



NEWSLETTER

Annual Newsletter To Diplomates ■ April 2017

Chair Report

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In the Public Trust

“The mission of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. is to promote safe, ethical, 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.”

2016 witnessed big changes as the Board implemented the ideas from the strategic planning retreat held in May last year. The Oral Examination Committee, under Dr. Joseph E. Losee, made progress to a paperless Oral Examination. The directors have worked hard to standardize the Oral Examination so that all candidates receive an equitable examination. All Board directors participate in an annual standard setting exercise that has helped define the appropriate passing standard. The Written Examination Committee, under Dr. Charles N. Verheyden, has continued to refine and update an already reliable test. The MOC Committee, under Dr. Paul S. Cederna, continued its work towards making MOC user-friendly and meaningful.

The whole issue of MOC remains contentious and once again will be the focus of this Chair’s update. I will briefly summarize what many of our diplomates already know. The American Board of Plastic Surgery (ABPS) is one of 24 specialty boards represented on the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). All 24 ABMS boards agree that issuing a single certificate to diplomates who pass the board examinations at the completion of their training does not give the public the assurance that their surgeon is current or competent.

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Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is the means we now use to provide the public with that assurance. MOC includes components of 1) professionalism; 2) lifelong learning; 3) assessment of knowledge; and 4) practice improvement. Each ABMS board is permitted to develop its own specific structure within this framework. It is important to stress that our ABPS board certification and MOC is self-administered. Your peers decide on the content and set the standards that determine what it means to be a board certified plastic surgeon in good standing. In most other countries, government bodies administer these functions.

The whole concept of MOC has come under fire. The anti-MOC forces are now a threat to the ABMS and the entire board structure as we know it today. This would be a real problem for plastic surgery. The ABPS is the only board in the ABMS that contains the words “plastic surgery” in the title.

Diplomates of certain other boards have valid concerns. Some large boards with multiple subspecialties produce only one MOC examination without the choice of any subspecialty modules. Additionally, these broad-based examinations have up to a 25% failure rate. The topics covered in these examinations are essentially the same as the initial certification examination.

The ABPS decided from the beginning to design the 10-year examination as an educational experience. The directors and advisory council members created four subspecialty modular examinations. Our diplomates select the examination that reflects their current practice. Furthermore, the Board has worked with the The American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) and the Plastic Surgery Education Network (PSEN) to develop study guides with a comprehensive set of questions, including the questions that make up the MOC Examination. The questions in the study guide are carefully selected to reflect current practice and recent advances in plastic surgery. They are also selected to be relevant to a surgeon who has been in practice

for 10 years or longer. Questions on irrelevant biochemistry or embryology are not part of the MOC Examination.

Some boards have been criticized for the salaries paid to their directors and executive directors. Your Board directors are all volunteers. Only travel and accommodation for Board business is reimbursed. Although not tied to any scale, the ABPS Executive Director is reimbursed at a level that approximates the 50th percentile of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) benchmark for academic plastic surgeons at the rank of professor, prorated to a 0.6 FTE which reflects the time he spends doing Board business. Your Board does not own any apartments in Philadelphia, private jet contracts (Net Jet) or have any offshore bank accounts!

Some boards have opened themselves up to criticism of hypocrisy by not requiring their directors to be current with MOC or even currently practicing their specialty. Your Board has always insisted that all directors must be practicing plastic surgeons that are up to date with all MOC requirements. All ABPS examiners have to be current with MOC and our societies have encouraged MOC participation, especially for the leadership positions. When MOC was introduced, the Board directors considered requiring all ABPS certified plastic surgeons to participate. The ABMS rules were such that anyone certified before 1995 could be “grandfathered in” but were not required to participate in MOC. The Board certificate is essentially a contract. Since certificates issued prior to 1995 did not include an end date, they are considered in force for a lifetime. Many of your colleagues who were certified before 1995 have nevertheless elected to participate.

The ABPS relies on the revenue generated by the Written and Oral Examinations and MOC Program to fulfill our functions. This year, we have decided to “open the books.” Our Executive Director, Dr. Keith E. Brandt, provides a financial report in this newsletter to outline the costs of

running the ABPS and the budgeting for the initiatives that include online case submissions, tablets and support for a completely paperless Oral Examination and plans to enable our diplomates to take the MOC Examination at home on their own computers.

You will see from the financial report that we operate with a reserve of 1.5 times our annual operating expenses. This is a very conservative target for an organization like ours. Smaller boards like the ABPS do not have the luxury to spread costs across a large number of diplomates, so at this stage our fees are high compared to the larger ABMS boards. Having said that, our philosophy is to cover the operational expenses, keep a responsible reserve in case of unforeseen problems and then pass any savings on to our diplomates. We have already reduced fees for the MOC Examination, tracer procedures and the annual contribution. Further reductions will occur as the number of diplomates participating in MOC increases.

Your Board is committed to keeping our operational costs down. In 2012, the ABPS brought the Written Examination question-writing process and examination development in-house, which had been done through the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) for many years. This required an initial \$60,000 investment but has realized a savings of \$20,000 per annum. The Board will not build any big reserve as other boards have done. In taking this unprecedented step and publishing the financial details, the Board felt strongly that you, our diplomates, deserve this degree of transparency. The ABPS directors are your colleagues. We were nominated and elected to the ABPS by you from our societies. We are you. We are committed to doing our best to ensure the public trust so that your ABPS certification means something.

Terry M. Cullison, RN, MSN has announced she will be retiring at the end of June 2017.

I cannot overstate the incredible contribution Terry Cullison has made over the last 20 years as our Administrator and COO. Terry has been the constant steady force through all the changes in our certification process, the advent and implementation of MOC, bringing the Written Examination development in-house and numerous planning retreats. She has worked with two Executive Directors, 20 Board Chairs and nearly 70 directors. She is incredibly efficient, ridiculously hard working, always willing and does everything with good grace and cheer. It is hard to imagine the Board without her. I know I join all of you in wishing Terry everything of the best in her retirement.

Fortunately, Terry has established a highly effective team in the Board Office. Melissa Karch who has been part of the team for the past 10 years will be assuming Terry's role in July. Melissa was the Board's first MOC Coordinator in 2007 and in 2012, assumed the role of the Test Development Manager/Examination Editor.

This is the first full year that Dr. Keith E. Brandt has been Executive Director. He has done an outstanding job on your behalf in filling Dr. Barry Noone's oversized shoes.

On a sad note, we lost a great leader and personal friend when Dr. Michael F. McGuire died on November 14, 2016. Mike completed his six-year term on the Board last year. He made seminal contributions in leadership positions throughout organized Plastic Surgery. As Chair of the ABPS Ethics Committee, Mike put an exclamation point on the Board's efforts to foster a culture of ethics. The PSF has established the "Dr. Michael McGuire Leadership Fund" as a fitting tribute to his service to our specialty. Donations can be made online at the following site, <http://www.thepsf.org/donate/dr-michael-mcguire-leadership-fund.htm>.

From the Executive Director

Keith E. Brandt, M.D.

The Work and Cost of Running the Board



BACKGROUND

The American Board of Plastic Surgery was established in 1937. The Board Office was located in St. Louis, Missouri until it finally established a permanent residence in Philadelphia in 1979. Initially the ABPS shared office space with the American Board of Surgery (ABS) but as it grew in size, the Board eventually moved to separate office space down the street in Philadelphia in 1989. Despite the huge task of creating and administering eight different exams each year (Written Examination, Oral Examination, five modular MOC Examinations and the Hand Subspecialty Examination) the Board Office is staffed with only six full-time employees and one part-time employee. Anyone who has interacted with the Board Office knows that the staff is customer-oriented, and quickly provides knowledgeable information. The current long term employees have a combined 90 years of experience. The Executive Director position of the ABPS is considered a 0.6 FTE. The Board requires that the Executive Director maintain an active practice in Plastic Surgery to remain knowledgeable in the demands of the average plastic surgeon.

The remainder of the Board functions are carried out by three different groups of volunteers. The Board includes 18 Directors who each serve a term of six years; a Chair of the Board; two public members; and a representative from the American Board of Surgery (ABS). Assisting the Board is the ABPS Advisory Council

which is composed of specialists in the fields of Hand, Reconstructive, Craniomaxillofacial and Cosmetic Surgery. These volunteers lend their expertise by creating and reviewing questions for the exams. The third group is the Oral Board Examiners. The Oral Examination (OE) requires an army of 110 examiners who examine approximately 240 candidates each year in November. Each examiner must have been Board Certified for at least seven years, be current in MOC and have attended the Board's Oral Examiner training course prior to their first examiner role. New examiners are always paired with a more senior examiner for several years before being considered for promotion to Senior Examiner. All of these individuals serve without any compensation except for travel expenses and room and board during the ABPS meetings. The ABPS certifies approximately 160 to 200 new diplomates each year. In addition, the Board certifies approximately 20 to 35 new individuals in the Sub-Specialty of Hand Surgery each year.

The ABPS is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) which is a federation of the 24 specialty boards. In the late 1970's, the ABMS established guidelines for Recertification by all the Boards. ABPS initiated dated certificates in 1995. Realizing that assessment of knowledge every 10 years was not enough to assure the safe practice of medicine by certified physicians, the ABMS added components for professionalism, life-long learning and practice improvement. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) replaced

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Recertification in the 90's as the new standard for safe, knowledgeable professional physicians. Currently, diplomates with dated certificates who are required to participate in MOC comprise approximately 66% of all practicing Board Certified plastic surgeons.

The medical profession has imposed on itself the duty to self-regulate since the origin of certification in 1916. The greatest advantage of the ABMS board system is that each specialty is regulated by fellow specialists, unlike the governmental licensing system where specialty oversight is largely coincidental. If the profession were to abandon self-regulation, the alternative would almost certainly be governmental regulations with global mandates that would definitely be more onerous and less specialty specific than the current system. Each volunteer Director, Examiner, Question Writer, and Advisory Council member is required to participate in the MOC process to retain their current role with the ABPS.

LOGISTICS

So what does it take to create the eight examinations the ABPS administers each year? The Written Examination (WE) provides a straightforward example. Questions for the WE come from several sources including current Directors, Advisory Council members and Nominees to the Board. The questions are entered into an online examination development software program. Reviewers and writers interact with the questions online until they are considered final. Prior to being added to the examination item bank, the questions are again reviewed and modified during a face-to-face session held during the ABPS Semi-Annual Meeting each November. The examination development software is then used to extract enough questions to fulfill specific percentages of certain topics based on the ABPS examination curriculum blueprint.

The selected examination is then reviewed sev-

eral times by multiple subject matter experts to identify duplicate or competing questions. Once finalized, the examination form is forwarded to Prometric Inc. for dissemination to their testing centers. After Prometric has uploaded the examination, one last final review is done to confirm formatting.

Concurrent with the creation of the examination, the Board Office staff is reviewing approximately 250 applications submitted for the WE each year. Applications are reviewed for training completion; program director approval; licensure; ethics violations; and eligibility requirements.

The MOC Examinations follow a similar production pattern except that five different modular examinations have to be created. In recognition of the subspecialization within our specialty, the Board creates different examinations for Cosmetic, Hand, Craniomaxillofacial, and Comprehensive Plastic Surgery. A Core examination is also produced and included in each module for all diplomates regardless of subspecialty. For such a small Board these five examinations require challenging production schedules but offer a huge benefit for the diplomates.

Preparation for the Oral Examination (OE) actually begins 14 to 16 months prior to the examination date with the selection of the Theory and Practice (T&P) cases based on the established ACGME Milestones for Plastic Surgery. The selected T&P cases are then assigned to appropriate specialists from the OE committee for creation of the scripted questions and desired responses. The OE committee meets via webinar several times throughout the year to refine the questions and desired responses. The examiners and the OE committee meet for four hours the evening before the examination to review the cases and discuss guidelines for scoring each case.

Concurrent with this process, candidates are entering all of their cases into an online case log program for nine months. In May, the case logs are disseminated to the OE committee for selection of the cases to be presented by the candidates. In July and August, the candidates upload the materials required for each case to an online database. After the candidate cases are uploaded and our web vendor combines all five cases for each candidate, the examiners then access the cases to insure that the necessary documentation is present to be able to conduct an examination. The examiners then have six weeks to review the case books and design appropriate examination questions. Starting this year, the Theory and Practice cases will be delivered on tablets, improving image quality and adding functionality. As of 2017, gone are the years of the hard copy case books.

COSTS

It's easy to see that the functions of the Board overlap in many ways. The Board Office staff currently includes 6.5 full-time employees plus part-time IT support and the occasional temporary help. All staff members are cross-trained to handle essentially all activities, so that during unusually heavy times, everyone can contribute regardless of their usual assignments. Total 2016 office overhead costs including wages, insurance, worker's comp insurances, taxes, director liability coverage, rent, legal, accounting, insurance, printing, and ABMS dues, was \$1,655,913. Travel for our volunteer examiners to attend the examinations and for directors to attend the Board meetings was \$269,683. Many web-based Board software programs overlap and contribute to all four examination programs (WE, OE, MOC, Hand). These software programs include the website for publishing certification and examination information, resident tracking, candidate registration, databases for candidate and diplomate archiving, examina-

tion creation and content housing, OE case log archiving and reviewing, MOC tracer procedure databases, OE case log databases and MOC status databases. Total annual cost for development, updating and maintenance was \$278,387. Examination administration costs include: testing centers for the WE and MOC Examinations, psychometric analysis, proctors, examination travel and certificate production totaling \$455,557.

The ABPS maintains only 1.5 times its operations budget in reserves which is the 5th lowest of the 24 member boards. All boards have fixed costs. The smaller boards are disadvantaged because they have fewer diplomates over which to distribute the costs. There is no economy of scale for the small number of test takers. ABPS has only 6,700 active diplomates, ranking as the 8th smallest board. The largest board has 236,000 diplomates.

Your Board, the ABPS, is constantly working to identify opportunities to decrease the burden of time and cost to the diplomates while still maintaining a program that would withstand the scrutiny of the government and the public. The ABPS is lean and resourceful while remaining responsive to its diplomates. The ABPS welcomes feedback from its diplomates and has incorporated the input from the last two MOC diplomate surveys into its strategic planning. Diplomates can expect further enhancements to the ABPS MOC program in the next few years including Internet Based Examinations conducted in the privacy of your home or office. Thoughtful comments, suggestions, or inquiries may be forwarded to the Board at info@abplasticsurgery.org.

ABPS CONSUMER SEARCH - "IS YOUR PLASTIC SURGEON ABPS CERTIFIED?"

The Board's website www.abplasticsurgery.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, not including retired, Lifetime Certificate Holders currently enrolled in MOC-PS®.

In July 2016 the Board added a "license action" alert in addition to certification status. A

link to the Federation of State Medical Board website is provided for detailed information www.docinfo.org. Diplomates with confirmed state medical board actions such as probation, conditions, restrictions, or monitoring requirements were notified of this new reporting process. Diplomates were instructed to inform the Board once the action is resolved.

ABPS website searches increase each year with an average of 58,000 per year. An additional 2,600 consumers contact the Board Office by phone or email to verify certification of plastic surgeons. ABMS also verifies certification at www.certificationmatters.org.

Suspension of Certification and Consumer Reporting

The Board added the status of "Suspended" to the public reporting of diplomate certification based on State Medical Board sanctions.

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 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 who completed residency before 2012 who are still 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 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 Extended Admissibility Application after eight years is exhausted in the examination process. The full policy is posted on the Board's website under Policies.

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2016 – 2017 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. This year the Board expanded the number of Advisory Council members to aid with the work of the Board.

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. would like to acknowledge the Advisory Council members for their dedication, hard work and significant contributions throughout the year. In 2016, the Advisory Council members edited items for the Written Examination and attended the annual Item Review Session. They also participated in the Standard Setting Exercise for the MOC Examination which contributes to the validity of the examination administration.

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News from the Secretary-Treasurer

Joseph J. Disa, 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

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Michael F. McGuire, M.D.2010-2016

Santa Monica, CA

It is with great sadness to report that Dr. McGuire passed away in November 2016

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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. ABPS diplomates are indeed a unique group with a bright future, thanks to you.

In Recognition

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

2017 WRITTEN EXAMINATION ITEM WRITERS

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NEW BOARD CERTIFICATES



The Board is pleased to announce the updated, larger, more colorful ABPS certificate. The Board welcomed the 2016 new diplomate class with this new ABPS certificate. The wording on the certificate remains the same. In June, the Board will accept requests for this new certificate. If you wish to order, please send a check for \$145.00 made payable to ABPS and indicate exactly how you wish your name to appear on the certificate. Allow at least six to ten weeks for the new certificate to arrive. Orders will be submitted at the end of each month. Note that the current Board Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director signatures appear on the certificate.

RENEWAL CERTIFICATES

Renewal certificates are mailed December 1st of the expiration year rather than at the completion of the MOC-PS® examination. **All MOC-PS® requirements must be met for diplomates to receive a new certificate.** Look for frequent e-mail reminders regarding outstanding requirements. Since 2015 original certification dates are included on all MOC certificates.

BOARD WEBSITE

Visit the Board's website at www.abplasticsurgery.org for the following:

- Booklets of Information published annually that contain the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the initial certification, MOC-PS® and Hand Surgery processes.
- Annual Newsletters to Diplomates are archived in the diplomate tab.
- Address Changes should be updated on the physician profile
- Board's 75th Anniversary History Presentation.

Advertising

Effective January 1, 2017, the Board approved that candidates may advertise "board eligible" while in the ABPS examination process after receiving an application approval letter. The term "board eligible" may be used until admissibility to the ABPS examination process expires. Candidates and diplomates are NOT permitted to use the Board's Logo.

The Board welcomes its diplomates to report any false, misleading or deceptive advertising to the Board Office. For example, use of the Board's trademarked logo on a website.



THE BOARD'S TRADEMARKED LOGO – Not permitted for use

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

THE ABMS STARMARK LOGO

The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Starmark® logo is allowed for use by each diplomate who participates in the MOC® program. A sample of the Starmark® logo is below. The Board encourages those who qualify to use the logo on public communications such as letterhead, websites, etc. Logo files are available for download on the MOC landing page.



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Congratulations!

ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD FROM 2016 - 2022

The Board welcomes the following New Directors elected in May 2016 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Debra J. Johnson M.D.
Sacramento, CA

Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine
Plastic Surgery Residency: Stanford University Hospitals
Fellowships: Rhinoplasty, Clinica Planas, Barcelona, Spain and Hand and Microsurgery, Institute Francais de la Main, Paris, France
Current Academic Appointment: Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery, University of California, Davis
Administrative Title: Director, Sutter Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies Panel
Leadership and Editorial Positions: President, American Society of Plastic Surgeons; Past-President, California Society of Plastic Surgeons; Reviewer: PRS, Annals of Plastic Surgery, Aesthetic Surgery Journal
Board Certification: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 1991, MOC-PS 2006 and 2016



Michael W. Neumeister, M.D.
Springfield, IL

Medical School: University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Internship: Toronto East General Hospital, Ontario, Canada
General Surgery Residency: Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Plastic Surgery Residency: Manitoba University, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Fellowships: Microsurgery/Hand at Harvard, Brigham, Women's Hospital, Boston, MA and Microsurgery/Hand at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL
Current Academic Appointments: Professor and Chair Department of Surgery, Chief, Institute for Plastic Surgery, Director, Hand Fellowship Program, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, Springfield, IL
Leadership & Editorial: Director, Memorial Medical Center Regional Burn Unit, Co-Director, Memorial Medical Center, Wound Center, Editor-in-Chief "HAND", Trustee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Immediate Past President, American Association for Hand Surgery, Board Member, SIU HealthCare, Springfield, IL, Board Member, Memorial Health Systems, Springfield, IL
Board Certifications: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery 2005, MOC-PS 2015, Hand Surgery 2006, Recertification in Hand Surgery 2015, Fellow, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 1995



James E. Zins, M.D.
Cleveland, OH

Medical School: University of Pennsylvania
General Surgery Residency: The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Plastic Surgery Residency: The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Fellowship: Craniofacial, The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Maxillofacial Surgery, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Honorary Research Fellow, Surgery Unit University College Hospital
Current Academic Appointment: Professor, Department of Surgery, Cleveland Clinic
Administrative Titles: Chairman, Department of Plastic Surgery, Cleveland Clinic
Leadership and Editorial Positions: President, 2016, American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Academic Advisory Council Member, 2016, American Association of Plastic Surgeons, Member, Plastic Surgery Residency Review Committee, American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Plastic Surgery Foundation, Aesthetic Surgery Advisory Committee, 2017, Associate Chair, Fellowship Committee, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Editorship, Scientific Journals, Aesthetic Surgery Journal, Member, Editorial Board 2009, Section Editor, Aesthetic, 2011 – Present, Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Associate Editor, Face, 2011 – present, Annals of Plastic Surgery, Aesthetic Section Associate Editor, 2008 – Present, Plastic Surgery International Journal, Hindawi, Publishing – Member, Editorial Board, 2009 – Present
Board Certifications: Diplomate, American Board of Surgery, 1982 and Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery, 1985, MOC-PS 2007

Congratulations

TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 195 diplomates in November 2016. To date the Board has certified 9,077 plastic surgeons.

Lindsay Elise Abbott

Hamid Abdollahi

William Abouhassan

Saif Saad Al-Bustani

Brian Christopher Uy Ang

Tyler Mark Angelos

Luis Ricardo Aponte

Brian Haroutune Arslanian

Tomer Avraham

Heather Lucretia Baltzer

Jonathan Bank

Daniel Matthew Barrett

Niles John Batdorf

Kim Andrea Bjorklund

Carrie Elise Black

Cristiano Boneti

Kristen Parker Broderick

Ronald Miller Brooks

Benjamin Jacob Brown

Joseph Michael Brown

Riesa Monet Burnett

Parag Butala

Orlando Canizares

Michael Paul Carlisle

Kimberly Marie Carpin

Cenk Cayci

Christopher Charles Chang

Emme Dustin Chapman-Jackson

Abhishek Chatterjee

Marjorie Rachel Chelly

Michael Chun Fai Cheung

Bianca Celeste Chin

Saeed Ahmad Chowdhry

Michael W. Chu

Susan Chung

Patrick Dale Cole

James Bartow Collins

Meredith Suzanne Collins

George Nicholas Collis

John Michael Compoginis

Jeffrey D. Cone

Melinda Aliza Costa

Randall Oliver Craft

Danielle Marie Dauria

Flavia Evangelista Davit

Brian Michael Derby

Viet Huu Do

Claire Susan Duggal

Seth Ashley Eberlin

Ryan K. Engdahl

Alexander Quidayan Ereso

Maristella Salgado Evangelista

Heather Rosen Faulkner

Hetal Kumudchandra Fichadia

John Patrick Fischer

Nicholas Adam Flugstad

Mitchell Duncan Flurry

Bennett Boustany Fontenot

Antonio Jorge de Vasconcelos Forte

Paige McCarthy Fox

Noopur Gangopadhyay

Ryan Michael Garcia

Perry Gdalevitch

Andrew John Leishman Gear

Theodore Lawrence Gerstle

Kiranjeet Kaur Gill

Roop Gill

Ryan Michael Gobble

Michael Samuel Golinko

Laura Ann Gowen

Shawn Travis Greathouse

Devan Griner

Varun Gupta

Anandev Narahari Gurjala

Mazen Samir Harake

Emily Cleland Hartmann

Daniel Aaron Hatef

Dominic Frank Heffel

Russell Gerard Hendrick

Wyatt Waiyip Ho

Thomas Christopher Howard

Helen Gloria Hui-Chou

Thomas Aghahowa Imahiyerobo

Nolan James Jaeger

Lila Jazayeri

Earl McArthur Johnson

Simone Welch Kantola

Melissa Anne Kath

Gabriel Justin Kaufman

David Alexander Kelly

Phillip David Khan

Shaher Waheed Khan

Anya Kishinevsky

New Board Diplomates - Continues on Page 16

Grant Michael Kleiber	Robert Guy Neumann	Hans Jonathan Serleth
Edwin Kwon	Khang Thai Nguyen	Kyle Kit Shaddix
Eric Christian Lai	Phuong Duong Nguyen	Vidya Shankaran
Lesley Vaughn Landis	Son Xuan Nguyen	Sachin Mahavir Shridharani
Patrick O'Connor Lang	Michael Carl Nicoson	Nyama Mariama Sillah
William Wei-Kai Lao	Haruko Okada	Indranil Sinha
MyChi Han Le	Windy Ann Olaya	Jason Manuel Souza
Amber Rachel Leis	Nicholas John Panetta	Jordan Philip Steinberg
Nicholas Raymond Leonardi	Rikesh Terence Parikh	Anthony John Taglienti
William McIver Leppard	Craig Joseph Pastor	Ravi Tandon
Jason Evan Levine	Robert Michael Paul	Shruti Chudasama Tannan
Wai Yee Li	Anne Grayson Warren Peled	Winnie Mao Yiu Tong
Samuel Cote Lien	Clifford Thomas Pereira	Tsung-Lin Roger Tsai
Cain Robert Linville	Matthew Jared Ranzer	Arthur Turko
Michael Paul Lynch	Scott Joseph Rapp	John Bradley Turner
Brian Alphonse Mailey	Patrick Lambert Reavey	Jacob Garrett Unger
Stephanie DeBlois Malliaris	Rukmini Satyamritha Rednam	Andrew James Vardanian
Brandon-Dzung Tien-Duc Mang	Jonathan Craig Rimler	Joshua Tzvi Waltzman
Jason James Marengo	Carlos Mario Rivera Serrano	Cindy Hsin-yao Wei
Renata Lins Bezerra deSouza Maricevich	Jose Rafael Rodriguez-Feliz	Kanye Willis
Antony Eugin Martin	Forrest Sussman Roth	Sunishka Maithri Wimalawansa
Justin Parish Martin	Stephen Alexander Rottgers	Eric Geoffrey Wimmers
Jorys Martinez Jorge	Michael Colin Rymer	Keith Garret Wolter
Oscar Eugenio Masters	Ahmad Nazih Saad	Daniel Sielin Wu
Michael Evans McClure	Salim Charles Saba	Jeffrey Yunjord Wu
Thomas William McEwan	Sumita Saha	Alice Shufeng Yao
Joyce Kathryn McIntyre	Hector Salazar-Reyes	Kristen Shui-chun Yee
Mahsa Moghaddam Smoot	Christopher Michael Sanders	Max Yeslev
Timothy Scott Mountcastle	Abeer Mohamad Walid Sawwaf	Deborah Yu
Rene Pierre Myers	Brenda Gayle Schiesel	Janet Han Yueh
Theodore William Nagel	William Frederick Schleicher	Christopher Stephen Zarella
Arthur Jung Nam	Brent Earl Schultz	Jonathan Amer Zelken
Jane Namkung	Rachel Ellen Scott	
Nirmal Rama Nathan	William Andrew Scroggs	
Andrew Donald Navarrete	Erika Davis Sears	

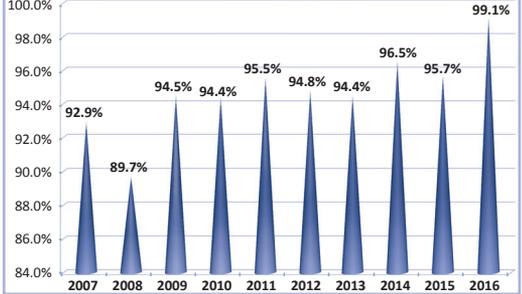
EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Written Examination 2007-2016

WRITTEN EXAMINATION 2007 - 2016

YEAR	TOTAL TEST TAKERS	TOTAL ALL PASS	% ALL Pass	1st Time Takers Pass	% 1st Time Takers Pass	FAIL	% FAIL of ALL Takers
2007	235	189	80.4%	170	92.9%	46	19.6%
2008	251	207	82.5%	191	89.7%	44	17.5%
2009	243	204	84.0%	188	94.5%	39	16.0%
2010	230	195	84.8%	184	94.4%	35	15.2%
2011	234	201	85.9%	193	95.5%	33	14.1%
2012	239	199	83.3%	199	94.8%	32	13.4%
2013	179	136	76.0%	136	94.4%	28	15.6%
2014	225	192	85.3%	192	96.5%	27	12.0%
2015	229	198	86.5%	198	95.7%	22	9.6%
2016	240	229	95.4%	217	99.1%	11	4.6%

ABPS WRITTEN EXAMINATION FIRST TIME TAKERS PASSING RATES 2007 - 2016

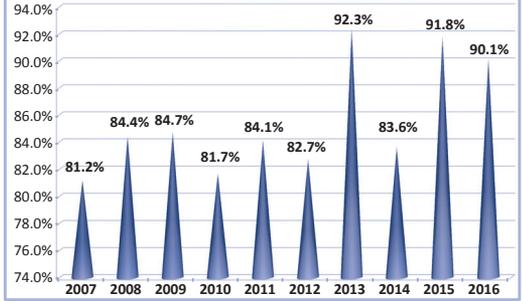


Oral Examination 2007-2016

ORAL EXAMINATION 2007 - 2016

YEAR	TOTAL TEST TAKERS	TOTAL ALL PASS	% ALL Pass	1st Time Takers Pass	% 1st Time Takers Pass	FAIL	% FAIL of ALL Takers
2007	229	180	78.6%	155	81.2%	49	21.4%
2008	230	189	82.2%	162	84.4%	41	17.8%
2009	256	209	81.6%	177	84.7%	47	18.4%
2010	210	164	78.1%	138	81.7%	46	21.9%
2011	219	176	80.4%	148	84.1%	43	19.6%
2012	234	182	77.8%	163	82.7%	52	22.2%
2013	248	220	88.7%	181	92.3%	28	11.3%
2014	195	158	81.0%	138	83.6%	37	19.0%
2015	231	203	87.9%	179	91.8%	28	12.1%
2016	222	195	87.8%	173	90.1%	27	12.2%

ABPS ORAL EXAMINATION FIRST TIME TAKERS PASSING RATES 2007 - 2016

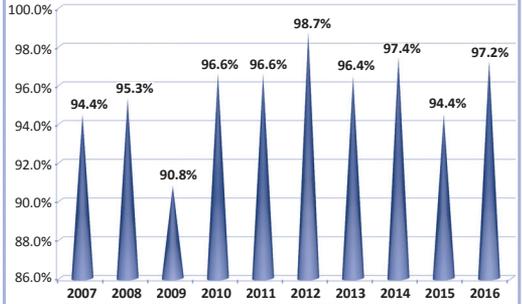


MOC-PS® Examination 2007-2016

MOC-PS EXAMINATION 2007-2016

Year	Total Test Takers	Pass	% Pass	Fail	% Fail	RECERT with Surgery of the Hand Sub-Cert.	Total # Recert
2007	216	204	94.4%	12	5.6%	20	224
2008	274	261	95.3%	13	4.7%	8	269
2009	260	236	90.8%	24	9.2%	9	245
2010	233	225	96.6%	8	3.4%	6	231
2011	174	168	96.6%	6	3.4%	5	173
2012	156	154	98.7%	2	1.3%	9	163
2013	224	216	96.4%	8	3.6%	13	229
2014	271	264	97.4%	7	2.6%	16	280
2015	306	289	94.4%	17	5.6%	24	313
2016	359	349	97.2%	10	2.8%	16	365
ALL-10 Yrs.	2473	2366	95.8%	107	4.5%	126	2492

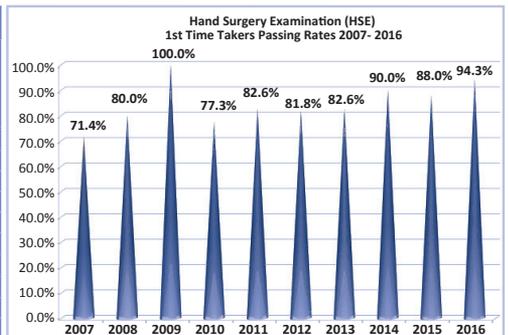
MOC-PS EXAMINATION PASSING RATES 2007-2016



TRACER PROCEDURE	TRACER COMPLETION #	# TRACER CASES	% TOTAL	MODULE
Primary Augmentation Mammoplasty	2267	22,670	26.9%	Cosmetic
Reduction Mammoplasty	1868	18,680	22.2%	Comprehensive
Breast Reconstruction-including Autologous and Implant	916	9,160	10.9%	Comprehensive
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	788	7,880	9.3%	Hand
Abdominoplasty	632	6,320	7.5%	Cosmetic
Facial Skin Malignancy	532	5,320	6.3%	Comprehensive
Face Lift	253	2,530	3.0%	Cosmetic
Cleft Palate (Primary)	220	2,200	2.6%	CMF
Blepharoplasty	213	2,130	2.5%	Cosmetic
Suction Assisted Lipectomy	180	1,800	2.1%	Cosmetic
Metacarpal Fracture	78	780	0.9%	Hand
Lower Extremity Acute Trauma	76	760	0.9%	Comprehensive
Non-Syndromal Craniosynostosis	70	700	0.8%	CMF
Pressure Sores	68	680	0.8%	Comp
Flexor Tendon Laceration	56	560	0.7%	Hand
Wound Management (including burns)	42	420	0.5%	Comprehensive
Carpometacarpal Joint Arthroplasty	41	410	0.5%	Hand
Zygomatic Orbital Fractures	35	350	0.4%	CMF
Unilateral Cleft Lip Repair	29	290	0.3%	CMF
Rhinoplasty	28	280	0.3%	Cosmetic
Dupuytren's Disease	17	170	0.2%	Hand
Mandible Fractures	15	150	0.2%	CMF
Secondary Cleft Nasal Deformity	9	90	0.1%	CMF
TOTAL ALL TRACERS	8433	84,330	100%	

Hand Surgery Examination 2007 - 2016

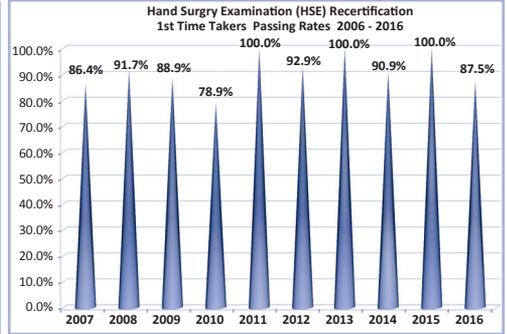
Hand Surgery Examination (HSE)						
YEAR	TOTAL TEST TAKERS	TOTAL ALL PASS	% ALL Pass	1st Time Takers Pass	% 1st Time Takers Pass	% FAIL of ALL Takers
2007	8	5	62.5%	5	71.4%	37.5%
2008	19	13	68.4%	12	80.0%	31.6%
2009	19	18	94.7%	15	100.0%	5.3%
2010	22	17	77.3%	17	77.3%	22.7%
2011	25	20	80.0%	19	82.6%	20.0%
2012	28	23	82.1%	18	81.8%	17.9%
2013	25	19	76.0%	19	82.6%	24.0%
2014	33	29	87.9%	27	90.0%	12.1%
2015	26	23	88.5%	22	88.0%	11.5%
2016	39	35	89.7%	33	94.3%	10.3%



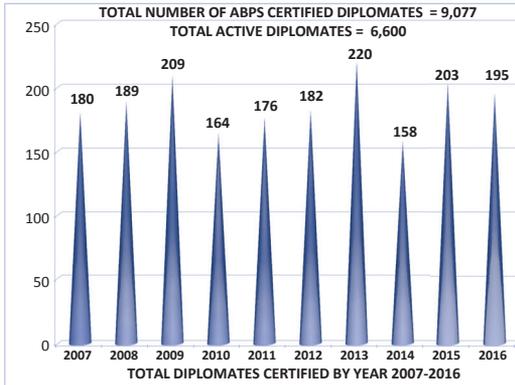
Recertification in Hand Surgery 2007-2016

Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand (HSC)

YEAR	TOTAL TEST TAKERS	TOTAL ALL PASS	% ALL Pass	1st Time Takers Pass	% 1st Time Takers Pass	FAIL	% FAIL
2007	32	24	75.0%	19	86.4%	8	25.0%
2008	19	18	94.7%	11	91.7%	1	5.3%
2009	34	30	88.2%	16	88.9%	4	11.8%
2010	37	28	75.7%	15	78.9%	9	24.3%
2011	30	27	90.0%	18	100.0%	3	10.0%
2012	32	29	90.6%	13	92.9%	3	9.4%
2013	31	28	90.3%	7	100.0%	3	9.7%
2014	34	28	82.4%	10	90.9%	6	17.6%
2015	31	29	93.5%	10	100.0%	2	6.5%
2016	24	23	95.8%	7	87.5%	1	4.2%



Diplomates Certified Over 10 Years



2017 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

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

April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination

September 12, 2017, Tuesday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

September 12, 2017 through September 25, 2017 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination

October 16, 2017, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination

November 9, 10, 11, 2017, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

Congratulations

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

In 2016, the following 349 diplomates successfully completed the MOC-PS® cognitive examination. Diplomates who successfully complete all components of the MOC-PS® Program, including successful completion of the Examination, will be sent a new certificate at the end of the ten-year cycle before expiration of the existing certificate.

In addition, *26 diplomates used the Hand Surgery Examination or Hand Surgery Recertification Examination (HSE) to complete the process. To date, 2,981 diplomates completed the MOC examination process including 171 via HSE.

David Lawrence Abramson
Siamak Agha-Mohammadi
Marguerite Elizabeth Aitken

Peter Andrew Aldea
Roger Willis Alderson
William Evans Alison, Jr.
Ayman Abdulrahman Al-Sheikh
Jayant Prasad Agarwal*

Tanya Aya Atagi
Mariam Hassan Awada
Naji Kamal Baddoura
Matthew Bryan Baker
Norman Bakshandeh

Bonnie Jericho Baldwin
Robert Ball, Jr.
Amy Therese Bandy
Michael Baroody
Harold Clement Bautista

Neysan Bayat
Mohamad Hassan Bazzi
Mary Susann Bedford
Joseph Carl Benacci
Teresa Benacquista

Anthony Clayton Berlet
Kenneth Michael Bermudez
Walter Lang Bernacki
Kevin Michael Beshlian
Kyle David Bickel*

Uldis Bite
James Howell Blackburn, II
Gregory Franklin Bland

Dexter William Blome
Michael Andrew Bogdan
Steven Clark Bonawitz

Emmanuel Richard Bonnecarrere
Jonathan Charles Boraski
Shelby Karl Brantley, Jr.
Christopher Jeremiah Martin Brooks
David Bruce Brothers

Christopher Coleman Brown
Richard Ervin Brown*
Gregory Frank Brucato
William Bruno
Mark Antony Brzezienski*

Hoang Minh Bui
Jamal Morrisette Bullocks
Robert William Burk, III
Tripti Burt
Alfonso Camberos

Robert John Carpenter
Ines Milagros Carrasquillo
Michael Henry Carstens
Adil Ceydeli
Benjamin Chang*

David Woosuk Chang
Eric Chang
Lawrence Daw-wei Chang
Te Ning Chang
George Peter Chatson

Nadeem Ahmad Chaudhry
Patrick Chen
Eric In Choe

Mohammad Umar Hasan Choudry
Hyun Jae Chun
Kevin Chi Chung*

Jesse Allen Coffey, Jr.
Stephen Hubbard Colbert*
Lawrence Bruce Colen
Matthew Jerome Concannon
John Philip Connors, III

Steven Eric Copit
John James Corey
Christopher Arthur, Crisera
Alfred Thomas Culliford, IV
John Wesley Culpepper, Jr.

Wendy Lynne Czerwinski
Tancredi Fasanella D'Amore
Hootan Michael Daneshmand
Howard Dash*
Krishna Seema Dash

Alexander Joseph Davit, III*
Jorge Luis delaPedraja
Stephen Delia
Michael Jon Denk
Lynn Dee Ann Derby

Salvatore DiMercurio
Robert Charles Dinsmore
Lucius Joseph Doucet, III
Trent Dennison Douglas
William Walter Dzwierzynski*

Cameron Ira Earl
Patricia Lynn Eby
Andrew Ira Elkwood

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Farbod Esmailian	Robin Camille Hardiman	Mary Tschoi Kim
Gregory Randolph Dean Evans	Douglas MacKenzie Hargrave	Robert Monroe Kimmel
Adel Aiad Faltaous	Brian Elliot Hass	Gilson John Kingman
Salvatore Anthony Farruggio Shahin	Arthur Stampf Hawes	Ravi Veerasamuneni Kiran*
Fazilat	Ernesto Hayn	Brian Kent Klink
Randall Scott Feingold	Daniel Frederick Haynes	Daniel Robert Knight
James Christopher Ferlmann	Charles Kenneth Herman	Aron Z. Kressel
Stephan John Fincal	Glenn Eric Herrmann	Mitchel Dean Krieger
Richard Jobe Fix*	Mary Catherine Hertl	David Michael Kupfer
Francis Xavier Fleming	John Bassam Hijjawi	Hakan Mehmet Kutlu
Jonathan Robert Freed	William Yanes Hoffman	Melinda Lirag Lacerna-Kimbrell
Matthew Brian Furst	Benjamin Micah Hornik	George Harold Landis
Kelly Matthew Gallego	Georgeanna Jane Huang	Howard Neil Langstein
Randi Adolph Galli*	John Stewart Humphrey	Hop Nguyen Le
Katerina Maria Gallus	Keith Andrew Hurvitz	Peter Robert Ledoux
Susan Marie Gannon	Jonathan James Hutter	Charles Kyung Chul Lee
Jason Corey Ganz	Joshua B. Hyman	Chen Lee
Jesus Adrian Garcia	Raymond Isakov	Richard Kaichieh Lee
Scott Steven Gargasz	Ferda Frank Isik	Konstantinos Peter Lekkas
Jaime Ruperto Garza	William Martin Jacobsen	Lawrence Scott Levin*
Brian Reuben Gastman	Colleen Jane Jambor	Jason Brett Lichten
Bryan Walter Gawley	James Murray Jeffries, III	Scott David Lifchez*
Paul Dudley Giles	Sameer Subhash Jejurikar	Samuel Jui-Wen Lin
Mary Katherine Gingrass	Lisa Lynn Jewell	Jean Marie Loftus
Brian Steven Glatt	Shao Jiang	Aldo Angelo Lombardo
David Michael Godat	Roderick Bernard Jordan	William Glenn Lyle
Mark Erwin Gold	Chance Taylor Kaplan	Melvin Marlow Maclin, II
Boris Edward Goldman	Jonathan Lowentritt Kaplan	Joel Patrick Maier
Aaron Daniel Gorin	Vishal Kapoor	Ramotsumi M. Makhene*
Arun Kumar Gosain	Matthew Roy Kaufman	Michael Craig Malczewski
Neil Bruce Gottlieb	Charles Richard Kays	Pramit Sophat Malhotra
Richard Kenneth Green, Jr.	Angela Margaret Keen	Andrew Jay Mandery
David Todd Greenspun	Patrick Kevin Kelley	Barry Don Martin
Vladimir Grigoryants	Mohammad Khosravi	Allyson Brown Maske
James Christian Grotting	Dana Khalid Khuthaila	Terry Monroe McCurry, Jr.
Joseph Lewis Haber*	Mark William Kiehn	Mary H. McGrath
Jeffrey Wayne Hall	David Churl Kim*	Brice William McKane
Terri Joyce Halperin	Jane Hewon Kim	Ricardo Alberto Meade
Eric Glenn Halvorson	Kenneth Kwanyoung Kim Kyoung	David Garth Meldrum

Jorge Luis Menendez	William Christopher Pederson*	Vasif Nurul Sabeeh
John Clinton Merrick	Ziv Mani Peled	Hakim Kassim Said
Basil Matthew Michaels	Christopher John Pellegrino	Saira Hari Saini
James Robert Miller	Christopher Vincent Pelletiere	Michael Alexander Salzhauer
Sharrie Lynne Mills	John Arthur Persing	John Argyle Gilmore Sampson
Dinu Gertrud Mistry	Jack Tellin Peterson, Jr.	Michel Charles Samson
Brent Roderick Wilfred Moelleken	Tony Hoang Pham	Peter Lewis Sarkos
Wong Kyun Moon	Mohan V. Pillai	Ayoub Sayeg
Vijay Jadavaji Moradia	Steven Michael Pisano	Benjamin Schlechter
Jeffrey Dean Morehouse	Otto Joseph Placik	Steven Clifford Schmidt
Raymond F. Morgan*	Mark Stephen Potenza	Diane Rose Schmidt-Krings
Kaiulani Wilson Morimoto	Jason Kyle Potter	Timothy Miles Schurman*
Norman George Morrison	Louis David Potyondy	Ann Robin Schwentker
James Michael Morrissey	Cynthia Magdalene Poulos	Derek Jason Shadid
Arian S. Mowlavi	Rhoda Lynne Powell	Bharat Shah
Samuel John Mucci	Praful Maruti Ramineni, Jr.	Steven Andrew Siciliano
Bradley Pierce Mudge	Todd Coleman Rau	Eugene John Sidoti, Jr.
Mark William Mulkey	Alanna Marie Rebecca	Elizabeth Marie Siczka
Lisa Cleopatra Murcko	Vikram Revuri Reddy	Robert Keith Sigal
Robert X. Murphy, Jr.*	Heidi Regenass	Richard Simman
Ananth Subbarao Murthy	Jason Paul Rehm	Garey Scott Simmonds
Farzad Rouhoulah Nahai	Dustin Leon Reid	David Patrick Singer
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Michael Karim Newman	Angela Maria Rodriguez	Kevin Ray Snodgrass
Anh Hung Nguyen	Christine Hsu Rohde	Mary Colleen Snyder
Trung David Duc Nguyen	Rodney James Rohrich	Ned Snyder IV
Anne Marie Nickodem	Matthew Lee Romans	Alfred Sofer
John James O'Brien, Jr.	Laurence Zalmon Rosenberg	Mark Vincent Sofonio
Todd Francis Orchard	Silvia Cristina Rotemberg	Amy McLean Sprole
Dennis Paul Orgill	John Louis Roussalis	Thomas Joseph Steffe
George Orloff	Norman Maurice Rowe	Douglas Steven Steinbrech
Martin Andrew O'Toole	Stephanie Katherine Rowen	Daniel Anthony Sterling
Thornwell Hay Parker, III	Samuel Jonathan Roy	James David Stern
Behzad Parva	Arlene Anne Rozzelle	Frank Louis Stile
Sameer Anilkumar Patel	Joshua Michael Rubinstein	Brett Eric Stompro
Rick Lane Paulson	Vishnu Kumar Rumalla	Aaron Stone
Keyianoosh Zad Paydar	Pierre Boutros Saadeh	Braden Charles Stridde

Louis Leighton Strock	Gary Alan Tuma	Steven Harrison Williams
James M. Stuzin	Jeffrey Andrew Umansky Vera	Silas Angier Wills, Jr.
Jerald Robert Sultz	Caroline van Aalst-Barker	Ian Fitzsimmons Wilson
Burton McChesney Sundin	Paul Frank Vanek, Jr.	William Scott Wittenborn
Chau Yu Tai*	Tuan Anh Vu	Thomas Ted Woloszyn
Matthew Robert Talarczyk	Aron David Wahrman	Curtis Sing Fook Wong
Adam Gaston Tattelbaum	Jeremy Waldman	Anna Ivanovna Wooten
Chad Douglas Tattini	Devdas Wali	Sean Anthony Wright
Jeffrey Norman Thaxton	Anne Marie Wallace	Dianne Eh-duan Wu
James Thomas Thompson, II	Molly Frances Walsh	Gloria Jackie Yee
Troy David Thompson	Frederick George Weniger	Thomas Luen Yen
Thomas Dominic Toohey	Deborah Jeanne White	David Ming Young
Dana Raymond Towle*	Therese Kathleen White	Neil Jason Zimmel
Robert Evan Tuchler	Timothy Mark Whitney	Paul Murray Zieg

CONGRATULATIONS

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

In 2016, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 35 diplomates in Hand Surgery and recertified 23 diplomates in Hand Surgery. To date, the Board has certified 758 diplomates and has recertified 438 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2016

Joshua Michael Adkinson	Alexander Joseph Davit	Justin Thomas Kane
Sonya Paisley Agnew	Rafael Jose Diaz-Garcia	Jennifer Schklair Kargel
Aaron Jacob Berger	River McKenzie Elliott	Melissa Ann Klausmeyer
Reena Anjalie Bhatt	Ryan Douglas Endress	Kevin Robert Knox
Andrew Loren Blount	Keith Elliott Follmar	Kate Ashli Kuhlman-Wood
Laura Ann Bonneau	Sylvia Susana Gray	Ni-Jui Liang
Kyle James Chepla	Sara Marie Guerra	Allen Shuyuan Liu
Harvey Wei Ming Chim	Douglas Laurence Helm	Paul Michael Pierce
Maria Cipollone	Matthew Edward Hiro	Gangadasu E. C. V. SagarReddy
Raul Albert Cortes	Tarik Muhammad Husain	Scott David Swanson
Benjamin Joseph Cousins	John Michael Ingraham	Haritha Bodduluri Veeramachaneni
Carolyn Ann Cushing	Matthew Louis Iorio	

DIPLOMATES RECERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2016

Jayant Prasad Agarwal	Randi Adolph Galli	Raymond F. Morgan
Kyle David Bickel	Federico Gonzalez	Anthony Hung Nguyen
Benjamin Chang	Geoffrey Gaddis Hallock	Alan Barth Pillersdorf
Kevin Chi Chung	Nasimul Sam Huq	William Bradford Rockwell
Stephen Hubbard Colbert	Scott David Lifchez	John Warren Sapp
Matthew Jerome Concannon	Jon Berry Loftus	Chau Yu Tai
Natalio Debs	David Scott Martin	Thomas Ted Woloszyn
Adel Aiad Faltaous	Michael Kenneth Matthew	

2017 POTENTIAL ORAL EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2017 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 May 15, 2017. If you are aware of a potential candidate omitted from this list, please e-mail to oral@abplasticsurgery.org.

Paul Afroz	Ross Blagg	Steven Clark
Aric Aghayan	Brian Boland	Caroline Clarke
Mouchammed Agko	David Boudreault	Emily Clarke-Pearson
Jamil Ahmad	Colin Brady	Kimberly Clawson
Mark Albert	Anthony Braswell	James Clune
Frank Albino	Kevin Bridge	Abigail Cochran
William Albright	Sebastian Brooke	Justin Cohen
Oluseyi Aliu	Emile Brown	Leslie Cohen
Lee Alkureishi	Matthew Brown	Stephanie Cohen
Robert Allen	Timothy Browne	Katharine Connolly
Michael Alperovich	Megan Burgess	Michael Cooper
Ashley Amalfi	Michael Burton	John Crantford
Shoshana Ambani	Daniel Butz	Paul Critelli
Sarah Appleton	Daniel Calva-Cerqueira	Christopher Cromwell
Anne Argenta	Jennifer Cameron	Karen Cross
Alexis Armour	Hector Campbell	Eric Culbertson
Azra Ashraf	Courtney Carpenter	Derek Culnan
Ryan Austin	Antoine Carre	Kelly Currie
Olubimpe Ayeni	Jose Castro Garcia	Elizabeth Dale
Kamran Azad	Cristen Catignani	Lily Daniali
Ramsen Azizi	David Chandler	David Daniels
Bindu Bahuleyan	Jerry Chao	Mark Daniels
Steven Bailey	Jennifer Cheesborough	Phillip Dauwe
Soumo Banerji	Joseph Chen	Edward Davidson
Zachariah Barnes	Ho Man Cheng	Jeffrey Dawes
Gregory Beddell	Amy Chesney	Tamara Dawli
Jessica Belz	Matthew Chetta	Gary DeCesare
Jens Berli	Jessica Ching	Brent DeGeorge
Margarita Bernett	Hao-Jun Chong	Olivier Deigni
Michael Bezuhly	Joshua Choo	Emmanuel DeLaCruz
Nishant Bhatt	Kai-Cheng Chu	Richard Delaney
Matthew Bindewald	Bryan Cicuto	Jeffrey DeMercurio
Nataliya Biskup	Jeffrey Claiborne	Brad Denney
Atanu Biswas	Elizabeth Clanton	Michael DePerro

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Allison Derrick	Catharine Garland	Michael Hromadka
Kunj Desai	Ramon Garza	John Hulsen
Lisa Dickson	Rebecca Garza	Zachary Hurwitz
Mark Domanski	Renee Gasgarth	Paul Hwang
Irina Domantovsky	Andrew Gassman	Yin Kan Hwee
Leathan Domeshek	James Gatherwright	Chetan Irwin
Erin Doren	Scott Geiger	Kathryn Isaac
Matthew Doscher	Finny George	Ali Izadpanah
Arriyan Dowlatshahi	Patrick Gerety	Rohit Jaiswal
Cristina Dracea	Amir Ghaznavi	Nicole Jarrett
Megan Dreveskracht	Jeffrey Gibbs	Matthew Jenkins
Brian Drolet	Aviram Giladi	Kunaal Jindal
Gehaan D'Souza	Timothy Gillenwater	Rishi Jindal
Michelle Eagan	Jarom Gilstrap	Xi Lin Jing
Nathan Eberle	Nevin Gokalp	Dana Johns
Kate Elzinga	Isak Goodwin	Owen Johnson
Jennifer Emmett	Steven Gordon	Emese Kalnoki-Kis
Mohammad Erfani	Joseph Greco	Neelesh Kantak
Linsey Etherington	Priscille Grenier-Vallee	Kenneth Kao
Sarah Evans	DeLorean Griffin	Sahil Kapur
Marc Everett	Yifan Guo	Anil Kashyap
Frank Fang	Deepak Gupta	Rahul Kasukurthi
Hana Farhang	Madeleine Gust	Yoav Kaufman
Khoe Adam Feintisch	Luke Gutwein	Melinda Keener
John Felder	Edward Hahn	Joseph Kelamis
Sarah Fernandez	Michael Hakimi	Brian Kellogg
Lauren Fischer	Ziyad Hammoudeh	James Kennedy
Derek Fletcher	Kristopher Hamwi	Ashley Kerekes
Michael Franco	Donald Harvey	Nicholas Kim
Michael Frederick	Aladdin Hassanein	Kristen Klement
Jonathan Friedstat	Siba Haykal	Casey Knight
Aaron Frye	Yaron Hazani	Denis Knobel
Eugene Fukudome	Lydia Helliwell	Andrew Kochevar
Sam Fuller	Amani Hemphill	Emil Kohan
Sidhbh Gallagher	Peter Henderson	Peter Koltz
Brian Gander	Erika Henkelman	James Kong
Brad Gandolfi	Matthew Hiersche	Rouzbeh Kordestani
Ingrid Ganske	Trung Ho	Tomasz Kosowski

Johanna Krebiehl	Jacques Machol	Horatiu Muresan
Daniel Krochmal	Rafael Magana	Patrick Murphy
Erwin Kruger	Herbert Maguire	Purushottam Nagarkar
Edward Kubek	Umbareen Mahmood	Nima Naghshineh
Snehankita Kulkarni	Edward Malin	Sanjay Naran
Neilendu Kundu	Patrick Mannal	Nathan Narasimhan
Theodore Kung	Oscar Manrique Mogollon	Ryan Neinstein
Julie Chakriya Kvann	Rian Maercks	Jonas Nelson
Alvin Kwok	Marco Andre Maricevich	Richard Nesmith
Michael Laliberte	Mark Markarian	Marilyn Ng
Grigorios Lamarin	Alexey Markelov	Wendy Ng
Samuel Lance	Mark Martin	Luan Nguyen
Jonathan Landon	Juan Martinez Grullon	Thuan Nguyen
Nathalie Lavallée	Glykeria Martou	Jeremy Nikfarjam
Brian Le	Andres Mascaro Pankova	Jared Nimtz
James Lee	Tim Matatov	Rebecca Novo
Jeffrey Lee	Justin Maxhimer	Theodore Nyame
Johnson Lee	James Mayo	Andrei Odobescu
Jonathan Lee	Chester Mays	Anaeze Offodile
Michael Lee	James McCarthy	Michael Ogilvie
Michelle Lee	Carrie McCloskey	Olushola Olorunnipa
Craig Lehrman	Cindy McCord	Chukwuemeka Onyewu
Erich Lemker	Daniel McKee	Marc Orlando
Karen Leong	Mark McRae	Ellen Ozolins Travis
Matthew Lewis	Matthew McRae	Laurence Paek
Eric Yu Kit Li	Ghassan Mehio	Brian Parker
Fan Liang	Mark Melendez	John Paro
Stanley Librach	Alexander Mericli	Amit Patel
Jared Liebman	Brett Michelotti	Anup Patel
Shelby Lies	Lino Miele	Shitel Patel
Rizal Lim	Suzette Miranda	Maxim Pekarev
Jeffrey Lind	Brent Moister	Ronald Perlman
Joshua Linnell	Arash Momeni	Paul Phillips
Angelo Lipira	Lisa Moody	Emile Picarella
Percy Lo	Aaron Morgan	Paulo Piccolo
Richard Lou	Brad Morrow	Charles Pierce
Justyn Lutfy	Gerhard Mundingar	Yvonne Pierpont
Stephanie Ma	Daniel Murariu	Jacqueline Piggott

David Pincus	Jack Scheuer	Sybile Val
Virginia Pittman-Waller	William Schmitt	Meredith Vandegriff
Jennica Platt	Karl Schwarz	Sai Ramakrishna Velamuri
Stephen Poteet	Ajul Shah	Rahul Vemula
Tahira Prendergast	Amita Shah	Dev Vibhakar
Roni Prucz	Darshan Shah	Pedro Vieira
Adrian Przybyla	Safa Sharabi	Ida Wagner
Benson Pulikkottil	Sarah Sher	William Walker
Adam Purzycki	David Sieber	William Warfel
Erin Rada	Andrew Silver	Lindsey Webb
Melissa Radecki	Jeremy Sinkin	Jacqueline Wegge
William Rahal	Hani Sinno	Shenita White
Paymon Rahgozar	Kevin Small	David Whitehead
Surjit Rai	Darren Smith	Anthony Wilson
Jose Ramirez Gavidia	Marc Soares	Julian Winocour
Charalambos Rammos	Magdalena Soldanska	Sebastian Winocour
Derek Rapp	Janelle Sousa	Daniel Womac
Ross Ratner	Darlene Sparkman	Anselm Wong
Derek Reformat	Mark Stalder	Corrine Wong
Scott Reis	Tyler Stall	Shannon Wong
Tomar Reisler	Ran Stark	Victor Wong
Susie Rhee	Ryan Stehr	Wendy Wong
Angel Rivera-Barrios	Adam Strohl	Eric Wright
Brian Rosett	Ian Sunderland	Chadwick Wu
William Ross	Srinivas Susarla	Peter Wu
Margaret Roubaud	Jordan Swanson	Ginger Xu
James Rough	Jennifer Swartz	Arezou Yaghoubian
Craig Rowin	Georges Tabbal	Alan Yan
Christopher Runyan	Diya Tantawi	Essie Yates
Neil Sachanandani	Brentley Taylor	David Yonick
Robyn Sackeyfio	Todd Theman	Grace Yu
Frederick Sailes	Stephanie Thibaudeau	Sarosh Zafar
Alexander Sailon	Todd Thurston	Jamie Zampell
Bernard Salameh	Rozbeh Torabi	Elizabeth Zellner
Saoussen Salhi	Christina Tragos	Shuhao Zhang
George Salib	Tuan Tran	Georgios Ziakas
Erick Sanchez	Tuan Truong	Todd Zuhlke
Carlos Sanchez-Navarro	Jignesh Unadkat	
Lars Johan Sandberg	Leo Urbinelli	

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION IN PLASTIC SURGERY (MOC-PS®) PROGRAM

Diplomates are encouraged to 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 landing page serves up the most current items due. The tracking page outlines MOC-PS® requirements by year and lists deadline dates, status and completion dates.

The Board Office sends email 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@abplasticsurgery.org if you did not receive your MOC information for 2017-2018.

Once the MOC-PS® requirements are met in each calendar year, the following documents are available to download verifying the MOC-PS® requirements have been met:

- Annual MOC Participation letter;
- Annual MOC Participation Certificate; 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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ABMS Maintenance of Certification

Certification Matters

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

Timeline for 10 year MOC-PS® cycle

10 YEAR CYCLE:	MOC-PS® Annual Contribution required each year – submit online on the Board's website www.abplasticsurgery.org	Deadline Dates
YEAR 3	<p>STEP 1: Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) Module including: tracer procedure, benchmarking report, MOC-approved educational activity, action plan.</p> <p>STEP 2: Professional Standing Update including CME report(s), medical license, hospital privileges, outpatient facility accreditation, advertising material, and peer evaluations.</p>	December 1st
YEAR 6	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module & Professional Standing	December 1st
YEAR 7, 8 OR 9	Examination Application	September 1st
YEAR 9	STEPS 1 & 2: PA-PS Module and Professional Standing	December 1st
YEAR 8, 9 OR 10	MOC-PS® Computer Based Test (CBT) Study Guide available at www.psenetwork.org	April 1st – 30th
YEAR 10	MOC-PS® Certificates mailed to those who successfully completed the 10 year cycle	December 1st

Your MOC-PS® Tracking Page on the Board's website will list each component with deadline date. Email notifications will be sent in advance of the deadlines.

Contact the Board Office at staff@abplasticsurgery.org with any questions.

AOC-PS® Highlights

ASPS MOC Study Guide

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

60 Category I CME credits for completing the MOC Examination.

The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) and Credit System provides 60 category I CME credit hours for the successful completion of initial certification, maintenance of certification and the hand surgery examinations. Contact the AMA at www.ama-assn.org/go/cmeforms for details. The AMA does charge an application fee, but AMA membership is not required.

2017 MOC Examination

Scheduling Permits were posted for the 2017 MOC Examination held during the month of April at Prometric Test Centers. Results will be posted by July 1st.

2017 MOC Activities

Information for the 2017 MOC Activities was posted in February for those in years 3, 6 or 9 of the 10-year MOC Cycle. An email was sent and all documents are posted to your tracking page.

2018 MOC Application

Application material for the 2018 MOC Examination was posted in February for those in years 7, 8 or 9 of the 10-year MOC Cycle. An email was sent and all documents are posted to your tracking page.

New in 2017!

The Board Office has worked with ASPS this past year to provide an option for automatic transfer of CME records. In lieu of the data/text file uploads, you may simply click a button to import your CME credits to ABPS.

Hand Surgery Examination in lieu of the MOC Hand Module Examination

The successful completion of the Hand Surgery Examination will satisfy the MOC Examination requirement. However, an Application for MOC is required. Contact the Board Office at staff@abplasticsurgery.org for all questions.

2017 Diplomate Contribution and MOC-PS Annual Contribution

For your reference, on the back page of this newsletter is a form for the 2017 Diplomate Contribution Invoice for Lifetime Certificate Holders and the 2017 MOC-PS® Annual Contribution for Time Limited Certificate Holders.

Time-limited Certificate Holders – The MOC-PS® Annual Contribution is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates who are participating in the MOC-PS® Program. Online credit card payment via your tracking page is preferred by **June 15, 2017**.

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 it with a check made payable to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. Return to the Board Office by **June 15, 2017**.

The ongoing support of all diplomates has been gratifying. 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 three certificates in 2016. To date, a total of 83 certificates have been revoked. Those revoked ABPS certificates are:

1. Fanny Aguirre dela Cruz, M.D. - MI
2. Thomas Michael Dixon, M.D. - TX
3. Daniel Alan Thimsen, M.D. - CO

ABPS will refer consumers to the Federation of State Medical Boards' website to further research diplomates with suspensions or other restrictions to a state medical license.

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Diplomate Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____

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Submit on-line payment by June 15, 2017

Log in to your physician profile on the ABPS website: www.abplasticsurgery.org for payment.

Unless previously customized, your username is your six-digit Board ID number and your password is your last name (case sensitive, with the first letter capitalized, e.g. Smith).

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On the Board's homepage, click the login button in the upper right corner.

Use the "Forgot Password" function below the "Please Sign In" fields.

You will be prompted for your last name and email address. If the values match the data in the web files, your log in information will be sent to the email address on file.

The \$235.00 should be paid by credit card (VISA, Master Card, American Express).

The Board's Tax ID Number is 43-6000050.

Payment may be deductible as a business expense.

Checks can be accepted and mailed to the Board Office.

The Annual Contribution of \$235.00 is mandatory for diplomates with time-limited certificates and Lifetime Certificate Holders who are participating in the Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS) Program. This payment is required to remain current in the MOC-PS Program.

The Diplomate Contribution of \$235.00 is also requested of Lifetime Certificate Holders who elect not to participate in MOC-PS. Retired Diplomates *are not* included in this request.

Note: All Directors of the Board, Examiners and Advisory Council Members are required to participate in the MOC-PS Program even if they are lifetime certificate holders certified 1994 or earlier.

The income from the contributions greatly assists the Board in its mission and operations, and especially in defense of the standards represented by the ABPS certificate.

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