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James M. Stuzin, M.D.

## Chair Report

James M. Stuzin, M.D.

**H**aving had the privilege of serving as a director and officer in many plastic surgery organizations, it has been my greatest honor to serve as Chair of The American Board of Plastic Surgery. From my perspective, ABPS remains the most important entity in maintaining the integrity of our specialty. Numerous physicians, with neither the training nor credentials, want to identify themselves as plastic surgeons. The role of ABPS is to set the standards for what plastic surgery represents, identifying and credential-

ing only those physicians who have both the qualifications and have met the strict training requirements necessary to become a Board Certified plastic surgeon.

The mission statement of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, "is to promote safe, ethical, efficacious plastic surgery to the public by maintaining high standards for education, examination, certification, and maintenance of certification of plastic surgeons as specialists and subspecialists." To effect this mission, the Board has seen the scope of its focus expand over the past several years in four specific areas:

1) Initial Certification. Perhaps the most important aspect of our mission is to define the qualifications and training required for initial certification and to conduct the examination of physicians who seek certification by the Board. In my seven years as a Director of ABPS, it has been my observation that improvements in both the Written and Oral Examinations have made these examinations more relevant to the qualifications we feel are paramount for Board certification. The Written Examination Committee has worked diligently to improve the quality of questions administered to assess cognitive knowledge in plastic surgery. Similarly, the Oral Examination Committee has sought to improve the fairness and consistency of the Oral Examination by adopting an analytical scoring system which accounts for variations in oral examiner severity. Changing requirements for future Oral Examinations will include adding a minimum number of cases which must be submitted during the case collection period, as well as requiring a distribution requirement such that all candidates demonstrate proficiency and experience within the broad range of our specialty. While pass rates over the last several years for both the Written and Oral Examinations have remained consistent at approximately 80%, in my opinion, improvements in both the Written and Oral Examination process are ensuring that we are certifying those physicians who best demonstrate the qualifications required to become a Board Certified plastic surgeon.

2) Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS). As most of you realize, Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS) is a reality for all diplomates who have been granted time-limited certificates, and is now a requirement mandated for all of the 24 Boards comprising the American Board of Medical Specialties, (ABMS). The Maintenance of Certification Program represents a transition from the Recertification

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# 2008 – 2009 Advisory Council Members

The Advisory Council Members listed below were nominated from the American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS), the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS), the American Association for Hand Surgery (AAHS), the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons (ASMS). The Board acknowledges the significant contributions of each of the following Advisory Council Members:

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Examination which was given every ten years to a process where the Board's diplomates continually evaluate the methods in which they practice plastic surgery and how they deliver patient care. In an effort to make this process simple, worthwhile and educational, ABPS has spent a great deal of time and energy in improving its website for **MOCP-PS**. All diplomates participating in **MOCP-PS** can perform this activity on-line, submitting both documentation for professionalism, as well as completing one of the 20 tracer practice assessment modules (PA-PS) during a three year cycle. To complete the PA-PS modular requirement, a diplomate chooses ten consecutive cases of a specific procedure within a module for which their practice is focused, and inputs data from these cases into the board's website. After completing the PA-PS module, the diplomate will receive feedback as to how his or her practice compares to peers. While this task may seem initially daunting, I can assure you that completion of a PA-PS module is simple to perform and does not require a great time investment. It is the Board's sincere hope and intent that in the process of reviewing your patient outcomes, as well as how your practice compares to your peer group, that you will learn not only how to improve patient care, but also identify methods to modify your practice to improve patient satisfaction and safety.

3) Residency Prerequisite and Requisite Training. Over the last several years, the Board has worked in coordination with the Residency Review Committee in Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS) to improve the training of plastic surgery residents. In the Board's opinion, changes in plastic surgery training requirements were necessary to improve the consistency of training from program to program. The RRC-PS, in coordination with the ABPS, adopted guidelines in 2008 which attempt to standardize the prerequisite education in general surgery, ensuring a broad exposure to subspecialty surgery training, and to improve the standardization of requirements for plastic surgery training. The minimum length for residency will also increase from five to six years, with at least three years spent studying plastic surgery. These educational requirements will go into effect in 2010. From our perspective, the changes that have been adopted by the RRC-PS reflect the continued evolution of what plastic surgery encompasses as we broaden our base from our general surgery roots.

4) Ethical Issues. Throughout my term as a Director on the Board, it has been my observation that ABPS has focused greater attention to the significant ethical issues which confront our specialty, maintaining high ethical standards which are at the core of our mission statement. All candidates applying for the Written and Oral Examinations are fully vetted in terms of advertising issues, website reviews, letters from peers in their community, as well as pertinent issues from either hospital or state licensing boards. Any issues regarding ethics are evaluated by the Ethics Committee, and appropriate sanctions include a delay in admissibility to the examination process. Following initial certification, the Maintenance of Certification Program similarly strives to evaluate ethical issues and concerns regarding professionalism. The ABPS Code of Ethics is very similar to that of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), one of our sponsoring organizations, but is not identical. One of the most important roles of the ABPS is to protect the public by ensuring that Board Certification equates with physician integrity and safety. To this endpoint, currently 62 diplomates have had their ABPS certification revoked, primarily for loss of their state license.

In summary, I would like to thank all our diplomates for their continued support for the mission of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. In the continued evolution of plastic surgery, the Board will strive to be the organization that unifies our specialty, maintaining the integrity of plastic surgery from the public's perspective. The Board cannot be successful in this mission without the strong support of our diplomates. Voluntary contributions by the diplomates account for over 20% of the budget and allows the Board to function at the current level. Through your help the ABPS will continue to represent the highest standards of excellence signified by Board Certification in plastic surgery.



R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

## From the Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

The public is making more and more demands on physicians and their oversight agencies such as certification boards, state licensing boards and hospital credentialing committees to assure that physicians are continually competent. A resurgence of interest in the quality of medical care is "out there" more than most of us realize. Our patients, big business, managed care plans and the government are all demanding more. Over the past few years there has been a rapid emergence of consumer/purchaser movement over physician accountability. Self regulation of physicians is being questioned by government agencies.

All of the above are empowered by publications such as the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report *To Err is Human: Building a Safer Health System*, released in the year 2000, that reported that more people die annually in the United States from medical errors than from breast cancer, AIDS, or motor vehicle accidents. The revised follow-up report from the IOM: *Crossing the Quality Chasm: A New Health System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, was published in 2001. This was a discouraging report on the state of the American healthcare delivery system, identifying areas that must be improved by all entities involved in healthcare, including accreditation agencies and, of course, certifying boards. Big business is also interested in what physicians do and their health plans encourage employees to use hospitals and physicians that are the safest. The National Quality Forum, a Washington-based non-profit organization to study quality in medicine, represents all aspects of the healthcare industry including research and academic entities and accrediting bodies. A report from the Pew Health Professions Commission boldly stated that the goal of certification should be continuous self assessment, that there should be a move towards national standards and that accreditation or certification should be re-conceived as a "facilitator for improvement in the actual service delivered to patients."

We all realize there have been major changes in the science base of medicine and enormous strides have been made in the abilities to measure what physicians know and what they do. The public realizes we have the ability to develop measurement tools and they want to know why we are not using them. Outcome studies in the specialty of plastic surgery, as well as in all of medicine have not yet been sufficient. The Part IV evaluation of the Tracer Procedures is the Board's attempt to measure what plastic surgeons do and to record outcomes. Everyone realizes that improvement cannot occur without measurement, and the PA-PS program allows the Board to provide the measurement tools needed for improvement.

Another reason that the Board needs to assure the public of the continuing competence of a plastic surgeon is the rise of competing credentialing processes of other boards not approved by the ABMS. These self designated Boards, many of which focus on cosmetic surgery or other aspects of plastic surgery, are also interested in demonstrating the quality of the physicians they certify. It is therefore obvious to the ABMS and its component Boards that the opportunity for studying and measuring performance in practice of individual physicians is ideal through the MOC programs.

In his chair report, Dr. James Stuzin described the mission of the Board. It is clear by our mission that the public is the Board's constituency. To fulfill this mission and satisfy our constituents, the Board has increased its efforts and programs to assure the public of the continuing competencies of our diplomates. My goal is to highlight important areas of concerted effort:

### THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

The Board serves with 23 other Boards and the convening organization, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to form the "Board Enterprise." Because of the clear erosion in the public trust of the ability of physicians to manage themselves through self-regulation, the ABMS has embarked on an aggressive initiative to enhance the public trust

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by this enterprise. The goal is to establish the boards as the premier trusted agents that focus on the public's interest in the need for a safe and high quality physician workforce through board certification. At ABMS, I sit on a new Task Force that is charged to design and implement a series of new program initiatives that will strengthen the Boards' roles as the public trust agents. Some of these programs involve the development of an ethics and professionalism task force and program, an external work group to interface with such organizations as third party payers, a health and public policy committee and government affairs program to establish the value of the Board Enterprise with healthcare regulators. A learning collaborative on the topic of MOC will provide all Boards a forum to show how their MOC programs are producing specialty-specific outcome results. At the ABPS, we are proud of the recognition we have received for our seminal program in evaluating outcomes, and we believe that it will continue to be a featured program in the future.

## MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is the convening organization for all state licensing agencies for physicians. Through the ABMS relationship with FSMB, we have learned that even those holding permanent Board certificates as lifetime certificate holders could face increased requirements when renewing a state medical license. A draft policy under consideration by the FSMB proposes that re-licensure should become more comprehensive, requiring physicians to demonstrate continuing skills and knowledge in their areas of practice. As proposed now by the FSMB, the Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) process will closely mirror the ABMS requirements for Maintenance of Certification. The FSMB, over the past five years, has evaluated the deficiencies in the current licensing systems. Licensing now relies only on CME to assure continuing competence after initial licensure. The current state systems are reactive rather than proactive, measure process rather than outcome and show a lack of collaboration of the

organizations necessary to evaluate competencies in physicians. The FSMB has recognized the need for change to better protect the public. Accordingly, guidelines were developed in the past year by the FSMB that state that MOL should support a commitment to life-long learning and improvement in practice, that MOL should be developed in collaboration with others, not be overly burdensome to the individual practicing physician, provide a flexible infrastructure to offer a choice of options, and balance transparency of the system with privacy protections. The ABMS Maintenance of Certification programs, as evidenced by the *MOC-PS* program of our Board should be able to address the concerns of the FSMB and the state licensing boards and take advantage of activities physicians are already doing to demonstrate their competence, and use these activities to satisfy licensing requirements. Therefore, those who have already completed MOC requirements may be able to use these when the individual states begin to require MOL. In my opinion, it is far better for the licensing boards to evaluate physicians in their individual specialties rather than require general medicine examinations for re-licensure. No one expects that this will be implemented right away, but the draft policy will likely be considered by the FSMB House of Delegates at their meeting in May of 2009.

## PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

There is growing interest nationally on the part of private health insurers to establish systems to measure the quality of performance in practice of the physicians they reimburse. In general, point systems are being developed that physicians will be asked to satisfy in order to receive increased reimbursement on a regular basis. The Board has been contacted by such groups and we desire to work together with the insurers to allow *MOC-PS*, which demonstrates improvement in practice performance, to be used as one of the measures of quality for improving pay for performance. This rapidly growing interest on the part of private payers should be a benefit to those in the specialty who participate in *MOC-PS*.

## NEW PUBLIC MEMBERS

At the beginning of this decade, the Board studied the process of adding a representative of the public to the Board as a voting member. The public member was defined as a distinguished non physician who is knowledgeable in matters related to plastic surgery and health affairs in general, with experience that is deemed by the Directors to assist in accomplishing the mission of the Board. In May 2001, Senator Liz Figueroa, a State Senator from California, was the first public member elected to the Board, serving as a director and voting member until May 2007. Because of Senator Figueroa's contribution, the Board decided to elect two public members to succeed her. Thomas A. Shannon, PhD and Janice Savin-Williams were elected at the annual meeting in April 2008. They will serve for an initial term of two years, with the option of two additional terms. They are participating in the work of the Board, and vote as full directors of the Board on the policies of certification. They are asked to bring viewpoints of the public to the deliberation of the Board. Dr. Shannon is a bioethicist who brings a perspective from the public to the ethical practice of plastic surgery. Mrs. Williams, an investment banking executive based in New York City, is prominent in multiple non-profit organizations. Biographical sketches of the new public members are presented in this Newsletter.

## EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES

In closing I would like to recognize and thank the Advisory Councils of the ABPS. Members of the current councils, appointed by the major societies in our specialty, are listed on page 2. They have been invaluable in developing the details of the Tracer Procedures and other aspects of the *MOC-PS* program.

Because of our mission to serve the public, the Board is not a membership organization and therefore does not provide membership services to practicing plastic surgeons. The educational programs needed to improve knowledge in order to sustain high quality practice are provided by the many societies in our specialty. The Board is grateful for their help in making *MOC-PS* a reality.

# News from the Secretary-Treasurer **John W. Canady, M.D.**

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



**John W. Canady, M.D.**

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# CONGRATULATIONS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FROM 2008 - 2014

The Board welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts



Kevin C. Chung,  
M.D.  
Ann Arbor, MI

Dr. Chung is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan, Section of Plastic Surgery. He is a hand and upper extremity surgeon with interests in the areas of rheumatoid arthritis, congenital hand problems, spinal cord injuries, nerve injuries, and complex fractures. Dr. Chung has served as a Council member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. He has published over 190 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, over 60 book chapters and is Editor of 6 textbooks relating to Hand Surgery and Plastic Surgery. He is the Deputy Editor for the Journal of Hand Surgery and is an Associate Editor for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He has an NIH R0-1 grant to conduct a multicenter clinical study on outcomes of joint replacement surgery for the rheumatoid hand, a R21 innovation grant for a national study on distal radius fractures, and a Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient Oriented Research from the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS). Dr. Chung currently serves at the University of Michigan as the Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs in which he oversees the welfare of over 800 faculty members in the instructional/tenure track.



Arun K. Gosain,  
M.D.  
Cleveland, OH

Dr. Gosain is the DeWayne Richey Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Plastic Surgery at the Case School of Medicine, where he serves as the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Plastic Surgery at the Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. He arrived at the Case School of Medicine in 2006 after serving on the faculty at the Medical College of Wisconsin from 2002 to 2006. He received his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine and then completed residencies in general surgery at the UCSF School of Medicine and UMDNJ Newark and plastic surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin, followed by fellowships in hand and microsurgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin and craniofacial surgery at NYU School of Medicine. Dr. Gosain currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, the Board of Directors of the ASPS/PSEF, and Chair of the Medical Advisory Board to the World Craniofacial Foundation. He is Past President of the Plastic Surgery Research Council, and he has served as Chair of the PSEF/ASAPS Committee on Maintenance of Certification, and Chair of the PSEF Senior Residents Conference Committee. He serves as Section Editor of Pediatrics/Craniofacial for *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery*. His clinical focus is on pediatric plastic surgery and craniofacial surgery, and his research focus is on cranial suture biology. Dr. Gosain has an interest in international plastic surgery and the provision of craniofacial care to children in underdeveloped nations.



Janice Savin-Williams  
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Mrs. Savin-Williams is a Co-founder and Senior Principal of The Williams Capital Group L.P. established in 1994 by Mrs. Savin-Williams and husband Christopher; Williams Capital is a full service investment banking firm that serves institutional investors and corporations worldwide in the fixed income and equity capital markets. Over the past seven years, Williams Capital has ranked among the top 20 most active underwriters of U.S. investment grade corporate debt. Mrs. Savin-Williams began her 25 year career on Wall Street with Shearson Lehman Brothers. She then became Vice President, taxable fixed income sales at Drexel Burnham Lambert, Inc. before joining The Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd. In her capacity, as Senior Principal at Williams Capital she is responsible for developing and servicing the firm's institutional fixed income relationships and evaluating strategic new business initiatives.

Mrs. Savin-Williams serves on the board of directors of Instructional Systems, Inc (ISI) a comprehensive workforce development company. She also sits on the board of directors of several not-for-profit organizations including The Fresh Air Fund, Women In Need and NAACP-ACTSO. Additionally, she is on the advisory board of Partnership with Children, The Brooklyn Prospect Charter School and a Corporate Club member of the Roundabout Theatre Company. Extremely active in the New York City civic and not-for-profit landscape Mrs. Savin-Williams received The African American Heritage Award from The City of New York, the Partnership with Children's 2004 Ann Vanderbilt Award and the 2004 Business Leadership Award of the New York State Supreme Court.



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Dr. Shannon is Professor Emeritus of Religion and Social Ethics in the Department of Humanities and Arts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. For several years he was an adjunct Professor of Moral Theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA. While at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he was Paris Fletcher Distinguished Professor of the Humanities from 1994-1996. In 1996, he was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters, Causa honoris from Quincy University, Quincy, IL In the 2006 Spring semester, he was the Goodwin-Philpott Eminent Scholar in the Department of Philosophy at Auburn University. From January 2007 to December 2007, he was the Paul E. McKeever Chair of Moral Theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John's University, Queens, NY. He has been a member of the Ethics Committee of Geisinger Hospital in Danville, PA since 2006. He is the author, co-author or editor of over 30 books and 50 articles in bioethics and Roman Catholic social justice. In 2003 and 2005, articles of his on stem cell research and just war theory published in *St. Anthony's Messenger* each won first prize in the general interest category from the Catholic Press Association. His most recent peer-reviewed publications addressed the following topics: Care at the End of Life; The Legacy of the Schiavo Case; Assisted Nutrition and Hydration; and Genetic Engineering and Nature.



Charles H. M.  
Thorne, M.D.  
New York, NY

Dr. Thorne is in private practice in New York City and is on the faculty of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at the NYU Medical Center. After graduating from Yale College, Dr. Thorne served in the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa. He then attended UCLA School of Medicine followed by Surgery training at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Plastic Surgery training at NYU and a Craniofacial Fellowship at NYU. Dr. Thorne joined the NYU faculty in 1989 and is Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery. He served in the capacity as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Bellevue Hospital for 10 years and Director of the NYU Plastic Surgery Residency for 10 years. Dr. Thorne has edited the 5th and 6th Editions of the Grabb and Smith *Plastic Surgery* textbook and currently serves on the Board of ASAPS and as Cosmetic Section Editor for the Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is past president of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Thorne's clinical practice focuses on cosmetic surgery and pediatric plastic surgery with a special interest in congenital ear deformities and microtia.

## Board Website

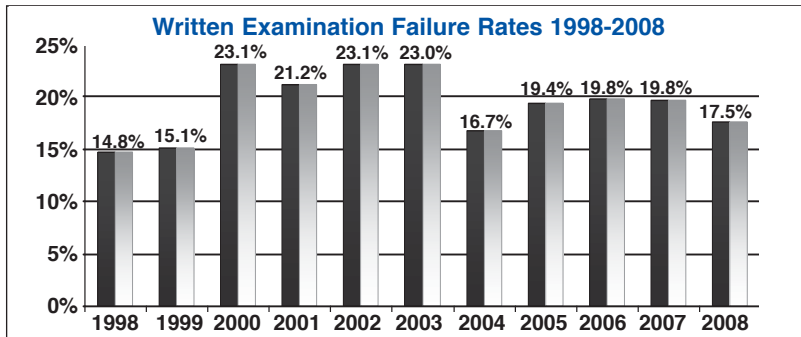
[www.abplsurg.org](http://www.abplsurg.org) is now the central location for all residents, candidates and diplomates activities. Log in via your physician profile to update contact information.

## Alert to Senior Partners About Advertising

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

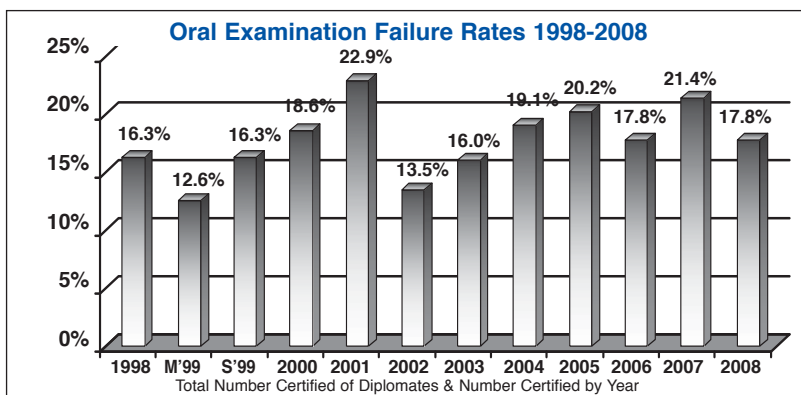
# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

## WRITTEN EXAMINATION



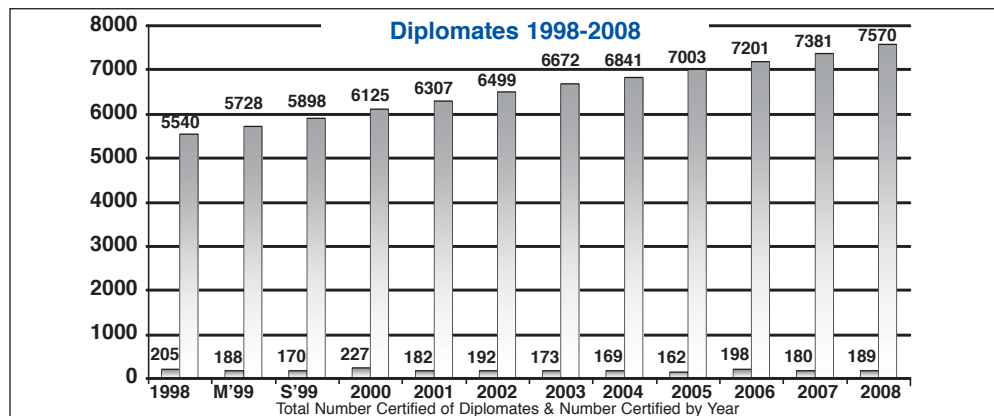
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
1998	420	358	62	14.8%
1999	265	225	40	15.1%
2000	242	186	56	23.1%
2001	241	190	51	21.2%
2002	242	186	56	23.1%
2003	230	177	53	23.0%
2004	214	178	36	16.7%
2005	237	191	46	19.4%
2006	242	195	48	19.8%
2007	235	189	46	19.6%
2008	251	207	44	17.5%

## ORAL EXAMINATION



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
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%
2002	222	192	30	13.5%
2003	206	173	33	16.0%
2004	209	169	40	19.1%
2005	203	162	41	20.2%
2006	241	198	43	17.8%
2007	229	180	49	21.4%
2008	230	189	41	17.8%

## DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED OVER 10 YEARS



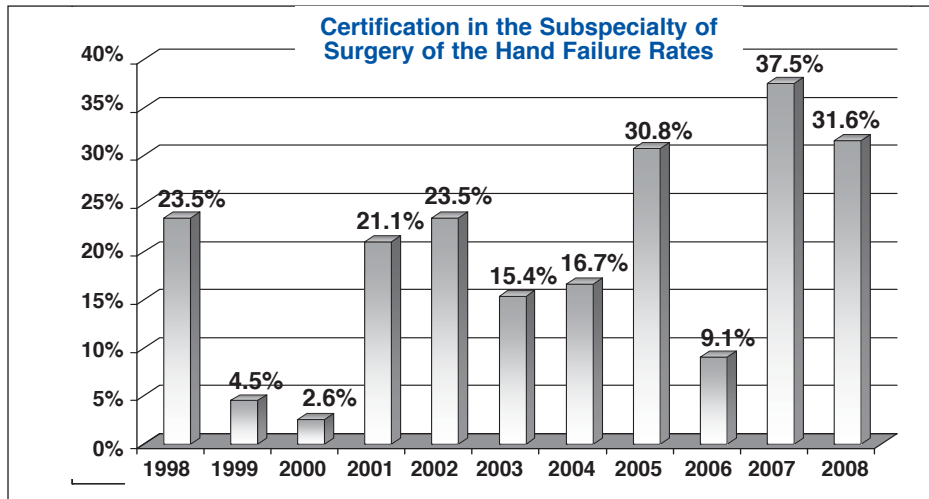
## MOC-PS PROGRAM EXAMINATION

Year	Total Takers	Pass	Fail	% Fail	MOC-PS with Surgery of the Hand Subcertification	Total # Completed MOC-PS Examination
2003	102	99	3	2.9%	4	103
2004	122	118	4	3.3%	11	129
2005	159	151	8	5.0%	5	156
2006	153	142	11	7.2%	15	157
2007	216	204	12	5.6%	20	224
2008	274	261	13	4.7%	8	269
ALL	1026	975	51	5.2%	63	1038



# EXAMINATION STATISTICS

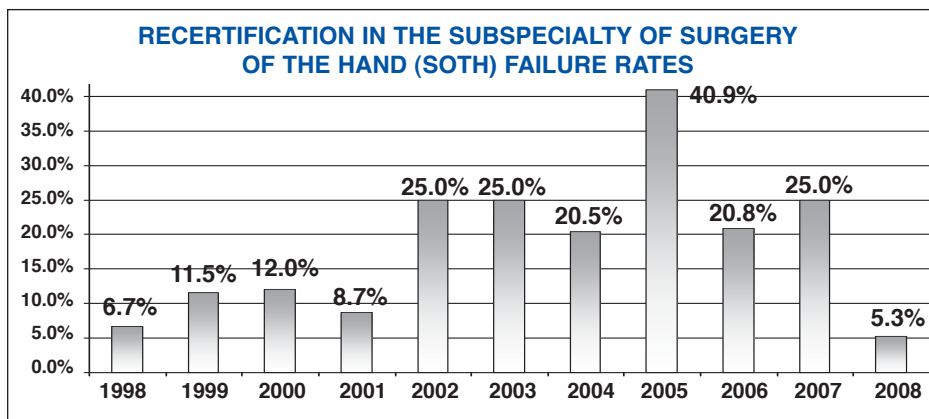
## CERTIFICATE IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND - SOTH



Certificate in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand SOTH

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
1998	17	13	4	23.5%
1999	22	21	1	4.5%
2000	39	38	1	2.6%
2001	19	15	4	21.1%
2002	17	13	4	23.5%
2003	13	11	2	15.4%
2004	18	15	3	16.7%
2005	13	9	4	30.8%
2006	11	10	1	9.1%
2007	8	5	3	37.5%
2008	19	16	6	31.6%

## CERTIFICATE OF RECERTIFICATION IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND - SOTH



RECERTIFICATION IN THE SUBSPECIALTY OF SURGERY OF THE HAND (SOTH)

YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
1998	15	14	1	6.7%
1999	26	23	3	11.5%
2000	25	22	3	12.0%
2001	23	21	2	8.7%
2002	28	21	7	25.0%
2003	28	21	7	25.0%
2004	44	35	9	20.5%
2005	22	13	9	40.9%
2006	24	19	5	20.8%
2007	32	24	8	25.0%
2008	19	18	1	5.3%

## 2008 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

### Maintenance of Certification Examination in Plastic Surgery (AOC-PS)

April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada (one day exam)

### Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

September 14, 2009, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada – Initial subcertification in Surgery of the Hand

September 14, 2009 through September 26, 2009 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination at Prometric Test Centers (one day exam)

### Written Examination

October 19, 2009, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

### Oral Examination

November 12, 13, 14, 2009, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - in Phoenix, Arizona

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

*The American Board of Plastic Surgery certified 189 diplomates in November 2008. To date the Board has certified 7,570 plastic surgeons. Result letters were mailed on December 30, 2008.*

Jayant Prasad Agarwal  
John William Antonetti  
Lauren Patrice Archer  
Saied Asfa  
Joyce Kim Aycock  
Dana Scott Balderrama  
James Christopher Banich  
Vivek Bansal  
Jaime Adolfo Bastidas  
Steven James Bates  
Della Colleen Bennett  
Laura Lorraine Bennett  
Craig B. Birgfeld  
Ioannis E. Bitzos  
Mark Francis Blake  
Jennifer Elizabeth Boll  
Darrell Brooks  
Lisa Danielle Brostrom  
Anthony Dominic Bruno II  
Jamal Morrisette Bullocks  
Brooke Alissa Burkey  
Antonio Busquets  
Jason Richard Cacioppo  
Troy Ezra Callahan  
D. J. Campbell  
Richard Vernon Cashio Jr.  
Stephanie A. Caterson  
Adil Ceydeli  
Eric Chang  
Te Ning Chang  
Alan H. Chen  
Elliott Ho Chen  
Lorri Cobbins  
Alvin Bayme Cohn  
Gerald Foster Conner  
Tracy Leigh Cordray  
Cameron Ryon Craven  
Catherine Mills Curtin  
Javier Jason Davila  
Michael Robert Davis  
Johnny Francisco Diaz  
Luis Miguel Diaz  
Vincent David DiNick  
Robert Charles Dinsmore  
Kamil Erfanian  
Benjamin David Eskra  
Jaleh Zahra Eslami  
Shahin Fazilat  
John Scott Ferguson  
Ryan Patrick Flannagan  
Ida Keiko Fox  
Joseph Andrew Franklin

Jeffrey Barton Friedrich  
Elliott Bruce Gagnon  
Jesus Adrian Garcia  
Andrew Kelly Gavagan  
Jessica Nguyen Gillespie  
Vetra Anete Gipson  
Matthew David Goodwin  
Ashley Elizabeth Gordon  
Arin K. Greene  
Negin Noorchashm Griffith  
Sarah Elizabeth Hagarty  
Terri Joyce Halperin  
Jeffrey Ashraf Hammoudeh  
Hongshik Han  
Scott Lee Hansen  
Marco Andrew Harmaty  
Ernesto Hayn  
Eric Robert Helling  
Terrence Bartholomew Higgins  
Jeffrey David Hoefflin  
Darrin M. Hubert  
Keith Andrew Hurvitz  
Lawrence Hal Iteld  
Timothy Andrew Janiga  
Reza Jarrahy  
Lisa Lynn Jewell  
Ricardo Juan Jimenez-Lee  
Jeffrey Alan Jones  
David Kamyong Kahng  
Gordon Marc Kaplan  
Jonathan Lowentritt Kaplan  
Raffy Leon Karamanoukian  
Sanjiv Kayastha  
Mohammad Khosravi  
Dana Khalid Khuthaila  
Richard Young-Jin Kim  
Bernard Joseph Kopchinski  
Peter Tobias Korn  
Joseph K. Ku  
Shankar Lakshman  
Kerry Patricia Latham  
Max Rudolph Lehfeltd  
Joshua Alexis Lemmon  
Mary Elizabeth Lester  
Richard Gordon Lewis Jr.  
Samuel Jui-Wen Lin  
John Anthony Logiudice Jr.  
Adam Lokeh  
Leonard Lu  
Keelee Joy MacPhee  
Pramit Sophat Malhotra  
Michele Ann Manahan

Samir Mardini  
Ian C. Marrero-Amadeo  
William Jason Martin  
Brandon Zelf Massey  
Dimitrios Panagiotis Mastorakos  
Michael Kenneth Matthew  
Michael Payne McConnell  
Bradley Davis Medling  
Jason Jay Miller  
Caroline Lee Min  
Edward Peter Miranda  
Daniel Most  
Kevin Douglas Myers  
Randall Phillip Nacamuli  
Charles Edwin Newman Jr.  
Michael Karim Newman  
Anthony Hung Nguyen  
Vu T. Nguyen  
Sacha Imran Obaid  
John Christopher Oeltjen  
Thaddeus Patrick O'Neill  
James Joseph Orman  
Delio P. Ortegon III  
Anke Ott-Young  
Andre Alan Panossian  
Christopher A. Park  
Edward Hyunjoon Park  
Thornwell Hay Parker III  
Sameer Anilkumar Patel  
Tushar R. Patel  
Nathan William Patterson  
Keyianoosh Zad Paydar  
Carl Benjamin Pearl  
David Wesley Person  
Silvio Podda  
Satish Ponnuru  
Louis David Potyondy  
Pablo Andres Prichard  
Praful M. Ramineni  
Jaime Marie Ranieri  
Adam Gates Ravin  
Vikram Revuri Reddy  
Robert Lynn Rodrigues  
Kevin Gordon Rose  
David Samuel Rosenberg  
John Louis Roussalis  
Shai Michael Rozen  
Rachel Anne Ruotolo  
Vasif Nurul Sabeeh  
Bauback Safa  
Ali Salim  
Asaad Hani Samra

Michel Charles Samson  
Nirav Babulal Savalia  
Timothy Gerard Schaefer  
Jeffrey Evan Schreiber  
Karl Anthony Schwarz  
Alina Dael Sholar  
Jeremy Adam Silk  
Elan Benjamin Singer  
James Mark Sledge  
Prashant Soni  
Amy McLean Sprole  
David Robert Steckler Jr.  
Jesse Adam Taylor  
Sumeet Sorel Teotia  
Joseph John Thornton  
Pankaj Tiwari  
Andrew Peter Trussler  
Glenn Vallecillos  
Mark Louis Venturi  
Anh Quoc Vu  
Jeremy Waldman  
Molly F. Walsh  
Tyler Russell Wayment  
Adam Bryce Weinfeld  
Cheryl Ann White  
Eric Howard Williams  
Ian Fitzsimmons Wilson  
Jonathan David Witzke  
Anna Ivanovna Wooten  
Eugene Chi-Hwa Wu  
Thomas Luen Yen  
Sung Won Yoon  
Luis Alberto Zapiach

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DIPLOMATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (MOC-PS)

In April 2008, 261 diplomates successfully completed the MOC-PS cognitive examination in addition to 8 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 1,038 diplomates have been recertified including 63 via SOTH.

John Steven Aker  
Rojan Amjadi  
Andrew Paul Amunategui  
Robert Vahan Anooshian  
Pamela Marie Antoniuk  
Deanna Marie Armstrong  
Gregory Francis Asuncion  
Rafael Antonio Avila  
Andrew Won Hyok Bae  
Adam Lawrence Basner  
Munish Kumar Batra  
David Harris Bauer  
Semira Bayati  
Elisabeth Kirstin Beahm  
Theodore Adam Behar  
Thomas Henry Beird  
Prosper Benhaim\*  
Ashish Kumar Bhattacharya  
Jed Reed Bindrup  
Thomas Randall Blanchard  
Luciano Boemi  
Jonathan Charles Boraski  
Earl Edward Breazeale, Jr.  
Karl Heinz Breuing  
David Raymond Broadway  
Wilfred Brown  
Robert Charles Buckley\*  
Susan Kelly Buenaventura  
Ross Edward Bunch  
William Roger Burden  
Charles Edward Butler  
Michael Bradley Calobrace  
Joseph Vincent Cannova, Jr.  
Cary Christopher Canoun  
Peter Joseph Capizzi  
Todd Carleton Case  
Walter Harry Caulfield, III  
Paul Stephen Cederna  
James Chang  
Dion DeBro Chavis  
Mihye Choi  
Lavinia Karen Chong  
Jeffrey Scott Church  
Kirk Anthony Churukian  
Michael Edward Ciaravino  
Stephanie Meryl Cohen  
Christopher G. Constance  
Mary Ann C. Contogiannis  
Donald Ray Conway  
Matthew Scott Coons  
Benjamin Cooper  
Stephanie A. Cooper-Vastola  
Ralph Foster Cozart  
Thomas Gordon Crabtree  
Douglas Ted Cromack  
Kimberly Jensen D'Amore  
Howard Dash  
Kevin Francis Degnan  
Alexander George Digenis  
Joseph James Disa  
Patricia Lynn Eby  
Mark Howard Edelman  
Michael Carey Edwards  
Bruce Shelby Eich, III  
Judy Ann Emanuele  
Barry Lynn Eppley  
Willis Goodrich Eshbaugh, Jr.  
Steve Robert Fallek

Gregory Malcolm Fedele  
Timothy Edward Fee  
David Alan Femovich  
Thomas G. S. Fiala  
Beverly Anne Fischer  
Francis Xavier Fleming  
Lauren Opal Florence  
Arthur Edmon Flynn  
Joseph Peter Foderio  
Bryan George Forley  
Douglas Lee Forman  
Paul Francisco Fortes  
Williefred Mercado Fortes  
Joseph Anthony Franco  
Mitchell Alex Fremling\*  
Robert Michael Freund  
Tom Tracey Gallaher  
Ralph Ronald Garramone, Jr.  
Jack Jay Gelman  
Robert Lewis Gerding  
Douglas Lawrence Gervais  
Deniz James Gocken  
Lorraine Marie Golosow  
Mike Edward Gonce  
Neal Lewis Gorlick  
John Henry Grant, III  
Mark William Greene  
Dale Joseph Guillory  
O. Allen Guinn, III  
Farris Farid Gulli  
Barry Stuart Handler  
Harry Theodore Haramis  
Larry Lee Harper  
Stephen Uri Harris  
Melinda Jo Haws  
Dawn Marie Heil  
Jennifer Marie Hein  
Tad Reeve Heinz  
Haideh Hirmand  
George Richard Hoerr  
Dallas William Homas  
Michael Lee Hoops  
Kevin Sarsfield Hopkins  
James Spencer Hoyt  
William Steven Hughes  
Robert Paul Hummel, III  
Ron Israeli  
Thomas Logan Jackson  
Adil Abdul Wahid Kabeer  
Bruce Behrooz Kadz  
Charles Richard Kays  
Melek Ronald Kayser  
Erin Marie Kennedy  
Charles Willis Kessler  
Kyeong-Hee Alexander Kim  
David Scott Kirn  
Richard Eugene Kirschner  
William Francis Kivett  
Suresh Koneru  
Jonathan David Kramer  
Michael David Lado  
Khoa Duc Lai  
Bruce Norman Landon  
Patrick Walter Lappert  
Mark Duane Larson  
Alex N. Lechtman  
Elizabeth Slass Lee  
Mark Hatley Leech

Jean-Francois Lefairve  
Dennis Eugene Lenhart  
Salvatore Carmine Lettieri  
Therese-Anne Lien-Phuong  
LeVan  
Jocelyn Elizabeth Leveque  
Charles David Long  
JoAnne Marie Lopes  
Hermann Peter Lorenz  
William George Loutfy  
Susan Lovelle-Allen  
James Emmett Lovett, III  
Douglas Joseph Mackenzie  
Thomas Donald McKim  
Ibrahim Antoun Melki  
Roberto Juan Mendez  
Jorge Luis Menendez  
Gregory Todd Mesna  
Stephen Eric Metzinger  
Bryan Joseph Michelow  
Louis Mark Miller  
Scott Randall Miller  
Stephen Maxwell Milner  
Douglas Marlon Monasebian  
Felice Pearl Moody  
Christopher Joseph Morea  
Gerard Charles Mosiello  
David Michael Mosier  
Martin Jeffrey Moskovitz  
Richard Alan Mouchantat  
Reid Vance Mueller  
Lisa Cleopatra Murcko  
James Daniel Namnoum  
Rahul Kumar Nath  
Charles Robert Nathan  
Thanh Ngoc Nguyen  
Thuy Thanh Nguyen  
Nicholas Richard Nikolov  
Allisyn Okawa  
Wayne Hideo Ozaki  
Steven Edwin Ozeran  
John Marg Pagan-Padilla  
Fu-shih Pan  
Shaun Delaney Parson  
Pravin-Kumar Kantilal Patel  
Vincent Joseph Perrotta  
Carlton James Perry  
Lucy Elizabeth Peterson  
Marcus Lloyd Peterson  
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John Mathews Pitman, III  
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Clara Maria Rivera  
James Thomas Robison, IV  
Heather Lynne Rocheford  
John David Rosdeutscher  
Lawrence Ira Rosenberg  
Bennett Charles Rothenberg  
Eric Scott Rothenberg

Jane Marie Rowley  
Arlene Anne Rozzelle  
George Henry Rudkin  
Rudolph Scott Runnels, Jr.  
Frank Harry Ryan  
Alesia Patera Saboeiro  
Paul Gregori Saccone  
Amnon Eric Sadeh  
Edgar Flores Saldana  
Kian Jan Samimi  
Sominder Singh Sandhu  
Michele Toby Sasmor  
Cameron Sherwood Schaeffer  
Susan Maria Schneider  
Raymond Michael Seballos  
Steven Paul Seidel  
Jeffery Wayne Seitzinger  
Thomas Sena  
Scott Clark Sessions  
Joseph H. Shin  
Kimberly Kennan Short  
John Venoble Shufflebarger\*  
Bernard Alan Shuster  
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Thomas Joseph Steffe  
Alan Lee Stephens  
Yongsook Victoria Suh  
Richard Wellington Swift, Jr.  
Leonard Tachmes  
Helen Elizabeth Tadjalli  
Andres Taleisnik\*  
Michael Blair Tantillo  
Anne Taylor  
Lisa Danele Taylor  
Noel Scott Tenenbaum  
Mayer Tenenhaus  
Sarvam Purush TerKonda  
Conrad Joseph Tirre  
Sarah Craig Troxel  
Todd Michael VanYe  
Oscar Alberto Vargas  
Michael Dean Vistnes  
Steve Thuan Vu  
Peter Tzu-Hsiung Wang  
Richard John Wassermann  
James Paul Watson  
Harold James Webb  
Robert Alan Weber\*  
Stephen Seville West\*  
Joel Alfred Williams, III  
John Leonard Williams, Jr.  
Steven Dean Williams  
Richard Mark Winters  
Jamie Robert Wisser  
Rena Sophie Wong  
Kerri Michelle Woodberry  
James Patrick Worrell  
Paul John Wotowic  
Soheil Sean Younai  
Sergio Martin Zamora  
Richard Stephen Zeri  
Jozef Zoldos\*

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

In 2008, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 13 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 18 diplomates in SOTH. To date the Board has certified 603 diplomates and has recertified 244 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

## DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2008

Walter Ting-Yu Chang  
Andrew Chen  
Douglas Howard Chaucer  
Luke Chin  
Richard Brannon Claytor  
Ramon Alberto DeJesus  
John Robert Griffin  
Ravi Veeramasuneni  
Kiran  
Scott David Lifchez  
Richard Thomas Martin  
Tracy Evelyn McCall  
Sheel Sharma  
Scott Matthew Shumway  
Nicholas Joseph Speziale

## Diplomates Recertified in Hand Surgery in 2008

Prosper Benhaim  
Steven Lowell Bernard  
Mark Antony Brzezienski  
Robert Charles Buckley  
Marjorie Lynn Bush  
Michael Dale DePriest  
Gregory Ara Dumanian  
Mitchell Alex Fremling  
Michael Felix Freshwater  
David Wayne Friedman  
Raymond Vincent Janevicius  
Richard Charles Sherwood  
James Benjamin Stafford, IV  
Andres Taleisnik  
John William Toye  
Robert Alan Weber, Jr.  
Stephen Seville West  
Jozef Zoldos

## MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS) PROGRAM

### The 5 Steps to MOC-PS® Success

#### PA-PS Module - Professional Standing – Application - Case List – Exam

► In each of years 3, 6 AND 9, complete:

**STEP 1** One Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) Module which requires the diplomate to:

- Select one of 20 Tracer procedures available.
- Enter data on-line from 10 consecutive cases of a single tracer procedure such as breast reduction or carpal tunnel.
- Review benchmarking report.
- Complete the Action Plan for Improvement.
- Complete an MOC-approved educational activity aligned with the tracer procedure such as one of the 20 MOC-approved PRS on-line articles or one of the MOC courses held at the national meetings.

**STEP 2** Professional Standing Update which requires diplomates to:

- List medical license, hospital privileges, outpatient facilities, society membership and peer evaluations.
- Upload the CME summary report(s) for the current and previous CME cycles from the ASPS website, or upload CME documentation confirming CME's from 1/1/2006-12/1/2009.

► In year 7, 8 OR 9:

**STEP 3** Finalize the on-line application with required documentation.

**STEP 4** Submit the six month case list on the Board's Clinical Case Log website.

► In year 8, 9 OR 10:

**STEP 5** Successfully complete the 200-question computer based exam. Diplomates may purchase the MOC-PS® CD Study Guide from ASPS to prepare for the examination.

**NOTE:** The Board Office will send mailings and e-mail notices to the applicable diplomates prior to any deadlines. Be sure that your e-mail address is updated on your Physician Profile.

Diplomates certified in 2000, 2001 and 2002 are eligible to submit the on-line application and case collection for the April 2010 MOC-PS Examination. The application and case collection must both be finalized by September 2, 2009.

Diplomates certified in 2000, 2003 and 2006 are required to finalize the MOC-PS Activities by December 1, 2009.

E-mail to [info@abplsurg.org](mailto:info@abplsurg.org) if you did not receive your MOC information for 2009-2010. Once the MOC-PS requirements are met in any calendar year, look for the ability to download the following:

- 1-Confirmation of Participation letter;
- 2-Certificate verifying the MOC-PS requirements have been met; and
- 3-The ABMS MOC Starmark logo. This logo may be used on your website, letterhead, advertisements and business cards.



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American Board of Plastic Surgery  
Certification Matters

## REVOKED CERTIFICATES

The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. In 2008 the following five ABPS certificates were revoked.

Kamal Fouad Aboulhosn, M.D.	(WA)
Albert G. Little, M.D.	(MD)
James Joseph Reardon, M.D.	(NY)
Ian Michael Rubins, M.D.	(now deceased)
Robert Paul Sengelmann, M.D.	(MO)

To date, a total of 62 certificates have been revoked.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABPS

Help the Board keep our records up to date. Enter your change of address via your physician profile by logging in to [www.abplsurg.org](http://www.abplsurg.org).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABMS

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

The American Board of Medical Specialties  
1007 Church Street, Suite 404  
Evanston, Illinois 60201  
Attention: Database Department  
Fax Number: 847-328-3596

## THE BOARD'S TRADEMARKED LOGO

The use of the Board's Logo is not permitted for any purpose. Diplomates should remove this logo from all practice websites. The ASPS web developers have been notified of this policy. The Board appreciates the cooperation of all diplomates.



## NEWSLETTERS ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

This and past years Newsletters are posted on the Board's website. The Booklets of Information are published annually and contains the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the certification, MOC-PS and SOTH processes.

## 2009 DIPLOMATE DUES AND MOC-PS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Enclosed is one of two forms for reference: a 2009 Diplomate Dues Remittance Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders (certified before 1994 and earlier) or the 2009 MOC-PS Annual Contribution Form for Time Limited Certificate Holders (certified 1995 -2008).

**Time-limited Certificate Holders** – The MOC-PS Annual Contribution of \$200.00 is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates who are participating in the MOC-PS Program. Log in to your physician profile to complete the form online 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 ID number which can be found on the remittance form. Your password is your last name (this is case sensitive, first letter should be capitalized, e.g., Smith.)

**Lifetime Certificate Holders** – The Diplomate Dues of \$200.00 is requested of lifetime certificate holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS. Credit Card payment is preferred for remittance. However, if necessary you can complete the form and forward a check for \$200.00 made payable to **The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.** and return to the Board Office by April 15, 2009.

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