification requirements.

### PERSONAL PHYSICIAN WEBSITE

When designing a Personal Physician Website, which refers to "The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.®" please be sensitive to the accurate use of our registered trademark name. We would also request that the Board's requirements be described as set forth in the 2001 - 2002 publication. If you have any doubts about the Board's requirements, we encourage you to consult the current Booklet of Information, which can be obtained by contacting the Board Office by telephone, facsimile or e-mail or Website request form. Consider the Booklet of Information your reference source for training, examination and certification requirements.

### Notification to Diplomates

Our yearly NEWSLETTER is intended to keep the Board's diplomates informed about the internal functioning of the Board as well as the Board's response to external factors which impact on all of us. It cannot include all of the business conducted by the Board throughout the year. Rather, its intention is to inform every diplomate of the Board's actions and to provide each with an opportunity to contact the Board Office with any questions this letter may raise or other questions, concerns or suggestions regarding Board action. Please direct all correspondence to the Board Office address.



# News From The Secretary-Treasurer . . .

DAVID L. LARSON, M.D.

## Special Recognition

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

- John Bostwick, III, M.D. ....1995-2001  
Deceased January 11, 2001  
Chair-Elect .....2000-2001
- William B. Riley Jr., M.D.....1994-2001  
Secretary-Treasurer .....1996-1998  
Chair of the Board .....2000-2001

## In Recognition

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. would like to thank and acknowledge the contributions and commitment of those plastic surgeons who served as Question Writers for the Written Examination and Hand Surgery Examination, and those who served as Proctors for the Written Examination, and Examiners and Evaluators for the Oral Examination.

### 2001 WRITTEN EXAMINATION QUESTION WRITERS

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| David A. Billmire     | Rod J. Rohrich        |
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| Jack A. Friedland     | R. Bruce Shack        |
| Bahman Guyuron        | Saleh M. Shenaq       |
| Robert A. Hardesty    | Scott L. Spear        |
| David M. Knize        | Berish Strauch        |
| Donald H. Lalonde     | William M. Swartz     |
| L. Scott Levin        | Julia K. Terzis       |
| Thomas A. Mustoe      | Allen L. Van Beek     |
| Foad Nahai            | Henry C. Vasconez     |
| Christian E. Paletta  | Robert L. Walton, Jr. |
| Linda G. Phillips     | S. Anthony Wolfe      |
| D. Kimit Rai          |                       |

### 2001 WRITTEN EXAMINATION PROCTORS

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| Bruce M. Achauer    | R. Barrett Noone |
| Bruce L. Cunningham | John A. Persing  |

### 2001 HAND SURGERY EXAMINATION CONSULTANTS

(serve three year terms)

- William W. Dzwierzynski
- Raymond F. Morgan
- Alan E. Seyfer
- R. Bruce Shack

## 2001 ORAL EXAMINATION EXAMINERS AND EVALUATORS

Bruce M. Achauer  
Stephan Ariyan  
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Constance M. Barone  
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Ronald B. Berggren  
David A. Billmire  
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Robert C. Russell  
A. Michael Sadove  
Kenneth E. Salyer  
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Vernon Leroy Young  
Harvey A. Zarem  
James E. Zins  
Elvin G. Zook

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## The Board's Advisory Council Members

The members listed below were nominated from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS), American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons (ASAPS), the American Association of Hand Surgeons (AAHS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS).

### Comprehensive:

Phillip G. Arnold, M.D. (ABPS)  
Mimis N. Cohen, M.D. (AAPS)  
Walter L. Erhardt, Jr., M.D. (ASPS)  
Robert A. Hardesty, M.D. (AAPS)  
Dennis J. Lynch, M.D. (ABPS), Chair

### Cosmetic:

Gustavo A. Colon, M.D. (ABPS), Chair  
Bruce L. Cunningham, M.D. (ABPS)  
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Scott L. Spear, M.D. (ASPS)  
James M. Stuzin, M.D. (ASAPS)

### Hand:

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Wyndell H. Merritt, M.D. (ASPS)  
Raymond F. Morgan, M.D. (ABPS), Chair  
Nicholas B. Vedder, M.D. (AAHS)

### Craniomaxillofacial:

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John A. Persing, M.D. (ABPS), Chair  
A. Michael Sadove, M.D. (ASMS)  
Kenneth E. Salyer, M.D. (ASPS)

## **2001 – 2002 DIRECTORS**

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R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

### **BOARD STAFF**

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Theresa M. Cullison, RN, MSN

#### **Examination and Projects Coordinator**

Gwen A. Hanuscin

#### **Administrative Assistant**

Jennifer M. Rinnier

## **Congratulations To Our Newly Elected Directors To Serve On The Board From 2001 - 2007**

The Board Welcomes the following New Directors  
elected in May 2001 in Charleston, SC

Congratulations to the  
Board's first public member  
to serve on the Board from  
2001 – 2003!



SENATOR LIZ FIGUEROA  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

A Democrat, was elected to the California State Senate in November of 1998 to represent the 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District. Prior to her election she served two terms in the California State Assembly; she is the first Northern California Latina to be elected to the Legislature.

Chair of the Senate Committee on Business and Professions and a member of the Senate Committees on Transportation, Health and Human Services, Insurance, Environmental Quality, and Industrial Relations. Leader in the high profile fight to reform managed care in California.



FOAD NAHAI, M.D., FACS  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



LINDA G. PHILLIPS, M.D.  
GALVESTON, TEXAS

The Truman G. Blocker, Jr., M.D. Distinguished Professor and Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery, at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.

Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Medicine, at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston. Vice-Chair of the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery for the American Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. Member of the Wound Healing Society Board of Directors.

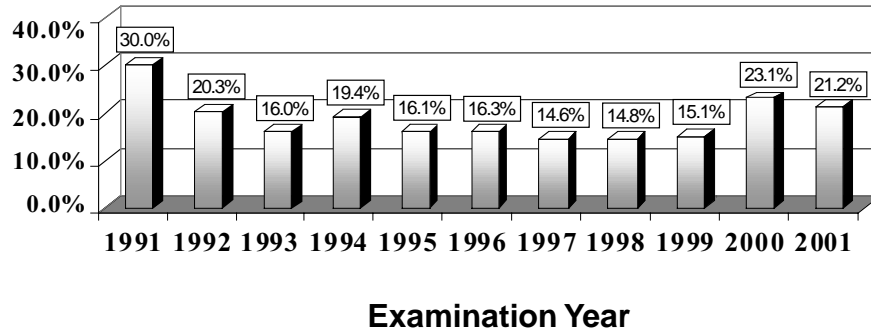


ROD J. ROHRICH, M.D., FACS  
DALLAS, TEXAS

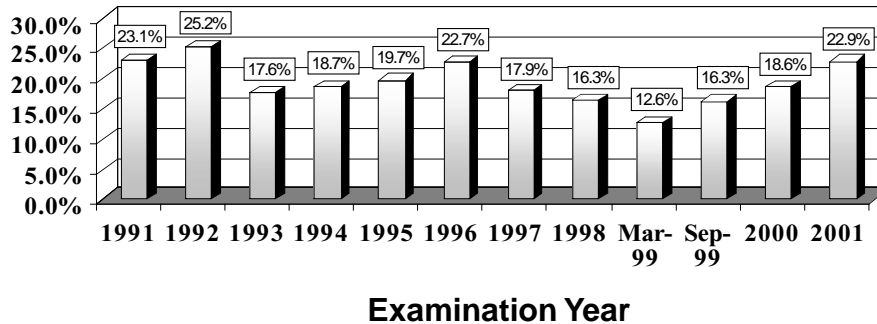
Professor and Chairman, Department of Plastic Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Holder of the Crystal Charity Ball Distinguished Chair in Plastic Surgery, Holder of Betty and Warren Woodward Chair in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

## Written Examination Failure Rates 1991-2001



## Oral Examination Failure Rates 1991-2001



### WRITTEN EXAMINATION

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1991	283	198	85	30.0%
1992	281	224	57	20.3%
1993	257	216	41	16.0%
1994	252	203	49	19.4%
1995	254	213	41	16.1%
1996	282	236	46	16.3%
1997	260	222	38	14.6%
1998	420	358	62	14.8%
1999	265	225	40	15.1%
2000	242	186	56	23.1%
2001	241	190	51	21.2%

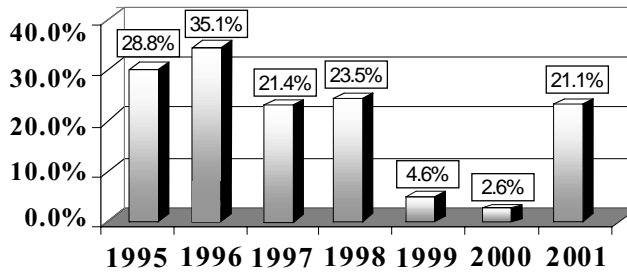
### ORAL EXAMINATION

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1991	234	180	54	23.1%
1992	230	172	58	25.2%
1993	261	215	46	17.6%
1994	257	209	48	18.7%
1995	249	200	49	19.7%
1996	251	194	57	22.7%
1997	268	220	48	17.9%
1998	245	205	40	16.3%
Mar-99	215	188	27	12.6%
Sep-99	203	170	33	16.3%
2000	279	227	52	18.6%
2001	236	182	54	22.9%

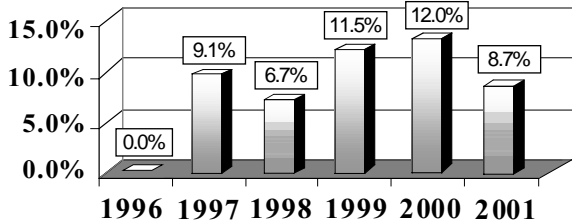


# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

**Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand Failure Rates**



**Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand Failure Rates**



## 2002 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

### Hand Surgery Examination

Monday, August 26, 2002  
Chicago, Illinois and at  
Computer-Based Testing Centers  
throughout the United States

### Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

Monday, August 26, 2002  
Chicago, Illinois and at  
Computer-Based Testing Centers  
throughout the United States on any day from and  
including August 26 through September 21, 2002

### Written Examination Computer Based Test

Computer-Based Testing Centers  
throughout the United States  
Friday, October 18, 2002

### Oral Examination

Thursday, Friday & Saturday,  
September 12, 13 & 14, 2002  
Houston, Texas

## Certification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand

Exam Year	Total ABPS Takers	Total Pass	Total Fail	ABPS Failure Rate	Total Takers All 3 Boards	Failure Rate for All Takers
1995	52	37	15	28.8%	167	13.2%
1996	37	24	13	35.1%	103	15.5%
1997	28	22	6	21.4%	105	6.7%
1998	17	13	4	23.5%	84	9.5%
1999	22	21	1	4.6%	75	5.3%
2000	39	38	1	2.6%	103	2.9%
2001	19	15	4	21.1%	96	4.2%

## Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand

Exam Year	Total ABPS Takers	Total Pass	Total Fail	ABPS Failure Rate	Total Takers All 3 Boards	Failure Rate for All Takers
1996	3	3	0	0.00%	40	2.5%
1997	11	10	1	9.1%	60	1.7%
1998	15	14	1	6.7%	158	3.8%
1999	26	23	3	11.5%	176	5.1%
2000	25	22	3	12.0%	112	3.6%
2001	23	21	2	8.7%	86	3.5%

# Congratulations To Our New Board Diplomates

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 182 plastic surgeons in September 2001.

To date, the Board has certified 6,307 plastic surgeons.

## *Certified in September 2001*

Diane Zalutsky Alexander  
Mazin Sultan Al-Hakeem  
Kaveh Alizadeh  
Buthainah Moawiyah Al-Shunnar  
James Kieran Amsberry  
Richard Arabitg  
Patricia R. Arledge  
Jason Todd Arrington  
Homayoun Attaran  
Keith Jared Attkiss  
Srdan Babovic  
Norma Baciliou  
Haven Jesse Barlow, Jr.  
Michael Scott Beckenstein  
Gary Steven Berger  
Harvey Jay Bluestein  
Richard Michael Bodor  
Michelle Rae Bonness  
Lisa Brittany Bootstaylor  
James Paul Bradley  
David Austin Branch  
Stephen David Bresnick  
Mark Broudo  
David Michael Brown  
Hayley Anne Brown  
Edward Wayne Buchel  
Bruce Andrew Byrne  
Theodore Arthur Calianos, II  
Philippe Angelo Capraro  
Alex Charles Cech  
Lloyd Paul Champagne  
James Jee-Ling Chao  
Christopher William Chase  
Pierre-Yves Masaki Chevray  
Gloria Ann Chin  
Peggy Kwong-Ming Ching  
Orlando Joseph Cicilioni, Jr.  
Steven Jay Clark

Sheldon Ray Cober  
Eric Lowry Cole  
Juan Carlos Cordoba  
James Ernest Craigie  
George Attila Csank  
Richard Edward Cummings  
Lynn Ann Damitz  
Anthony Nicholas Dardano  
Lisa Renee David  
Richard Andrew de Ramon  
Kenneth Dell Dembny, II  
John Philip Di Saia  
Christine Anne DiEdwardo  
Lucie Duclos  
Sepehr Egrari  
Mark Steven Elliott  
Juan Ramon Escobar  
Brian Nicholas Evans  
Ann Leilani Fahey  
Tamy Marcela Faierman  
Sandra Jane Fearrington  
Julius Warren Few, Jr.  
David Malcolm Fisher  
Jeffery Stuart Flagg  
Elizabeth Loretta Fox  
Gloria Mabel Gamboa-Gonzalez  
Antonio Julio Gayoso  
Athina Alexandros Giannopoulos  
Todd Philip Ginestra  
Rebecca Ann Glasser  
Christopher Paul Godek  
Florencio Jorge Gonzalez  
Lauren Ann Greenberg  
Johnstuart Maxwell Guarnieri  
Laura Ann Gunn  
Judith Morin Gurley  
Geoffrey Cash Gurtner  
Karol Artur Gutowski

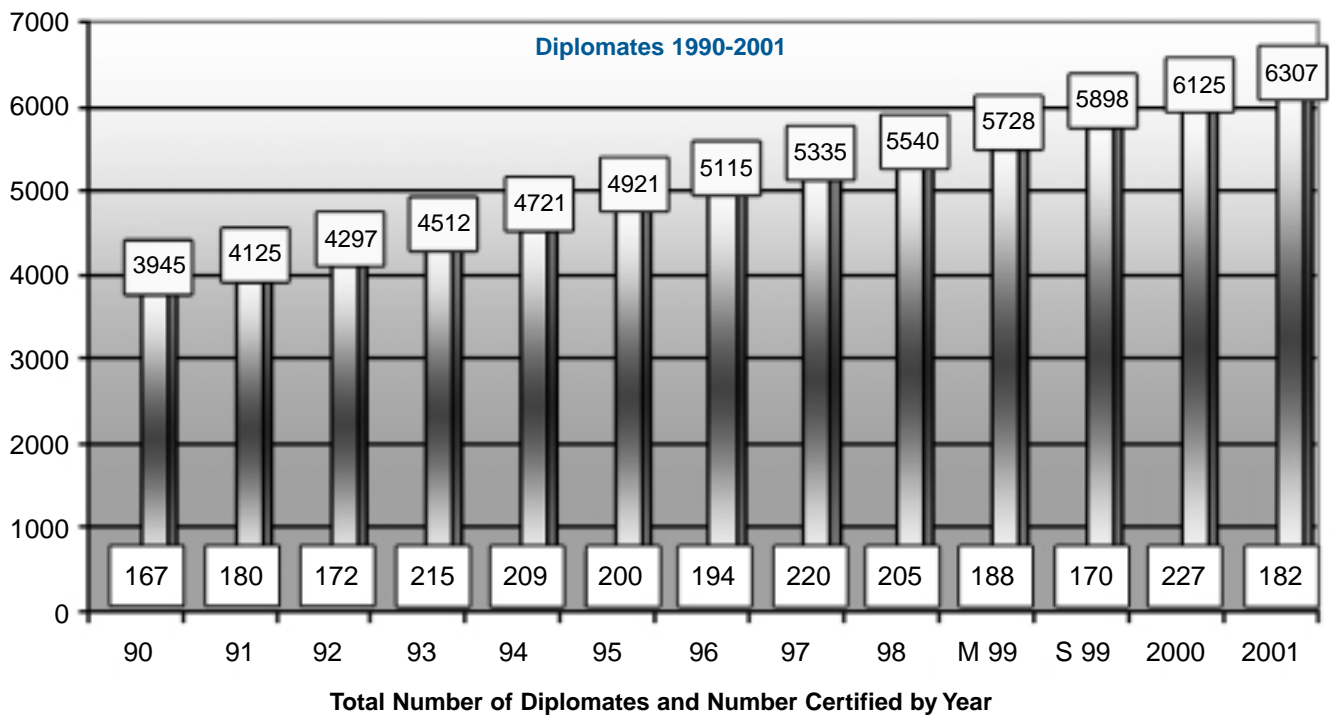
Jennifer Lynn Harrington  
Raymond Jackson Harshbarger, III  
Ezat Hashim  
Christine Haugen  
Leonard Mark Hochstein  
Mark Pieter Honig  
David Ben Huang  
Michael Hueneke  
Charles Scott Hultman  
Olivia Helena Zanft Hutchinson  
Tze Yung Ip  
Sohel Mohammad Islam  
Ashish Kumar Jain  
David Mark Kahn  
Alex Avram Kane  
Chia Chi Kao  
Samuel Da-seng Kao  
John Timothy Katzen  
Robert William Kessler  
Prasad Gangadhar Kilaru  
Daniel Beom Soo Kim  
Michael Kwangsoo Kim  
Kenneth Christopher Kneessy  
Joseph Raymond Kolb, III  
Adam Ross Kolker  
Katsuhiko Kure  
Lewis Thomas Ladocsi, IV  
Gary Paul Lawton  
Spencer Darrell Lee  
Larry Howard Lickstein  
Sean Tomas Lille  
John Joseph LoMonaco, Jr.  
Joseph Edward Losee  
James Benjamin Lowe, III  
Adam David Lowenstein  
Susan Elizabeth MacLennan  
Jeannette Yvette Martello  
John Kendrick McKissock

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Thomas Bradley McNemar  
 John Gerard Meara  
 Robert Michael Menard  
 Ildiko Gyimesi Mikos  
 Randy Bruce Miller  
 Joseph Gerald Minniti  
 David John Mitten  
 Bridgett Moore  
 Albert Morrill Morrison  
 Martin Albert Morse  
 Stephanie Mosley  
 Philip Paul Narini  
 Daniel Raymond Nevarre  
 Thuan Trong Nguyen  
 Donald Ray Nunn  
 Patrick Joseph O'Neill  
 Arvind Narayan Padubidri  
 Amelia Arianne Pare  
 Simona Veronica Pautler  
 John Carl Pedersen  
 Tracy Marlene Pfeifer  
 Lee Li-Qun Pu  
 Pravin Pritpal Puri

Joseph Raniere, Jr.  
 Jon Edward Rast  
 Don Ray Revis, Jr.  
 Paul Hyung Rhee  
 Richard Scott Rosenblum  
 Brent Albert Rubis  
 Christopher John Salgado  
 Eric Stuart Schaffer  
 Loren Slone Schechter  
 Victor Anthony Schingo, Jr.  
 Karen Brooke Selden  
 Bivik Rajnikant Shah  
 Robert Christopher Silich  
 Deborah Rose Sillins  
 Ronald Paul Silverman  
 Navin Singh  
 Jeffrey Dean Smith  
 Pedro Miguel Soler, Jr.  
 Joel Stuart Solomon  
 Kenrick Anthony Spence  
 Sam Speron  
 Christopher Joseph Spittler  
 Paul Maxwell Steinwald

James Anthony Stephens  
 Adam Neal Summers  
 Gregory Michael Swank  
 Richard Eric Tepper  
 Khang Ngoc Thai  
 Brian Patrick Tierney  
 Thomas Hsiao-Huei Tung, Jr.  
 Antonio Luis Uria  
 Roy Douglas Vanderpool  
 Bernadette Howwen Wang  
 Steven Hansen Warnock  
 Daniel Benjamin Westawski  
 Bradon Jay Wilhelmi  
 Todd Edward Williams  
 James Philip Wire  
 Sean Francis Wolfort  
 Scott William Wrye  
 Bennett Chen-Dah Yang  
 Henry Po-yen Yang  
 Marshall Ross Yellen  
 Samuel Anthony Yost, Jr.  
 Ross Ian Seth Zbar



## Certificate in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand

The Hand Surgery Examination and the Hand Surgery Recertification Examination was administered on Monday, August 27, 2001 in Chicago, Illinois.

### **Congratulations To Our Diplomates Who Now Hold The Hand Surgery Certificate\***

In 2001 The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 15 diplomates in Hand Surgery and 21 diplomates in the Hand Surgery Recertification Examination.

To date the Board has certified 529 diplomates and has recertified 96 diplomates.

#### **Diplomates Certified In Hand Surgery In 2001**

Geoffrey H. Buncke

Stanley Joseph Foster, III

Richard Hainer

David C. Kim

Clifford King

Stephen Costas Nicolaidis

Morry A. Olenick

William L. O'Neill, Jr.

David Frederick Ruebeck

Andres Taleisnik

Michael Blair Tantillo

Eric Edward Wegener

Stephen Seville West

William Joseph Wyatt

Jozef Zoldos

#### **Diplomates Recertified In Hand Surgery In 2001**

John Arthur Attwood

Dennis Ray Banducci

Richard Ervin Brown

Gregory Millette Buncke

Phyllis Chang

R. Jobe Fix

Jonathan Daniel Hall

Jann Johnson

Roger Khalil Khouri

James Louis Pertsch

Alan Barth Pillersdorf

Frank Robert Rogers

Robert Charles Russell

Amorn Salyapongse

Joseph Francis Slade, III

Mark Douglas Wells

Carl N. Williams, Jr.

Peter Douglas Witt

Paul Zidel

Thomas L. Zoeller

\* This list does not include those plastic surgeons who have been certified or recertified through the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery.

#### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please help the Board keep our records up to date. If you have moved or plan to move in the near future, please mail, e-mail or fax your change of address to the Board Office or use the Website change of address form.

Also, please update your listing in the ABMS Directory by faxing or mailing directly to:

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Evanston, Illinois 60201  
Attention: Database Department  
Fax number: 847-328-3596

#### **BOOKLET OF INFORMATION**

The Booklet of Information is published annually and contains the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the certification process. If you would like a copy of the current Booklet of Information, July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002, you may contact the Board Office by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or Website.

#### **ITEM WRITING WORKSHOP**

Effective 2003 the Board will require attendance at an Item Writing Workshop be a mandatory requirement for Nominees, with attendance set at a two time minimum for a maximum benefit to be obtained for item writing quality and content. The Board's workshop will be offered annually at the ASPs' meeting as well as the ASAPS' meeting.