Chair Report
James M. Stuzin, M.D.

Having had the privilege of serving as a director and officer in many plastic surgery organizations, it has been my greatest honor to serve as Chair of The American Board of Plastic Surgery. From my perspective, ABPS remains the most important entity in maintaining the integrity of our specialty. Numerous physicians, with neither the training nor credentials, want to identify themselves as plastic surgeons. The role of ABPS is to set the standards for what plastic surgery represents, identifying and credentialing only those physicians who have both the qualifications and have met the strict training requirements necessary to become a Board Certified plastic surgeon.

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

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

2) Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS). As most of you realize, Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS) is a reality for all diplomates who have been granted time-limited certificates, and is now a requirement mandated for all of the 24 Boards comprising the American Board of Medical Specialties, (ABMS). The Maintenance of Certification Program represents a transition from the Recertification
2008 – 2009 Advisory Council Members

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

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

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

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

In summary, I would like to thank all our diplomates for their continued support for the mission of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. In the continued evolution of plastic surgery, the Board will strive to be the organization that unifies our specialty, maintaining the integrity of plastic surgery from the public’s perspective. The Board cannot be successful in this mission without the strong support of our diplomates. Voluntary contributions by the diplomates account for over 20% of the budget and allows the Board to function at the current level. Through your help the ABPS will continue to represent the highest standards of excellence signified by Board Certification in plastic surgery.
The public is making more and more demands on physicians and their oversight agencies such as certification boards, state licensing boards and hospital credentialing committees to assure that physicians are continually competent. A resurgence of interest in the quality of medical care is “out there” more than most of us realize. Our patients, big business, managed care plans and the government are all demanding more. Over the past few years there has been a rapid emergence of consumer/purchaser movement over physician accountability. Self regulation of physicians is being questioned by government agencies.

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

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

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

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

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

The Board serves with 23 other Boards and the convening organization, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to form the “Board Enterprise.” Because of the clear erosion in the public trust of the ability of physicians to manage themselves through self-regulation, the ABMS has embarked on an aggressive initiative to enhance the public trust...
by this enterprise. The goal is to establish the boards as the premier trusted agents that focus on the public’s interest in the need for a safe and high quality physician workforce through board certification. At ABMS, I sit on a new Task Force that is charged to design and implement a series of new program initiatives that will strengthen the Boards’ roles as the public trust agents. Some of these programs involve the development of an ethics and professionalism task force and program, an external work group to interface with such organizations as third party payers, a health and public policy committee and government affairs program to establish the value of the Board Enterprise with healthcare regulators. A learning collaborative on the topic of MOC will provide all Boards a forum to show how their MOC programs are producing specialty-specific outcome results. At the ABPS, we are proud of the recognition we have received for our seminal program in evaluating outcomes, and we believe that it will continue to be a featured program in the future.

MAINTENANCE OF LICENSURE

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is the convening organization for all state licensing agencies for physicians. Through the ABMS relationship with FSMB, we have learned that even those holding permanent Board certificates as lifetime certificate holders could face increased requirements when renewing a state medical license. A draft policy under consideration by the FSMB proposes that re-licensure should become more comprehensive, requiring physicians to demonstrate continuing skills and knowledge in their areas of practice. As proposed now by the FSMB, the Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) process will closely mirror the ABMS requirements for Maintenance of Certification. The FSMB, over the past five years, has evaluated the deficiencies in the current licensing systems. Licensing now relies only on CME to assure continuing competence after initial licensure. The current state systems are reactive rather than proactive, measure process rather than outcome and show a lack of collaboration of the organizations necessary to evaluate competencies in physicians. The FSMB has recognized the need for change to better protect the public. Accordingly, guidelines were developed in the past year by the FSMB that state that MOL should support a commitment to lifelong learning and improvement in practice, that MOL should be developed in collaboration with others, not be overly burdensome to the individual practicing physician, provide a flexible infrastructure to offer a choice of options, and balance transparency of the system with privacy protections. The ABMS Maintenance of Certification programs, as evidenced by the MOC-PS program of our Board should be able to address the concerns of the FSMB and the state licensing boards and take advantage of activities physicians are already doing to demonstrate their competence, and use these activities to satisfy licensing requirements. Therefore, those who have already completed MOC requirements may be able to use these when the individual states begin to require MOL. In my opinion, it is far better for the licensing boards to evaluate physicians in their individual specialties rather than require general medicine examinations for re-licensure. No one expects that this will be implemented right away, but the draft policy will likely be considered by the FSMB House of Delegates at their meeting in May of 2009.

PAY FOR PERFORMANCE

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

NEW PUBLIC MEMBERS

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

EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES

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

Because of our mission to serve the public, the Board is not a membership organization and therefore does not provide membership services to practicing plastic surgeons. The educational programs needed to improve knowledge in order to sustain high quality practice are provided by the many societies in our specialty. The Board is grateful for their help in making MOC-PS a reality.
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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Dr. Chung is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan, Section of Plastic Surgery. He is a hand and upper extremity surgeon with interests in the areas of rheumatoid arthritis, congenital hand problems, spinal cord injuries, nerve injuries, and complex fractures. Dr. Chung has served as a Council member of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. He has published over 190 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, over 60 book chapters and is Editor of 6 textbooks relating to Hand Surgery and Plastic Surgery. He is the Deputy Editor for the Journal of Hand Surgery and is an Associate Editor for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He has an NIH R01 grant to conduct a multicenter clinical study on outcomes of joint replacement surgery for the rheumatoid hand, a R21 innovation grant for a national study on distal radius fractures, and a Mid-Career Investigator Award in Patient Oriented Research from the National Institute of Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS). Dr. Chung currently serves at the University of Michigan as the Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs in which he oversees the welfare of over 800 faculty members in the instructional/tenure track.

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

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

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

Dr. Thorne is in private practice in New York City and is on the faculty of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery at the NYU Medical Center. After graduating from Yale College, Dr. Thorne served in the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa. He then attended UCLA School of Medicine followed by Surgery training at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Plastic Surgery training at NYU and a Craniofacial Fellowship at NYU. Dr. Thorne joined the NYU faculty in 1989 and is Associate Professor of Plastic Surgery. He served in the capacity as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Bellevue Hospital for 10 years and Director of the NYU Plastic Surgery Residency for 10 years. Dr. Thorne has edited the 5th and 6th Editions of the Grabb and Smith Plastic Surgery textbook and currently serves on the Board of ASAPS and as Cosmetic Section Editor for the Journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He is past president of the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons. Dr. Thorne’s clinical practice focuses on cosmetic surgery and pediatric plastic surgery with a special interest in congenital ear deformities and microtia.
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2008 EXAMINATION DATES & LOCATIONS

Maintenance of Certification Examination in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS)
April 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada (one day exam)

Hand Surgery Examination and Hand Surgery Recertification Examination
September 14, 2009, Monday - Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers throughout the United States and Canada – Initial subcertification in Surgery of the Hand
September 14, 2009 through September 26, 2009 - Hand Surgery Recertification Examination at Prometric Test Centers (one day exam)

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

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

VISIT www.abplsurg.org
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD DIPLOMATES
The American Board of Plastic Surgery certified 189 diplomates in November 2008. To date the Board has certified 7,570 plastic surgeons. Result letters were mailed on December 30, 2008.

Jayant Prasad Agarwal
John William Antonetti
Lauren Patrice Archer
Saied Asfa
Joyce Kim Aycock
Dana Scott Balderrama
James Christopher Banich
Vivek Bansal
Jaime Adolfo Bastidas
Steven James Bates
Della Colleen Bennett
Laura Lorraine Bennett
Craig B. Birgfeld
Ioannis E. Bitzos
Mark Francis Blake
Jennifer Elizabeth Boll
Darrell Brooks
Lisa Danielle Brostrom
Anthony Dominic Bruno II
Jamal Morrisette Bullocks
Brooke Alissa Burkey
Antonio Busquets
Jason Richard Cacioppo
Troy Ezra Callahan
D. J. Campbell
Richard Vernon Cashio Jr.
Stephanie A. Caterson
Adil Ceydeli
Eric Chang
Te Ning Chang
Alan H. Chen
Elliott Ho Chen
Lorri Cobbins
Alvin Bayme Cohn
Gerald Foster Conner
Tracy Leigh Cordray
Cameron Ryon Craven
Catherine Mills Curtin
Javier Jason Davila
Michael Robert Davis
Johnny Francisco Diaz
Luis Miguel Diaz
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Robert Charles Dinsmore
Kamil Erfanian
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Jaleh Zahra Eslami
Shahin Fazlat
John Scott Ferguson
Ryan Patrick Flannagan
Ida Keiko Fox
Joseph Andrew Franklin
Jeffrey Barton Friedrich
Elliott Bruce Gagnon
Jesus Adrian Garcia
Andrew Kelly Gavagan
Jessica Nguyen Gillespie
Vreta Anete Gipson
Matthew David Goodwin
Ashley Elizabeth Gordon
Arin K. Greene
Negin Noorchashm Griffith
Sarah Elizabeth Hagarty
Terri Joyce Halperin
Jeffrey Ashraf Hammoudeh
Hongshik Han
Scott Lee Hansen
Marco Andro Harmaty
Ernesto Hayn
Eric Robert Helling
Terrence Bartholomew Higgins
Jeffrey David Hoefflin
Darrin M. Hubert
Keith Andrew Hurvitz
Lawrence Hal Iteld
Timothy Andrew Janiga
Reza Jarrahy
Lisa Lynn Jewell
Ricardo Ivan Jimenez-Lee
Jeffrey Alan Jones
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Gordon Marc Kaplan
Jonathan Lonwentrirt Kaplan
Raffy Leon Karamanoukian
Sanjiv Kayastha
Mohammad Khorasvi
Dana Khalid Khuthaila
Richard Young-Jin Kim
Bernard Joseph Kopchinski
Peter Tobias Korn
Joseph K. Ku
Shankar Lakshman
Kerry Patricia Latham
Max Rudolph Lehfeldt
Joshua Alexis Lemmon
Mary Elizabeth Lester
Richard Gordon Lewis Jr.
Samuel Jui-Wen Lin
John Anthony Loguidice Jr.
Adam Lokeh
Leonard Lu
Keelee Joy MacPhee
Pramit Sophat Malhotra
Michele Ann Manahan
Samir Mardini
Ian C. Marrero-Amadeo
William Jason Martin
Brandon Zelph Massey
Dimitrios Panagiotis Mastorakos
Michael Kenneth Matthew
Michael Payne McConnell
Bradley Davis Medling
Jason Jay Miller
Caroline Lee Min
Edward Peter Miranda
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Michael Karim Newman
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Vu T. Nguyen
Sacha Imran Obaid
John Christopher Oeltjen
Thaddeus Patrick O'Neill
James Joseph Orman
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Anke Ott-Young
Andre Alan Panossian
Christopher A. Park
Edward Hyunjoon Park
Thornwell Hay Parker III
Sameer Anilkumar Patel
Tushar R. Patel
Nathan William Patterson
Keyiannoosh Zad Paydar
Carl Benjamin Pearl
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Satish Ponnuru
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Michel Charles Samson
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Timothy Gerard Schaefer
Jeffrey Evan Schreiber
Karl Anthony Schwarz
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Elan Benjamin Singer
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Prashant Soni
Amy McLean Sprole
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Jesse Adam Taylor
Sumeet Sorel Teotia
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Pankaj Tiwari
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Glenn Vallecillos
Mark Louis Venturi
Anh Quoc Vu
Jeremy Waldman
Molly F. Walsh
Tyler Russell Wayment
Adam Bryce Weinfeld
Cheryl Ann White
Eric Howard Williams
Ian Fitzsimmons Wilson
Jonathan David Witzke
Anna Ivanova Wooten
Eugene Chi-Hwa Wu
Thomas Luen Yen
Sung Won Yoon
Luis Alberto Zapiach
In April 2008, 261 diplomates successfully completed the MOC-PS cognitive examination in addition to 8 diplomates using the Surgery of the Hand Examination or Surgery of the Hand Recertification Examination (SOTH) to complete the process. To date, 1,038 diplomates have been recertified including 63 via SOTH.

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

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

DIPLOMATES CERTIFIED IN HAND SURGERY IN 2008

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

Diplomates Recertified in Hand Surgery in 2008

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

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

Jane Marie Rowley
Arlene Anne Razzelle
George Henry Rudkin
Rudolph Scott Runnels, Jr.
Frank Harry Ryan
Alexandra Patera Saboiero
Paul Gregory Saccone
Amnon Eric Sadah
Edgar Flores Saldana
Kian Jan Samimi
Sominder Singh Sandhu
Michele Toby Sasmor
Cameron Sherwood Schaeffer
Susan Maria Schneider
Raymond Michael Seballos
Steve Paul Seidel
Jeffrey Wayne Seltzer
Thomas Sena
Scott Clark Sessions
Joseph H. Shin
Kimberly Kennan Short
John Venoble Shuffelburger*
Bernard Alan Shuster
Charles Thornton Slack
Frederick Matthew Smith
Mark Lawence Smith
David Alan Staffenberg
William Rucer Stagner
Thomas Joseph Stefe
Alan Lee Stephens
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Lisa Daniele Taylor
Noel Scott Tenenbaum
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Sanam Purush Terkonda
Conrad Joseph Tirre
Sarah Craig Troxel
Todd Michael VanYe
Oscar Alberto Vargas
Melisha Dean Vines
Steve Thuan Vu
Peter Tzu-Hsiu Wang
Richard John Wassermann
James Paul Watson
Harold James Webb
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Joel Alfred Williams, III
John Leonard Williams, Jr.
Steven Dean William
Richard Mark Winters
Jamie Robert Wisser
Rena Sophie Wong
Kerri Michelle Woodberry
James Patrick Worrell
Paul John Wotovic
Soheil Sean Younai
Sergio Martin Zamora
John Stephen Zeri
Jozef Zoldos*
MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC-PS) PROGRAM
The 5 Steps to MOC-PS® Success
PA-PS Module - Professional Standing – Application - Case List – Exam

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

STEP 1 One Practice Assessment in Plastic Surgery (PA-PS) Module which requires the diplomate to:
• Select one of 20 Tracer procedures available.
• Enter data on-line from 10 consecutive cases of a single tracer procedure such as breast reduction or carpal tunnel.
• Review benchmarking report.
• Complete the Action Plan for Improvement.
• Complete an MOC-approved educational activity aligned with the tracer procedure such as one of the 20 MOC-approved PRS on-line articles or one of the MOC courses held at the national meetings.

STEP 2 Professional Standing Update which requires diplomates to:
• List medical license, hospital privileges, outpatient facilities, society membership and peer evaluations.
• Upload the CME summary report(s) for the current and previous CME cycles from the ASPS website, or upload CME documentation confirming CME’s from 1/1/2006-12/1/2009.

In year 7, 8 OR 9:

STEP 3 Finalize the on-line application with required documentation.
STEP 4 Submit the six month case list on the Board’s Clinical Case Log website.

In year 8, 9 OR 10:

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABMS Maintenance of Certification
American Board of Plastic Surgery
Certification Matters

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

Kamal Fouad Aboulhosn, M.D. (WA)
Albert G. Little, M.D. (MD)
James Joseph Reardon, M.D. (NY)
Ian Michael Rubins, M.D. (now deceased)
Robert Paul Sengelmann, M.D. (MO)
To date, a total of 62 certificates have been revoked.

WEB FEATURES COMING SOON
• MOC-PS® Tracking Tool
• Consumer Diplomate Verification
# 2009 Potential Oral Examination Candidates

The following physicians are candidates potentially admissible to the 2009 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 April 1, 2009.

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