Chair Report
A. Michael Sadove, M.D.

Certification in plastic surgery: The goal of the process?

One of the highlights of our professional careers was the day that we became “Board Certified plastic surgeons.” As Chair of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, it is my great pleasure to welcome the 209 new diplomates and congratulate you on achieving this designation. It is tempting to view our Board certification as the pinnacle of a climb that began with our primary education and continued through our medical school, prerequisite surgical training, requisite plastic surgery education and culminated with certification in plastic surgery. Although this is appealing, I believe that in principle we all accept that our professional education should continue throughout our surgical careers. We would want and expect nothing less from physicians caring for our loved ones. Diplomates practice continuous life-time learning by participating in continuing medical education programs where they are motivated by self-improvement or medical staff requirements. The logical extension of this current activity is to self test knowledge following these educational activities. The expectation is that knowledge increases by thoughtful participation in the activity. Documenting this improvement determines whether the symposia, course, review article is meeting the educational requirements of our diplomates, but also to provide evidence to satisfy an ever-increasing public demand for a physician’s “life-long learning.”

My immediate response when hearing of this “demand” by federal agencies, public interest groups and credentialing bodies was irritation at the thought of “regulation” of my profession by individuals knowing nothing about the practice of plastic surgery. The irritation was slightly reduced when surgical colleagues who also were airplane pilots explained that they were required to demonstrate maintenance of their skills in order to maintain their licensure. My continued monitoring of this “movement” toward documentation of physician’s life-long commitment to professionalism and learning made me aware of the licensing dilemma for state medical boards regarding the mounting public pressure that they test physicians before renewing their licensure. The Federation of State Medical Boards may consider participation in specialty board Maintenance of Certification® programs as an alternative to a state administered exam.

My pragmatic nature has brought me to the reality that if we (plastic surgeons) don’t take control of this process, others will. As a plastic surgeon certified prior to 1995, my Board certificate is not time-limited, but as many other “leaders” in plastic surgery I now realize that it is beneficial for me to participate in the Board’s Maintenance of Certification® process. I don’t want to review the entire MOC-PS® Program, but I encourage those of you who are not participating to visit the ABPS website, www.abplsurg.org, and learn more about the program. Alternatively, you can call the Board and talk to the helpful staff. The staff at your

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2009 – 2010
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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 (ASMFs). 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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Board Office will help you through this process. At first the “jargon” of “tracer procedures” or “PA-PS modules” is overwhelming, but the process is not. There is a continually increasing array of educational opportunities provided by ASPS, ASAPS and ASSH which can be accessed through state and regional meetings, websites or journal articles.

I admit that taking a “secure exam” every ten years is not appealing, but when my time for this exam nears I will obtain the ASPS study guide which will provide educational critiques of each question. I am encouraged by my colleagues’ successful completion of this examination at rates varying from 90-95% in previous years. I believe that our ABPS MOC-PS process will result in improved care for our patients while allowing you, our diplomates, to document your life-long commitment to professionalism and education. ABPS certification was our original goal to demonstrate excellence in plastic surgery care – the MOC process will allow us to document this excellence throughout our careers.

From the Executive Director

R. Barrett Noone, M.D.

The past year has been active and productive at The American Board of Plastic Surgery. Although space does not allow a detailed report of the Board’s activities, selected highlights are included.

**PRACTICE ASSESSMENT IN PLASTIC SURGERY**

The Part IV program of Maintenance of Certification® is highlighted by the plastic surgeon’s study of specific operations from his/her practice. This requirement is completed every three years, with review of 10 consecutive patient records on the procedure. Participation by our diplomates has been outstanding in the first two years of the program. As of December 31, 2009, a total of 1,496 tracer procedure groups were completed, providing detailed data on 14,960 cases. The groups were Comprehensive Plastic Surgery, Cosmetic Surgery, Cranio-maxillofacial Surgery and Hand Surgery. The most common procedures submitted to date have been in Cosmetic Surgery, with a total of 685 tracer procedures, or 45.8% of the total. This was followed by Comprehensive Plastic Surgery at 39.8%, Hand Surgery (10%) and Cranio-maxillofacial Surgery (4.1%). The operations that were most entered were augmentation mammoplasty procedures (453 entries for 4,530 patients), representing 30.3% of the tracer procedures; the next most common, in decreasing order were reduction mammoplasty (23.9%), breast reconstruction (9.8%), abdominoplasty (8.7%) and carpal tunnel syndrome (8.3%). This process has great value by returning to the diplomate a report at the completion of data entry, comparing his/her data with the cumulative data from all who have submitted on that particular procedure. This gives an opportunity for the individual to privately and anonymously compare personal data with peers. The de-identified national data are updated instantly at the completion of each entry, so that they are reported in real time to the candidate upon completion of the data entry. The Board views this project as one of the most important services we provide to
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the practicing plastic surgeon by allowing the surgeon to improve practice by comparing to peers and completing educational modules attached to the tracer procedures.

Development of an action plan is essential to the practice assessment program. In the first year, greater than half of the candidates said they would change some aspect of their practices, based on the knowledge gained through entry of data and assessment of their data compared to peers. These comments were gratifying to the MOC Committee and the Board.

MOC AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The educational benefit following data entry and analysis continues with either an MOC educational course at a national or regional meeting or the completion of a continuing medical education article on that particular tracer procedure in an approved Journal. The first round of articles, which were written by the Directors of the Board to match the 20 tracer procedures, were published in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery as structured papers.

The second round of CME articles in PRS, also written by Directors of the Board for a specific tracer procedure, will all be evidence-based publications, reviewing literature on the topic to provide the best available evidence for specific topics and outcomes regarding the practice assessment tracer procedure selected by the diplomate. These articles are currently in development, will be completed to meet the deadline requirements of PRS in early 2010, and will be published in the first quarter of 2011. In addition to courses available at the annual ASAPS and ASPS meetings, the Board is collaborating with the American Society for Surgery of the Hand in producing MOC related courses at its annual meeting. The 2010 meeting will feature carpal tunnel syndrome and metacarpal fracture.

COLLABORATION WITH ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

Since the institution of the Joint Committee on Surgery of the Hand in 1984, the ABPS and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) have had a longstanding close relationship in the area of hand surgery. The two boards have further developed this collaboration in MOC by sharing the practice assessment module in carpal tunnel surgery, originally developed by ABPS. In the future, identical data will be collected by both Boards and shared, to provide a larger database and more accurate assessment of the procedures and results from surgery on this common operation.

DATA PUBLICATION TASK FORCE

Through its Oral Examination and MOC processes, the Board is collecting a large bank of practice data which will become valuable information for our diplomates and for the public. The sources of these data are the case lists submitted by the candidates for certification through the oral examination, the six month case list submitted in advance of the Maintenance of Certification examination and the wealth of data currently being accumulated through Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS). In an effort to organize the data, provide analysis to support scientific validity, and to decide on the details of publication of such data, the Board has established a data publication task force, currently chaired by ABPS Director Kevin C. Chung, M.D. Dr. Chung and his committee are reviewing the five most common PA-PS modules, as reported elsewhere in this column, and also are studying the trends in reconstructive and cosmetic surgery among both diplomates and candidates. It is expected that early publications from the data will be completed in 2010.

BUILDING THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION QUESTION BANK

The Board has secure storage of its pool of questions for the Maintenance of Certification Examination at the National Board of Medical Examiners, the agency contracted by the Board to produce the examination. These questions are somewhat different from those used in the initial certification examination, because they are focused on examining knowledge that would be exhibited by surgeons in practice 10 years or longer. In order to build the question bank, originally started from past In-service/Self-assessment examinations, a large question writing project, has been undertaken by the Board and its Advisory Councils. Two hundred thirty five (235) new questions were written by this group, divided into various subspecialty areas. The Board is indebted to the question writers and to the chairs of the subspecialty committees that participated in this important project. The questions, which will be entered into the item bank for use in future MOC examinations, were reviewed in a day long item review session at the NBME in May, 2009.

HEALTHCARE REFORM AND MOC

Although Healthcare Reform may now be on the “back burner” in Washington, our diplomates should know that the Senate Healthcare Reform Bill, one of the key pieces of proposed legislation in the Administration’s Healthcare Reform Program, included the alignment of Maintenance of Certification with the CMS Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI). If a final bill is introduced, the inclusion of Maintenance of Certification as an alternative to completing the tasks required for PQRI will allow plastic surgeons who participate in MOC-PS to receive increased reimbursements under the Medicare/Medicaid system. This initiative was spearheaded by the Board Enterprise movement at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). Maintenance of Certification has grown from its conception only 10 short years ago to a commonly accepted standard by all of the 24 certifying boards of the ABMS. Remarkable strides have been made in this program for demonstrating continuous quality by American physicians. The Board Enterprise movement has as one of its goals a further involvement in the relationships between organized certification in medical specialties and the multiple organizations based in Washington that oversee quality of healthcare.

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COMMUNICATION ON MOC

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons has been welcoming and gracious in allowing the Board regular space in the monthly publication Plastic Surgery News for the “MOC Fact File,” written by Melissa Karch, the MOC-PS Coordinator on the Board Office staff. Updates on requirements, deadlines, and general information about the Maintenance of Certification process are published regularly in Plastic Surgery News.

CHANGES IN CASE COLLECTION FOR THE ORAL EXAMINATION

Candidates for the 2010 Oral Examination are currently collecting cases over a 9-month period, rather than the past seven-month timeframe. Case collection began July 1, 2009 and will be completed March 31, 2010. The purpose of lengthening the collection period was to allow the newly-practicing candidate to have a better opportunity to collect a representative sampling of cases initially done in practice. The larger volume of cases will provide a more accurate assessment of the candidate’s actual performance and will give a better opportunity for the surgeon to present his or her abilities at the Oral Examination in Phoenix in November 2010. Coupled with lengthening the collection period, the Board has decided that a minimum of 50 major operative cases will be required in order to sit for the oral examination. In addition, candidates must have at least one case in 4 of the 6 Categories and 3 of the 5 Anatomical Regions, as listed below.

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The category and anatomy requirements were re-instituted because the Board must fulfill its mission to assure the public that all Diplomates have been examined and certified in the entire specialty of plastic surgery. An examination limited to a focused area of practice does not allow a true evaluation of the candidate’s broad range of abilities. The Board realizes that some candidates may decide to limit practice to specific categories (i.e. cosmetic surgery) or anatomic areas (i.e. craniofacial or hand surgery) and respects these decisions. In such cases, the Board suggests that staffing of resident cases and providing in-hospital consultation or emergency room call could be performed so that the category and anatomy requirements would be completed during the case collection period.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

For many years, the Board has hosted observers from the international community at the Oral Examination. Plastic surgeons in other countries have been very interested in learning the details of our oral exam and have visited with us in both Houston and Phoenix, recent sites of administration of the examination. The most recent examination was observed by Dr. Jane Lim, a plastic surgeon in Singapore, who is spearheading an oral examination process for Singapore plastic surgeons. Dr. Lim witnessed the entire oral examination, including the briefing of the examiners, and the actual administration of the examination and the grading process. She reported that this was highly beneficial and she plans to use our model as reference in developing oral examinations in Singapore.

PLASTIC SURGERY AT THE ABMS

The American Board of Plastic Surgery has long been involved in activities at the ABMS. Currently, I sit on the Board of Directors of ABMS, and continue to chair the Executive Director Caucus, which is comprised of the Executive Directors of the 24 certifying Boards. Dr. Thomas Mustoe will join the ABMS board in 2010. Dr. James Wells is a member of the Committee on Certification, Recertification and Maintenance of Certification (COCERT), through which the major changes in the certification process are evaluated.

NEW ITEMS

**CONSUMER VERIFICATION – Is Your Surgeon Certified?**
ABPS installed an upgrade to “Is your surgeon certified?” You can now enter one office address and phone number which will immediately be visible to the consumer. Log in and go to your physician profile to complete this new public address box. Enter the office phone without spaces. Next, hit “Save Individual Data” at the bottom of the page. Currently the Board only lists City, State and Zip to protect the privacy of the address on file, which in some cases is a home address.

**NEW WEB FEATURES NOW AVAILABLE**
- MOC-PS Tracking
- Is Your Surgeon Certified?

**ABPS CODE OF ETHICS**
The Board approved revisions to the ABPS Code of Ethics. A copy can be downloaded from the Board’s website at www.abplsg.org in the Policies section.

**RETIR ED DIPLOMATES**
Diplomates no longer practicing plastic surgery should be listed as “Retired.” Go to your physician profile to enter retired status or contact us.
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General Surgery Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital
Plastic Surgery Residency: Yale-New Haven Hospital
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General Surgery Residency: Toronto General Hospital
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General Surgery Residency: Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York
Plastic Surgery Residency: Johns Hopkins Hospital
Fellowships: Research Fellowship for one year completed at Johns Hopkins studying platelet and fat function
Research or Clinical Interests: Breast reconstruction, resident education
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DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED OVER 10 YEARS

MOC-PS PROGRAM EXAMINATION

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EXAMINATION STATISTICS

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2010 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Maintenance of Certification Examination in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS)
April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination
September 13, 2010, Monday – Initial Hand Surgery Examination
September 13, 2010 through September 25, 2010 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination Computer Based Tests at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Written Examination
October 18, 2010, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada

Oral Examination
November 11, 12, 13, 2010 - Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Phoenix, Arizona

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES

The American Board of Plastic Surgery certified 209 diplomats in November 2009. To date the Board has certified 7,779 plastic surgeons.

David Ramon Alfonso
Jason I. Altman
Jeff Oliver Angobaldo
Arturo Hernandez Armenta
Russell Lee Ashinoff
Peter Henry Ashjian
Alberto Julian Aviles
Samuel Vincent Bartholomew
Deva Beyer Becker
Rafi Sirop Bidros
Vijay Krishna Bindingnavele
James Herbert Boehmler IV
David Parker Bogue
Gregory W. Bornes
Benjamin Joseph Boudreaux
David Alan Bray Jr.
Michael Alan Brickman
Kevin Wayne Broder
Michael Ernest Budd
Guy Joseph Cappuccino
Brian T. Carlsten
Curtis L. Cetrulo Jr.
Abigail Elizabeth Chaffin
Edwin Yao-Yuan Chang
Mimi T. Chao Mills
Deowall Chattar-Cora
Michael W. Chen
Jonathan Juin-Jen Cheng
Simon Hong-Suk Chin
Joon Young Choi
Michael Raymond Christy
Frank Salvatore Cinimello
Charles Theodore Clasen III
Loretta Mary Coady-Fariborzian
Kari Lindsey Colen
Brendan Joseph Collins
Roger Stewart Collins
Amy Sue Colwell
Renee Carol Comizio
J. Alejandro Conejero
Joshua Milder Cooper
Bradley Kevin Coote
Wilberto Gil Cortes
Kara Kane Criswell
Kevin Jay Cross
Babak Dadvand
Alexander Joseph Davit III
Dean DeRoberts
Ankit R. Desai
Ramsey Ann Ellis
Scott Jeffrey Engel
Larry K. Fan
Rimma Finkel
Jonathan George Robert Samuel Fisher
Roberto Luis Flores
Charles E. Foley
Michael Brandon Freeman
Vikisha Tyse Fripp
Allen Gabriel
Irfan Ibrahim Galaria
Evan Stuart Garfein
Robert Francis Garza
Mark Gelfand
Elena Grantcharova Geppert
Ashkan Ghavami
Rami K. Ghurani
Miroslav Sergio Gilardino
Paul Singh Gill
Jon Martel Grazer
Jeffrey Adam Gusenoff
Lynne Ann Hackert
Adam Hisham Hamawy
James Edward Hardy III
Albert Ramsey Harris
Jafar Syed Hasan
Jason Roman Hess
Eugene C. Hsiao
Charles S. Hsu
Nicholas Ramsey Husni
Oksana Alexandrivna Jackson
Steven R. Jacobson
George Russell Jennings
Andrew Jimerson II
Glyn Evan Jones
Daniel Laurence Kapp
Heather L. Karu
Rohit Kumar Khosla
Habib Joseph Khoury
Bill Jin Kim
Sugene Kim
Timothy Wells King
Steven Aaron O’Connor Klomp
John Ko
Dimitrios Jim Koumanis
Stephen John Kovach III
Peter A. Kreymerman
Andrew V. Kriegel
Giliel Stefan Kryger
Zol Kryger
Kevin Paul Kunkel
Stephanie Lynn Kwei
Phillip Limbaugh Lackey
Paul James Leahy
Edward Sang Keun Lee
Wayne Ching-Wei Lee
Darren Sze Mynn Leong
Elie Levine
Howard Levinson
Chien-Wei Eric Liao
Hengli Lin
Lawrence Cheng Lin
Orlando Llorente
Derek Chuntao Lou
Otway Louie
Sirish Maddali
Azita Madjidi
Pirko Maguina
Raman Chaos Mahabir
Elizabeth Castillo Marshall
William Thomas McClellan
Vineet Mehan
Ali N. Meshahi
Erik John Miles
Marshall G. Miles
Quintessa Miller
Cassidy Douglas Mitchell
Gary Daniel Mottyke
Kurtis Eugene Moyer
Jennifer Ann Murphy
Jose Alberto Navarro
Nicole Lea Nemeth
Christopher Mead Nichols
John Francis Nigriny Jr.
Michael K. Obeng
Shannon Parker O'Byren
Stanley Aham Okoro
Cheri Ai-Sim Ong
Leo Ryu Otake
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Salvatore John Pacella
Michelle Deanne Palazzo
Stephen A. Pap
George Dimitrios Papanicolaou
Robert Joseph Paresi Jr.
Julie Eunnah Park
Anita C. Patel
Tarak Hasmukh Patel
Vinod V. Pathy
Kendall Kyle Peters
Justin Howard Piasecki
Emilia Ann Plopyis
Yale Sands Popowich
Suzanne Marie Quardt
Edward Christopher Ray
Peter Damian Ray
Roman Rayham
David Hazen Refermat
Maura Reinblatt
Remus Repta
Jennifer Lynn Rhodos
William Riel Rhodes
Jeffrey Raouf Ridha
Reza Aryai Rod
Iris Rosenfeld
Jason Michael Rovak
David Joseph Rowe
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Naveen C. Setty
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CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR DIPLOMATES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
(MOC-PS)

In April 2009, 236 diplomates successfully completed the MOC-PS cognitive examination in addition to 9 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 1,246 diplomates have been recertified including 72 via SOTH.*

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

In 2009, The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. certified 18 diplomates in SOTH and recertified 30 diplomates in SOTH. To date the Board has certified 621 diplomates and has recertified 274 diplomates in Hand Surgery.

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2009

Jayant Prasad Agarwal
Manusank Amzoyan
Syed Salmon Ashraf
Dana Scott Balderrama
Reuben Allen Bueno, Jr.
Stephen Hubbard Colbert
Jeffrey Barton Friedrich
Jason Corey Ganz
Nasimul Sam Huq
Joshua Alexis Lemmon
Paul Allen Luce
Brandon Zeph Massey
Michael Kenneth Matthew
Anthony Hung Nguyen
Jaime Perez
Chau Yu Tai
Benjamin William Verdine
Renata Vanja Weber

DIPLOMATES RECERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2009

Semira Bayati
Michael S. Birndorf
Rudolf Fabian Buntic
Jeffrey Kermit Chapman
Christine Cho-Jen Ching
Douglas Ted Cromack
Gordon Harris Derman
Eric Tomson Emerson
Andrew Craig Friedman
Gerald David Harris
David Ng Hing
Neal Edward Hoganson
Bruce Alan Kraemer
Donald Rudolf Laub
JoAnne Levitan
David Scott Martin
Howard Mitsuyuki Matsuba
Michael Stephen Norris
William Leo O'Neill
Greg Steven Orlando
Barry Harris Jay Press
Andrew Charles Reis
Heather Lynne Rocheford
Alvin Ira Rosenthal
Robert Roy Schenk
Timothy Miles Schurman
Anthony Edward Sudekum
Richard Kenneth Vanik
George Wu
Jerold Roy Zeitsel
MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS) PROGRAM

All Diplomates should log in to the Board’s website to review their individual MOC-PS Tracking page. The tracking page outlines all MOC-PS requirements by year and lists deadline dates, status and completion dates. Please contact staff@abplsurg.org if you need assistance.

The 5 Steps to MOC-PS® Success
PA-PS Module - Professional Standing - Application - Case List – Exam

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

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

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

STEP 2
Professional Standing Update which requires the diplomate to:

- List medical license, hospital privileges, outpatient facilities, society membership and peer evaluations.
- Upload the CME summary report(s) for the current and previous CME cycles from the ASPS website, or upload CME documentation confirming 150 CME credits from the past three years.

In year 7, 8 OR 9:

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

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

In year 8, 9 OR 10:

STEP 5
Take the 200-question computer based exam. The MOC-PS CD study guide may be purchased from ASPS to prepare for the examination and is a valuable resource for exam prep.

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

This year for MOC-PS®

Diplomates certified in 2001, 2002 and 2003 are eligible to submit the on-line Application and Clinical Case Log for the April 2011 MOC-PS Examination. The Application and Clinical Case Log must both be finalized by September 1, 2010.

Diplomates originally certified in 1997, 2001, 2004 and 2007 are required to finalize the MOC-PS Activities by December 1, 2010. Diplomates certified in 2001 and 2004 are completing the MOC-PS Activities for the second time during their 10 year MOC cycle. The Board encourages diplomates to remeasure with the previous tracer procedure selected in 2008. A coupon from ASPS/PRS will be available if you opt to repeat a journal CME article previously purchased for exam prep.

E-mail staff@abplsurg.org if you did not receive your MOC information for 2010-2011. Once the MOC-PS requirements are met in any calendar year, look for the ability to download the following:

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

ABMS Maintenance of Certification®
American Board of Plastic Surgery

Renewal Certificates

Renewal certificates are mailed December 1st of the expiration year. Issuing the certificate is no longer related to completing the MOC-PS examination. All MOC-PS requirements must be met to receive your new certificate.

REVOKED CERTIFICATES

The Board continues to review and assess diplomates who have had sanctions, revocations, etc. on state medical licenses. In 2009 the following seven ABPS certificates were revoked.

Lauran Anthea Bryan, M.D. MI  Lawrence Saks, M.D. CA
Morton R. Mazaheri, M.D. CA  Scott Toshihiko Takasugi, M.D. CA
Michael F. Morrissey, M.D. NY  Brian R. West, M.D. CA
James Lawrence Robrock, M.D. AZ

To date, a total of 69 certificates have been revoked.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABPS

Help the Board keep our records up to date. Enter your change of address via your physician profile by logging in to www.abplsurg.org.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE ABMS

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

The American Board of Medical Specialties
222 N. LaSalle St.
Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60601
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. The ASPS web developers have been notified of this policy. The Board appreciates the cooperation of all diplomates.

NEWSLETTERS ON THE BOARD’S WEBSITE

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

2010 DIPLOMATE DUES AND MOC-PS ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION

Enclosed is one of two forms for reference: a 2010 Diplomate Dues Remittance Form for Lifetime Certificate Holders or the 2010 MOC-PS Annual Contribution Form for Time Dated 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 the MOC-PS Program. 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, 2010.

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.
2010 POTENTIAL ORAL EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2010 Oral Examination. The Board will review comments regarding the suitability of any candidate for certification. Please direct written comments on official letterhead to info@abplsurg.org.

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