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Chair Report

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Ensuring the ethical practice of Plastic Surgery



As Chair of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, I wish to congratulate the 164 new diplomates of the ABPS who achieved the status of ABPS Board Certification by passing the last phase of the certification process, the Oral Examination given in November 2010. You now join 7,779 other diplomates who hold this great distinction. Because of the highly selective and discriminating process of certification, achieving this status is indeed an honor and an indicator of quality that is valued by patients, payors, hospitals, and other physicians. It is a status to be proud of, but also a standard to uphold, maintain, and protect, both for you and for the specialty.

The mission 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.” As all diplomates know, demonstrating that you are a safe and effective plastic surgeon is at the core of the examination and certification process and is what defines a “Board certified” plastic surgeon. The third factor, the **ethical** practice of plastic surgery is one that gives great consternation to candidates for certification, but is also one that nearly all diplomates hold as the most important aspect of their practice, and of their ABPS certification. In the past year, the Board has focused on encouraging a culture of ethical practice for the specialty.

But, what constitutes the “ethical” practice of plastic surgery? Or, more importantly, what constitutes an “unethical” practice of plastic surgery? This issue has consumed, probably more than any other single issue, the deliberations and actions of the ABPS and our associated professional societies, in particular the ASPS and the ASAPS in recent years. Sometimes it is clear. To achieve and maintain ABPS certification, one must have a full and unrestricted license to

practice medicine. If that license is ever revoked, suspended, or restricted due to an ethical (or other) violation, the ABPS is notified via the Disciplinary Alert Notification System (DANS) process from the Federation of State Medical Boards through the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), and Board certification is either withheld or revoked. Often, however, it is not so clear.

One area where both the Board and the professional societies have focused is unethical advertising: print, video, and online, including both personal and third party websites. For ABPS candidates, this includes any reference to Board certification status prior to certification. Violations of this well-publicized rule result in a mandatory one-year deferral from the examination process. More difficult to evaluate are some of the claims and the nature of the advertising itself, where it is important to draw a distinction between unethical and simply bad taste advertising. Frequent complaints include false claims of superiority, e.g. the “best” or “only,” the use of models that are not one’s own patients, and offers or raffles for free surgery. What about advertising that is overtly sexual, suggestive, provocative, or otherwise unprofessional? Although the ASPS code of ethics has a detailed list of unethical activities that might, or might not encompass that class of advertising, because it is often difficult to specifically enumerate every possible unethical or unprofessional act, the ABPS has chosen instead to adhere to a simpler, more straightforward code of ethics wherein the first stated principle is, “The failure to maintain the moral, ethical and professional standing satisfactory to the ABPS... may be sufficient cause for the Board to bar the candidate or diplomate permanently or...to revoke the diplomate’s certification.”

Not all ethical issues revolve around advertising, of course.

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

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From the Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.



This column in our Annual Newsletter to our diplomates allows me to review some of the highlights of the many important activities of the Board in 2010.

CHANGES IN RESIDENCY TRAINING

As previously announced, plastic surgery residency programs will be lengthened to three years, effective July 1, 2011. This requirement will apply to the independent residency programs who accept applicants upon completion of full training in General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Neurosurgery, Urology or Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The requirement will also include the last three years of an integrated program into which applicants match directly out of medical school. In concert with lengthening the residency, the Board voted to eventually eliminate the combined (coordinated) programs. This residency pathway is a variation of the independent programs and allows matching out of medical school into general surgery for three years, with the understanding that plastic surgery would be provided in the same institution. Because of the growth of the integrated programs and the desire by both the Board and the Residency Review Committee to establish a planned curriculum in plastic surgery training for those medical school graduates who had early motivation and commitment to the specialty, the Board, training program directors, and the Residency Review Committee worked together toward a common goal of transitioning the combined programs into integrated programs. Such change, voted for implementation by 2015, will provide more uniformity and consistency in following a curriculum of plastic surgery education. Transfers into integrated programs before the beginning of the fourth year of the integrated program will be allowed, pending approval of the resident's curriculum by the program director and approval of the individual resident's training by the Board.

THE ORAL EXAMINATION

Case Requirements: The Board reinstated minimum case requirements for admission to the Oral Examination, beginning with the examination of November, 2010. This initiative was to assure the public that the candidates who receive the stamp of certification by the ABPS have demonstrated

satisfactory capability in all areas of the specialty, rather than in one specific subspecialty area. Accordingly, candidates were required to fulfill both anatomic and category requirements when submitting case lists for examination. At least one case was necessary in four of the six categories, including congenital, cosmetic, general reconstructive, hand, skin and trauma; and in three of the five anatomic areas, including breast, hand/upper extremity, head & neck, lower extremity and trunk/genitalia. A minimum of 50 total cases must be completed during the nine month collection period. Although broad training and experiences are required for initial certification, the Board realizes that subspecialization becomes more focused as a practice matures. Accordingly, subspecialty examinations are provided in the Maintenance of Certification program.

Analytical Scoring: Before 2007, the Board used a *holistic scoring system* for the Oral Examination, whereby each of six examiners recorded a "Pass" or "Fail" grade based on the overall impression of the candidate's ability and safety. In an effort to arrive at a more objective "Pass" decision on an individual candidate, an *analytical system* was beta-tested with the holistic method in 2005 and 2006. We learned that this analysis, in which a total of 176 ratings are recorded for each candidate, gave the Board and the candidates a judgment which is objective and more fair. Of course, candidate ability is the first facet used in the analysis, but other important components are the severity of the examiner, theory and practice case difficulty, and clinical skill difficulty. Adjusting for examiner severity allows a "level playing field" for the candidates. The Board voted to use the *analytical system* exclusively beginning in 2007, and after four examination administrations remains committed to the decision and comfortable with the results.

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS®)

The Growth of Practice Assessment Data: Part IV of the Maintenance of Certification program, *Performance in Practice*, requires the diplomate to learn from his or her practice by selecting one of 20 tracer procedures and entering data from 10 consecutive cases of that operation on the Board's website. The program was instituted in 2007, and data entry for the first year was completed in 2008.

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As of December 1, 2010, a total of 2,217 plastic surgeons have completed the practice assessment assignment. They all received benchmarking data comparing their 10 cases to the continually updated statistics submitted by their peers. Augmentation mammoplasty (28.7%) was the most frequently selected module. This was followed by reduction mammoplasty (24.3%), breast reconstruction (10.1%), carpal tunnel syndrome (8.66%) and abdominoplasty (5.68%). As the data grow on an annual basis, Practice Assessment modules will become a more powerful educational vehicle for the practicing surgeon to compare techniques and results with those of peers.

MOC-PS®: The Educational Component: Assessing and measuring one's outcomes on an operation is the first step in improving practice. The next is completing an educational requirement specific to that surgical procedure. Maintenance of Certification courses are regularly presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS). For the first time this year, MOC courses were also presented at the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH) and at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons, the first regional society to institute MOC courses. These courses are specifically designed to complement the structure of the Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) modules. The Board has given permission to the course instructors to use our composite benchmarking data on the specific procedures for their presentations.

Evidence-Based Plastic Surgery: The other component of education that may be used in Maintenance of Certification is completion of a CME article that corresponds with the specific tracer procedure and is published in the journal *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery* (PRS), or in the *Aesthetic Surgery Journal* or the *Journal of Hand Surgery*. The inaugural 20 articles, written by Directors of the Board, were published in January and April, 2008 in PRS. Because of the growing emphasis on providing the best available evidence on each operative procedure, the subsequent publications on the 20 topics, also written by Directors of the Board, are a series of review articles documenting the accepted levels of evidence for each of the areas covered in the article. This project was developed and coordinated by Donald H. Lalonde, M.D., Chair-Elect of the Board, who had the unique perspective of serving as Chair of the Maintenance of Certification Committee of the Board as well as the CME Editor for PRS. The first 10 articles were published in the December, 2010 issue of PRS and the remaining 10 will be

published in the MOC section of the February, 2011 publication of the journal. Reading the evidence-based article on the specific procedure, answering the CME questions at the end of the article, and reflecting on the data learned from practice through comparison with the benchmarking data from peers will give the individual an opportunity to change and improve practice. Repeating the same PA-PS module as a part of the program in three years will then give the surgeon a "yardstick" to measure improvement.

Are we improving practice?: At the completion of the practice assessment process, the diplomate is requested to complete an Action Plan for improvement. To date, 2,142 diplomates have entered a plan of action. The Board was pleased that 55% have registered intention to change some facet of practice, having learned from case evaluation, comparison with benchmarking registries and completion of the educational component. Changes in patient selection, preoperative discussion with the patient, preoperative analysis, preoperative management, operative technique and postoperative management were all identified by diplomates. Particularly impressive was that 13% of plastic surgeons in practice 10 or more years are intending to change operative techniques. The Board remains gratified with these results of practice assessment, and is assured that the MOC program is achieving its goal of improving the quality of plastic surgery practices for the better care of our patients.

Publication on MOC: Aside from the evidence-based articles published in PRS by the Directors of the Board, a comprehensive article on Maintenance of Certification, entitled *Adherence to Practice Guidelines Based on American Board of Plastic Surgery Maintenance of Certification Data*, with one of the directors of the Board, Kevin C. Chung, M.D. as the lead author was accepted for publication by PRS.

ACCREDITATION OF OUTPATIENT FACILITIES

All candidates for Certification or diplomates applying for Maintenance of Certification who operate in independent surgical facilities must provide documentation of accreditation of those facilities by one of the major accrediting organizations. Such documentation is required for surgeons who perform operative procedures under conscious sedation or general anesthesia in a facility not accredited by The Joint Commission. A corollary to this requirement is that diplomates of the Board who wish to comply with Maintenance of Certification requirements may operate only in accredited facilities.

THE BOARD'S WEBSITE: "IS YOUR SURGEON CERTIFIED?"

In our continuing effort to follow the mission of assuring the public of our high standards for Maintenance of Certification, effective January 2011, the Board's website www.abplsurg.org highlights a link documenting an individual surgeon's date of initial certification, and status of participation in the Maintenance of Certification program. The site will note if the plastic surgeon is participating in MOC-PS®, and whether the surgeon is current or not current with MOC requirements. Lifetime Certificate Holders will have a listing in the MOC-PS® Column only if voluntarily participating, otherwise that column will remain blank. There are approximately 165 Lifetime Certificate Holders currently enrolled in MOC-PS®. The website is in continual use by consumers, with an average of 21,745 hits per month. "Is your surgeon certified?" had approximately 3,545 visits per month in 2010.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD

The American Board of Plastic Surgery was founded in 1937 by a group of surgeons from different specialty backgrounds who desired to issue examinations and provide certification for surgeons practicing what was then a relatively new field of surgical specialization. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of its founding, the Board will hold a special recognition ceremony in April, 2012 in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Board and the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons in San Francisco, California.

PLASTIC SURGERY AT THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS)

Thomas A. Mustoe, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, is now the representative from the ABPS to the Board of Directors of ABMS. He is in his first year of a two year term.

R. Barrett Noone, M.D. and James H. Wells, M.D. are representatives of the ABPS to the Assembly of the ABMS, with Nicholas B. Vedder, M.D. and Dr. Mustoe as alternate representatives. Dr. Wells continues to serve on the Committee on Certification and Maintenance of Certification (COCERT). Dr. Noone remains as Chair of the Member Board Executive Caucus of the ABMS. This group is comprised of the chief executives of all 24 certifying boards of the ABMS.

As all candidates know, their CPT coding and billing practices are reviewed by their oral examiners, and sometimes questioned during the examination process. In that process, the actual fees are neither transmitted nor discussed. What, however, would the ethical plastic surgeon think of the practice of billing *and collecting* from an “out of network” payor, \$50,000 for suturing a 1-cm. laceration in the E.D.? This is an actual complaint that was recently brought to the ABPS. Is this ethical? How do such billing practices reflect on our specialty, especially in the current climate of payment reform? We trust that our diplomates expect ABPS to respond thoughtfully but decisively?

Ethical transgressions come to the Board through several avenues. First, all candidates for examination are evaluated with respect to their professionalism documentation. This includes their advertising, their entire “web presence” and any comments sent to the Board by diplomates, other physicians, or the public. If concerns are factually valid, the issue is referred to the Ethics Committee of the ABPS. After careful review the committee may decide to deny or delay their entry into the certification or Maintenance of Certification process. This year, the Board has also instituted a requirement for participants in the Maintenance of Certification process (that will eventually include all ABPS diplomates) to submit all of their advertising and their “web presence” as part of their MOC part I professionalism documentation. All Directors of the Board and ABPS examiners must fulfill this same requirement.

The Directors of the ABPS have long recognized the ability and dedication of our professional societies, specifically the ASPS and ASAPS, to investigate alleged ethics violations through their respective ethics committees and judicial councils. But, what of the nearly half of graduates of plastic surgery residency programs who are initially NOT joining ASPS or ASAPS? We appear to be entering the generation of the “non-joiners.” How does the specialty uphold our ethical standards with those diplomates? There have been recent serious discussions among the leadership of ABPS, ASPS, and ASAPS regarding this challenge. It may ultimately require increased collaboration and the integration of the disciplinary process by and between the certifying organization of the

News from the Secretary-Treasurer

Thomas A. Mustoe, M.D.



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

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specialty, the ABPS, whose certificate holds professional value above all, and our professional organizations, including the ASPS and ASAPS.

Every diplomate of the ABPS has a deep-rooted interest in ensuring that the ethical standards of ABPS certification are upheld, not only for the integrity of the certificate, but also for the future of our profession. The certificate is only awarded after a candidate has demonstrated character, integrity and excellence in practice. Defending the continued value of your certificate is our mutual duty. We, the Directors of the ABPS, value your input into how we, as a specialty, can best address this significant challenge. The most important lesson I have learned in my life is that every challenge is an opportunity. Working together, we have the opportunity to develop, refine, and promote a culture of ethical practice for the specialty, beginning in residency, carrying through the certification process, and continuing throughout the entire career of an ABPS certified plastic surgeon.

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

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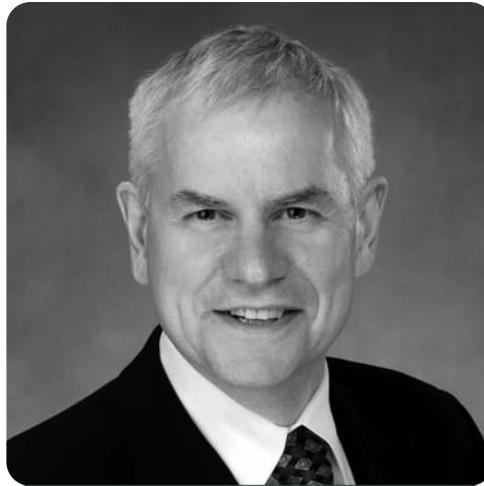
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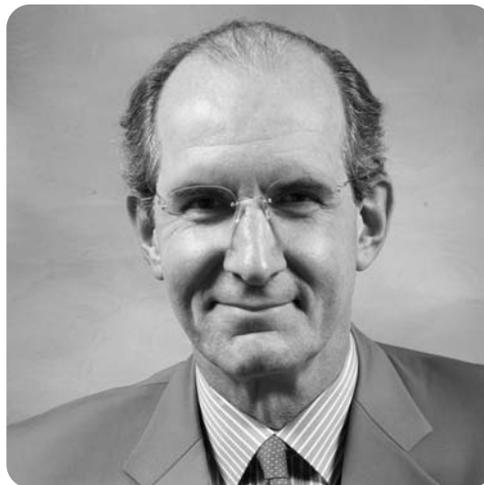
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Alert to Senior Partners About Advertising

Candidates are not permitted to advertise any status with the Board until certification is achieved. This includes use of the 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.

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

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Stanford, CA

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Plastic Surgery Residency: Stanford University Medical Center
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Board Certifications: Diplomate, American Board of Plastic Surgery – 1999
 Certificate of Added Qualification in Hand Surgery - 2002



V. Suzanne Klimberg, M.D.
Little Rock, AR

Medical School: University of Florida at Gainesville, Gainesville, FL
General Surgery Residency: University of Florida at Gainesville, Gainesville, FL
Fellowships: Diseases of Breast, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AR
Current Academic Appointment: Professor of Surgery and Pathology, Muriel Balsam Kohn Chair in Breast Surgical Oncology
Administrative Titles: Director, Breast Cancer Program, Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute; Director, Diseases of the Breast Fellowship Program
Leadership and Editorial Positions: Director, American of Board of Surgery; Secretary-Treasurer, Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO); Member, National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC); Board Member, American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBS); Editorial Boards for the *Annals of Surgery*, *Journal of Surgery*, *Journal of Surgical Oncology*, *Breast Disease Quarterly*; and Breast Section Editor, *Annals of Surgical Oncology*.
Board Certifications: American Board of Surgery
Other: Past President, Association for Academic Surgery (AAS)



Donald R. Mackay, M.D.
Hershey, PA

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General Surgery Residency: Johannesburg Teaching Hospitals 1982-1986
Plastic Surgery Residency: Penn State Milton S Hershey Medical Center 1993-1995
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Leadership and Editorial Positions: President, Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons 2010. President, Ivy Society 2006, Editor *ASMS/Plastic Surgery Hyperguide*
Board Certifications: American Board of Plastic Surgery 1997, ABPS – ~~AOC-PS~~ ^{ABPS} 2006

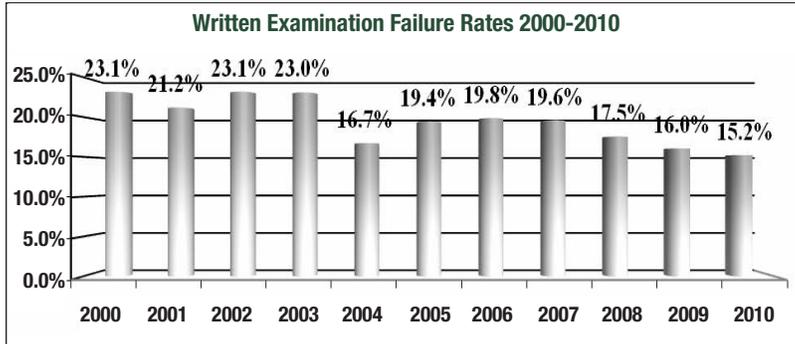


Michael F. McGuire, M.D.
Santa Monica, CA

Medical School: Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York
General Surgery Residency: University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
Plastic Surgery Residency: University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
Fellowships: Research Fellow, Plastic Surgery, Stanford University. Traveling Fellow, Plastic Surgery, Canniesburn Hospital, Scotland
Current Academic Appointment: Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery, UCLA
Administrative Titles: Chief of Plastic Surgery, Saint John's Hospital and Health Center, Santa Monica Visiting Staff, UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles
Leadership and Editorial Positions: California Medical Association, Past Specialty Delegate. California Society of Plastic Surgeons, Inc., Past President. American Society of Plastic Surgeons, Past President. Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine, London, England. The Foundation for Surgical Reconstruction, Founder and President. American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Past President, Trustee. Lumetra, Past-Chair, Board of Directors (Medicare quality improvement organization for California)
Board Certifications: The American Board of Surgery, Inc.
 The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.

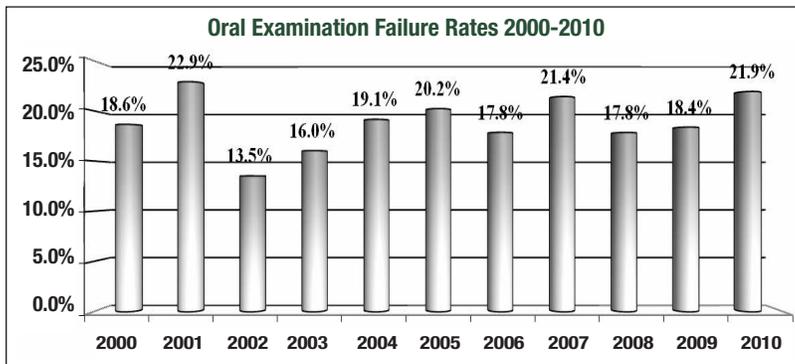
EXAMINATION STATISTICS

Written Examination



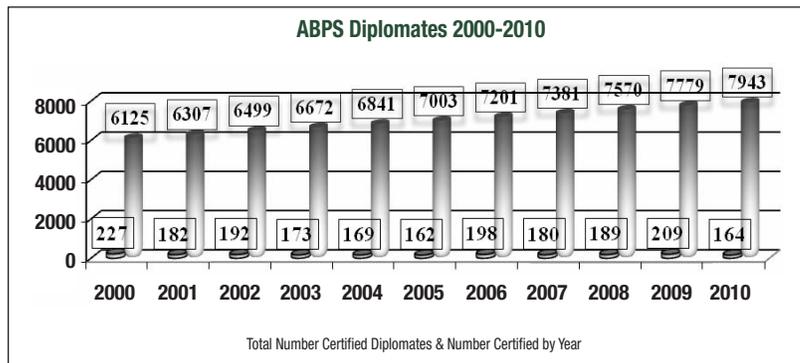
YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
2000	242	186	56	23.1%
2001	241	190	51	21.2%
2002	242	186	56	23.1%
2003	230	177	53	23.0%
2004	214	178	36	16.7%
2005	237	191	46	19.4%
2006	242	195	48	19.8%
2007	235	189	46	19.6%
2008	251	207	44	17.5%
2009	243	204	39	16.0%
2010	230	195	35	15.2%

Oral Examination



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL
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%
2009	256	209	47	18.4%
2010	210	164	46	21.9%

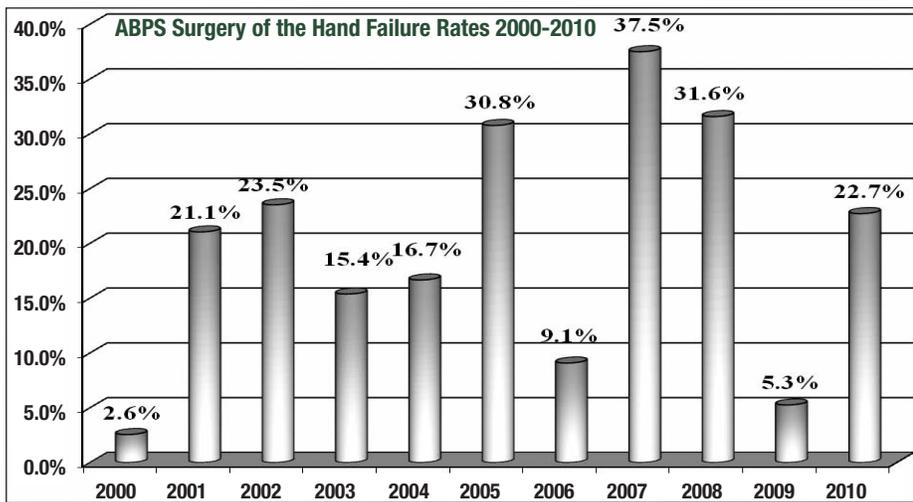
Diplomates Certified Over 10 Years



AOC-PS® Program Examination

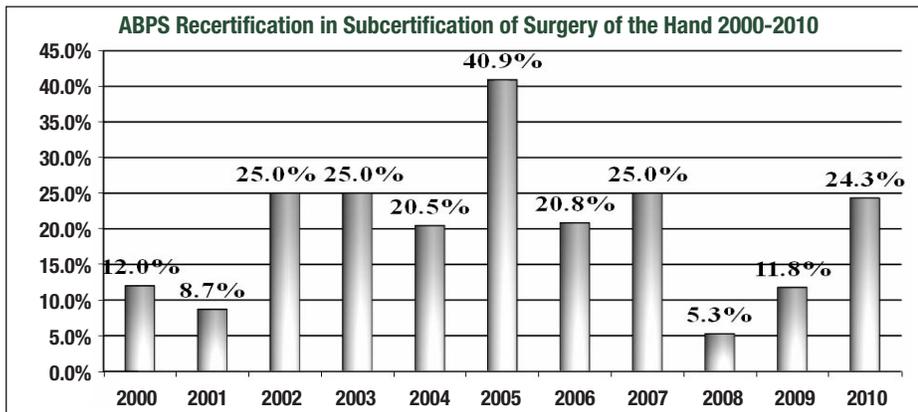
YEAR	TOTAL TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	%FAIL	Recert with Surgery of the hand	Total # Recertified
2003	102	99	3	2.9%	4	103
2004	122	118	4	3.3%	11	129
2005	159	151	8	5.0%	5	156
2006	153	142	11	7.2%	15	157
2007	216	204	12	5.6%	20	224
2008	274	261	13	4.7%	8	269
2009	260	236	24	9.2%	9	245
2010	233	225	8	3.4%	6	231
ALL	1519	1436	83	5.2%	78	1514

Certificate in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand - SOTH



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
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%
2009	19	18	1	5.3%
2010	22	17	5	22.7%

Certificate of Recertification in the Subspecialty of Surgery of the Hand - SOTH



YEAR	TAKERS	PASS	FAIL	% FAIL
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	19	1	5.3%
2009	34	30	4	11.8%
2010	37	28	9	24.3%

2011 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

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

April 1, 2011 through April 30, 2011 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination

September 12, 2011, Monday – Initial Hand Surgery Examination

September 12, 2011 through September 24, 2011 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination

October 17, 2011, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination

November 10, 11, 12, 2011 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 164 diplomates in November 2010. To date the Board has certified 7,943 plastic surgeons. Those certified in 2010 are:

Tommaso Addona
Francisco Jose Agullo
Robert Gil Altman
Kahlil Jihad Andrews
Anuja Kandanatt Antony
James Robert Arteaga
Bradley Lane Ashpole
Katherine Au
William Troy Austin
Michael Alan Bain
Regina Yun Baker
Nia Danielle Banks
Patrick Louis Basile
Michael Aaron Baumholtz
Amy Louise Bekanich
Gustavo Enrique Bello-Rojas
Shawn Arthur Birchenough
Robert Pearce Bolling
George Broughton II
Richard Joseph Brown
Terrence Weston Bruner
Samer William Cabbabe
Matthew Jonathan Carty
Wilson C. Chau
Eva Patricia Chavez
Constance Marian Chen
Ritu R. Chopra
Sharon Lindsay Clancy
Brian Stuart Coan
Kambiz Jacob Cohen-Kashi
Christopher Michael Craft
Marcus Harrell Crawford
Tracey Anne Culbertson
Wellington Joseph Davis III
Joseph Henry Dayan
Joseph Cart deBrux Jr.
Michael Sean DeWolfe
Michael Dobryansky
Andrew Roger Dodd
Sean Timothy Doherty
Jeffrey Hugh Donaldson
Amarjit Singh Dosanjh
Alan James Durkin
William Miguel Epps
Christopher Pell Fender
Robert Edward Hugh Ferguson Jr.
Eric Kojo Fynn-Thompson
Patrick Bryan Garvey
Dawn Jennifer Geisler Wang
Daron Geldwert
Jennifer Ann Geoghegan
Cory Scot Goldberg
Kyle Patrick Gordley
Jeremy Goverman
Lorelei Jean Grunwaldt
Ameen Anton Habash
Matthew Jason Hancey
Michael Stephen Hanemann Jr.
Cherrie Ann Heinrich
Charles Leroy Hendrix
Steven Leonard Henry
Todd Leander Hicks
Ryan Samuel Hoffman
Raffi V. Hovsepian
Robert Thomas Howard
Ronald Edward Hoxworth
Patrick Wei-Te Hsu
Eric Chaoko Hu
Scott Downs Imahara
Rajiv C. Iyer
Shayan Alireza Izadost
Azul Shiraz Jaffer
Sonu Abhishek Jain
Brian Andrew Janz
Luis Alejandro Jaramillo
Christopher Carson Jeffries
Christopher Jonathan Jensen
Daniel Kaufman
Alison Elaine Kaye
Gerald Jerry Khachi
Elizabeth Mikyoung Kim
Shane Christopher Kim
Ergun Kocak
Bill Gus Kortesis
George James Kouris
Brian Richard Kreul
Kenneth Robert Lee
Mark Young Lee
Jarrod Alexander Little
Yuan Liu
Maria Margaret LoTempio
Candis Michelle Lovelace
Daniel Paul Luppens
Ian Frazier Lytle
Sheina Anne Macadam
William Preston Magee III
Ramsey Kevin Majzoub
Joseph Michaels V
George Guiho Min
Pradeep Sharma Mohan
Farid Brad Mozaffari
Sarah Elizabeth Nargi
Timothy Scott Neavin
Minh-Doan Thi Nguyen
Fadi Nukta
Eric Avram Odessey
Vivek Panchapakesan
Dhaval M. Patel
Munjal P. Patel
Nikesh Kirit Patel
Ramiro Perez Jr.
Chad Adam Perlyn
Jason Dayne Petersen
Emily Ann Peterson
Warren L. Poag
Jason Harris Pomerantz
Beth Aviva Preminger
Landon Scott Pryor
Ariel Niroomand Rad
Puli Pravin Reddy
Edward Martin Reece
Chun Hyoung Rhim
Bruce Allen Rodgers Jr.
Pedro Rodriguez
Kendall Renee Roehl
Tal Teddy Roudner
Alireza Sadeghi
Moises Salama
Dennis Kenneth Schimpf
Scott Timothy Schmidt
Jeffrey Robert Scott
Jesse Creed Selber
Subhro Kamal Sen
Alex Senchenkov
Jerome Sepic
Emran Salahuddin Sheikh
Jaimie Troyal Shores
Mark Sisco
Mia Evangelia Skourtis
Matthias Solomon
HanJoon Michael Song
Michelle Andrea Spring
Phillip John Stephan
Erez Gabriel Sternberg
Rebecca Marie Studinger
Stephen Robert Sullivan
Paul John Syribey
Bruce Jackson Taylor
Helena Olga Beatrice Taylor
Marissa Morningstar Tenenbaum
Brinda Thimmappa
Charles Y. Tseng
Sue-Mi Tuttle
Julie Vanille Vasile
Tito L. Vasquez
Jon Peter Ver Halen
Kyle Reece VerSteege II
Jeremy Patrick Warner
Jonathan Ernest Weiler
Aisha Dalila White
Joseph Allen Wolf
Alex Keung Wong
David Yan
David Chuan-wei Yao

TO OUR DIPLOMATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY PARTICIPATED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (AOC-PS®)

In April 2010 the following 225 diplomates successfully completed the AOC-PS cognitive examination in addition to 6 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 1,514 diplomates have been recertified including 78 via SOTH*.

Valerie Jean Ortt Ablaza
John Thomas Alexander, II
Mazin Sultan Al-Hakeem
Mohammad Azhar Ali
Daniel Bradley Allen
Milind Kishore Ambe
Richard Arabitg
Balvantray Parashram Arora
Eric Robert Ashby
Srdan Babovic
Norma Baciliuous
Jillian Elizabeth Banbury
Dennis J. Bang
Haven Jesse Barlow, Jr.
Randall Dean Barnett
Andrea Paolo Basile
Jose Alberto Bastidas
Michael Scott Beckenstein
Farhat Jabbar Bokhari
Lisa Brittany Bootstaylor
Mark Thomas Boschert
David Tyler Bowen
James Paul Bradley
David Austin Branch
Jeffery Lee Brande
Stephen David Bresnick
Peter Mark Bridge
David Michael Brown*
Brian Keith Brzowski
Edward Wayne Buchel
Elisa Anneli Burgess
Fernando Monserrate Calero
Theodore Arthur Calianos, II
Lucie Capek
Charles Brett Carlin
Lloyd Paul Champagne*
Mark Edward Chariker
Pierre-Yves Masaki Chevray
Michael Francis Chiaramonte
James Ming Chui
Sheldon Ray Cober
Eric Lowry Cole
Brian Allen Cox
Stefan Blythe Craig
James Ernest Craigie
William Thomas Cullen
Athanasios Thomas Dalagiannis

Andrew Louis DaLio
John Joseph Danyo, Jr.
Lisa Renee David
Lisa Ann Davis
Kenneth Dell Dembny, II
Patricia Angelica DePoli
Richard Andrew deRamon
John Philip Di Saia
Christine Anne DiEdwardo
Jacqueline Marie DiPierro
Ryan Edward Dodde, II
Daniel Neil Driscoll
Lucie Duclos
Sepehr Egrari
Dov Israel Eidelman
Dina Areti Eliopoulos
Marc Jeffrey Elkowitz
Juan Ramon Escobar
Ann Leilani Fahey
Robert David Foster
Elizabeth Loretta Fox
Gary Lyle Gallagher
Gloria Mabel Gamboa-Gonzalez
Juan Carlos Garcia
Bahram Ghaderi
Giovanna Ghafoori
Todd Philip Ginestra
Rebecca Ann Glasser
Christopher Paul Godek
Florencio Jorge Gonzalez
Gayle Marietta Gordillo
Christopher Burnside Gordon
Wendy Ruth Gottlieb
Sanjay Grover
Joseph Leonard Grzeskiewicz
Laura Ann Gunn
Karol Artur Gutowski
Wesley Walker Hall
Warren Tracy Hankins
Alan Scott Harmatz
Philip Pierre Hawner
William James Hedden
Brian Vassar Heil
Leonard Mark Hochstein
James Alan Hoffman
Mark Pieter Honig
Jeffrey Donald Hopkins*

Michael Alan Horn
David Ben Huang
Michael Hueneke
Charles Scott Hultman
Christopher Jacques Hussussian
Sohel Mohammad Islam
Robert Daniel Jablonski, Jr.
Mark Anthony Jabor
Michael Allen Janitch
Kelland Keith Jeffords, Jr.
Robert Bruce Jetter
Melissa Ann Johnson
David Mark Kahn
Alex Avram Kane
Robert H. Kang
Samuel Da-seng Kao
Steven Michael Katz
Kevin Metz Keller
Ann Leilani Kessler
Kamran Khoobehi
Clifford King
Marc Howard Klein
Laura Katherine Knox
Brian John Kobienia
Joseph Raymond Kolb, III
Christopher John Kovanda
Steven Jerome Kronowitz
Donna Marie Krummen
Anthony Nunzio LaBruna
Lewis Thomas Ladocsi, IV
Jorge David Latoni
Charles Sung-Chull Lee
Brett Edward Lehocky
Joan Elizabeth Lipa
Michael Thornton Longaker
Joseph Edward Losee
James Benjamin Lowe, III
Adam David Lowenstein
Stephen Anthony Madry
Kevin Maguire
Michael Stephen Margiotta
Sandra Lee Margoles
Eric Robert Mariotti
Patricia Navarrette Mars
Jeannette Yvette Martello
Benjamin Mark Maser
Mark Edward Mason

John Kendrick McKissock
John Gerard Meara
Daniel Alexander Medalie
Robert Michael Menard
Rigoberto Joseph Mendoza
John Joseph Minoli
Marie Elizabeth Montag
M. Eugene Moor, III
Bufford Don Moore
Albert Morrill Morrison
Gregory Paul Mueller
James Eugene Murphy, Jr.
Peter Ngoc-Nhi Newen
Patrick Joseph O'Neill*
Kimberley Lloyd O'Sullivan
Kitti Kiattikunvivat Outlaw
Arvind Narayan Padubidri
Dean A. Page
Keith Thomas Paige
Amelia Arianne Pare
James Arthur Parker
Henry Paul, Jr.
Richard Emil Peck
Francis Rockland Pelham
Galen Perdikis
John Anthony Perrotti
Steven Leroy Peterson
Tracy Marlene Pfeifer
John Michael Pierce
Charles George Polsen
Bart Rademaker
Joseph Raniere, Jr.
Elsa Maria Raskin
Brian Joseph Reagan
Don Ray Revis, Jr.
Paul Hyung Rhee
James Andrew Rieger
Benjamin John Rodriguez
Luis Francisco Rodriguez
Stephen John Ronan
Richard Scott Rosenblum
Andrew Mark Schneider
Karen Lesley Shorrock-Birmingham
Ronald Paul Silverman
Kenneth David Siporin
David Sterling Slatton

Brendan Edward Smith
Andrew Warren Smith
Jeffrey Dean Smith
Paul David Smith
Michael Garrison Smock
Joel Stuart Solomon*
Aldona Jedrysiak Spiegel
Christopher Joseph Spittler
Paul Maxwell Steinwald
Eric Jason Stelnicki
Brian David Stenberg
Mitchell Andrew Stotland
Michael Joseph Streitmann
Samir Mohammed Sukkar
Adam Neal Summers
Gregory Michael Swank
Mia Talmor
Ellis Tavin
David Joseph Teplica
Rudolf Carl Thompson
Victoria Thuy-Lam Tran
Anthony Paul Tufaro
Gregory Daryl Urban
Roy Douglas Vanderpool
Christopher Scott Verbin
Patrick Joseph Viscardi
David John Wages
Forrest Preston Wall
Virginia Ann Ward
Steven Hansen Warnock
Eric Edward Wegener*
Daniel Benjamin Westawski
Steven Harris Wiener
Paul Wigoda
Bradon Jay Wilhelmi
William Geoffrey Williams
Todd Edward Williams
Jon Scott Williamson
Granger Bradford Wong
Henry Po-yen Yang
Marshall Ross Yellen
Jamal Yousefi
Henry Daniel Zegzula
Michelle Joan Zweifler

CONGRATULATIONS

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

In 2010, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 17 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 28 diplomates in SOTH. To date the Board has certified 638 diplomates and has recertified 302 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2010

Jonathan Juin-Jen Cheng
Simon Hong-Suk Chin
Loretta Coady-Fariborzian
Kamil Erfanian
Ida Keiko Fox
Richard Young-Jin Kim
Giliel Stefan Kryger
Shankar Lakshman
Wong Kyun Moon
George D. Papanicolaou
Bauback Safa
Michel Saint-Cyr
James David Schlenker, Jr.
Alexander Marcus Spiess
Amir Hosein Taghnia
Douglas Robert Trzcinski
Asaf Yalif

DIPLOMATES RECERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2010

Jesse Orlando Basadre
David Michael Brown
Robert Taylor Buchanan
Frank Emile Campanile
Lloyd Paul Champagne
David Tak Wai Chiu
Mihye Choi
Howard Dash
Richard Jobe Fix
Neal Lewis Gorlick
Jeffrey Donald Hopkins
Peter Christopher Jones
Hani S. Matloub
Kathleen Marie Meyer
Norbert Louis Ming
Joseph Andrew Molnar
Scott Douglas Oates
Patrick Joseph O'Neill
Frank Robert Rogers
Robert Charles Russell
Daniel Shane Sellers
Joel Stuart Solomon
William Everett Starr
Ronald Hector Stefani, Jr.
William Michael Swartz
Eric Edward Wegener
Peter Douglas Witt
William Joseph Wyatt

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS®) PROGRAM

The Board is now reporting MOC-PS® Participation status to credentialers and consumers. Certification dates and MOC-PS® Participation status are reported through the “Is your surgeon certified?” link available on the home page of the Board’s website. Board status for MOC-PS® will be reported as “not current” if a diplomate is at least six months overdue with one or more requirements. All diplomates should log in to the Board’s website to review their individual MOC-PS® Tracking page to ensure they will be reported as “participating and current.” The tracking page outlines MOC-PS® requirements by year and lists deadline dates, status and completion dates. Please contact staff@abplsurg.org if you need assistance.

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

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

This year for MOC-PS®

Diplomates certified in **2002, 2003 and 2004** are eligible to submit the on-line Application and Clinical Case Log for the April 2012 MOC-PS® Examination. The Application and Clinical Case Log must both be finalized by September 1, 2011.

Diplomates certified in **1995, 1998, 2002, 2005 and 2008** are required to finalize the MOC-PS® Activities by December 1, 2011. Diplomates certified in 2002 and 2005 are completing the MOC-PS® Activities for the second time during their 10 year certification cycle. The Board encourages diplomates to re-measure in 2011 by selecting the previous tracer procedure completed in 2008. The new benchmarking report will include data from 2008, 2011 and the national statistics for a full self-assessment of practice improvement.

Plan now for your MOC-CME. Look for new, evidence-based tracer-related MOC-PRS articles published in December 2010 and February 2011 and for MOC-approved courses when attending educational meetings this year. Only one MOC CME activity is required with each tracer procedure.

E-mail staff@abplsurg.org if you did not receive your MOC information for 2011-2012.

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 (below) may be used on your website, letterhead, advertisements and business cards.



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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 in the “My Profile” tab available once logged in to the Board’s website.

RENEWAL CERTIFICATES

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

REVOKED CERTIFICATES

The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. In 2010 the following ABPS certificate was revoked. To date, a total of 70 certificates have been revoked.

Teresita Y. Giraldez Mascardo, M.D.

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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.

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

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

The Board’s Trademarked Logo

The use of the Board’s Logo is not permitted for any purpose. Diplomates should remove this logo from all practice websites. Please notify your web vendor. The Board appreciates the cooperation of all diplomates.



Newsletters and Booklets of Information are 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 contain the established requirements, policies and procedures of the Board relating to residency training and the certification, MOC-PS® and SOTH processes.

2011 Diplomate Dues and MOC-PS® Annual Contribution

Enclosed is one of two forms for reference: a 2011 Diplomate Dues Remittance Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders or the 2011 MOC-PS® Annual Contribution Form for Time Limited Certificate Holders.

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

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 the preferred method 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, 2011.**

The ongoing support of the Diplomate Dues request has been gratifying. Since 1999, approximately 70% of our diplomates have responded. The income from the dues has greatly assisted the Board in its operations and its mission, and has been especially helpful in defense of the standards represented by the ABPS certificate and development of web-based procedures.