**Hospital/Surgical Center Newsletter or Website Announcement Template**

[NAME], DPM, Achieves American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification in [Foot Surgery/RRA Surgery/Foot and RRA Surgery]

[INSTITUTION] proudly recognizes [NAME], DPM, for passing the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery’s (ABFAS) certification exam in [Foot Surgery/RRA Surgery/Foot and RRA Surgery]. Dr. [LAST NAME] joins a community of more than 7,000 foot and ankle surgeons upholding the highest standards in surgery with a commitment to protect the public health, by continually improving the care they deliver, ongoing participation in assessments and training beyond what is required of their peers, and consistently delivering high quality care to patients.

Achieving initial certification means that [NAME], DPM, has demonstrated—to their peers and to the public—that they have the clinical judgment, surgical skills, and ability essential for providing excellent patient care. In a recent [public survey](http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1938640017729499), patients rated Board Certification as the most important criterion in choosing a foot and ankle surgeon.

The certifying board, the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS), strives to protect and improve the health and welfare of the public by advancing the art and science of foot and ankle surgery. To accomplish this goal, ABFAS grants certification status to candidates who have successfully met the guidelines for demonstrating competency and proficiency in the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.

Since its founding in 1975 to answer a need for a surgical specialty board within the field of podiatry, ABFAS Board Certification is the only foot and ankle surgical board recognized by the [Council on Podiatric Medical Education](https://www.cpme.org/index.cfm) (CPME) through the Specialty Boards Recognition Committee.

[Include information about the doctor’s background, training, and medical school]