

## WHY SHOULD YOU OPT FOR AN ABFAS BOARD-CERTIFIED PODIATRIST?

Your foot and ankle are complex structures that deserve an experienced physician with advanced training in their care and treatment.

Achieving ABFAS Board Certification confirms that a podiatrist has been rigorously evaluated and has demonstrated the requisite knowledge, judgment, and surgical skill necessary to deliver the highest standard of care for their patients.



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# IS YOUR PODIATRIST ABFAS BOARD CERTIFIED?



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## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE ABFAS BOARD CERTIFIED?

### 1 EDUCATION AND RESIDENCY

After completing an undergraduate degree and four years of doctoral training at a podiatric medical college, a podiatrist will participate in a multi-year residency program to obtain clinical experience as a foot and ankle surgeon.

### 2 THE BOARD CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Residents in their final year of residency training initiate the board certification process by taking a thorough didactic exam (written) and a computer-based patient simulation exam. A candidate who passes these exams becomes ABFAS Board Qualified and is eligible for board certification.

The final step in ABFAS Board Certification is a comprehensive review of a sample of the candidate's actual surgical cases. Once candidates successfully complete this part of the process, they become ABFAS Board Certified and earn the esteemed title of Diplomate.

### 3 CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION

To maintain board certification, ABFAS Diplomates must participate in the LEAD Continuous Certification Program, assessing their knowledge and skills throughout the year and demonstrating a career-long commitment to learning the latest advancements in podiatric surgery and patient care.

Diplomates also must obtain continuing medical education credits through educational activities and provide proof of current active surgical privileges at a hospital or surgery center.

## 5 WAYS ABFAS BOARD CERTIFICATION BENEFITS PATIENTS

1 ABFAS is the only foot and ankle surgery certification board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

2 ABFAS certification is a key requirement for surgical privileges at many hospitals and for some insurance companies.

3 More than 10,000 highly skilled podiatrists have earned ABFAS Board Certification, with more joining their ranks each year.

4 ABFAS Board Certification includes an intensive Case Review process, demonstrating commitment to the highest standards of patient care and success.

5 Once certified, ABFAS Diplomates advance their knowledge and skills through the LEAD Continuous Certification Program.

## HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS

Established in 1975, the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the public interest by promoting excellence in the art and science of podiatric surgery through board certification.

**Due to its comprehensive and rigorous process, ABFAS Board Certification is recognized as the gold standard in the specialty field of foot and ankle surgery.**

