ABFTAS NEWSLETTER

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Case Review Tip #1: Submit copies of the intraoperative anesthesia record or circulating nurse’s notes from the case. These documents are crucial for ensuring accurate documentation of the surgical procedure.

Case Review Tip #2: Pathology Report (Path Report): If a surgery was performed on a patient at a required free clinic/resident clinic/emergency department, you may need to provide evidence of the surgical procedure. Include screenshots of your appointment books/screens that show the planned procedure.

Case Review Tip #3: Progress Notes (Post-op Documentation): Typed copies of progress notes from the first 3 inpatient days following surgery are essential. If a complication occurred, make sure to include a detailed description of the treatment and resolution.

Case Review Tip #4: Operative Report (OP Report): Submit a copy of the typed operative report where you are listed as Surgeon (not Co-surgeon). Make sure to include all pertinent supportive medical assessments generated by other healthcare professionals.

Case Review Tip #5: Podiatric History and Physical (H&P): Please review the specific views per the chart below. “Best two views” are usually weight-bearing final images.

Case Review Tip #6: Helpful Hints:
- All documents must be legible. If Case Reviewers cannot read documents, they may not be able to give credit for answers submitted.
- Please submit all typed/handwritten materials in PDF format.
- Typed copies of progress notes should include the treatment of the complication through resolution to final outcome.
- ABFAS will not accept procedures listing more than one surgeon of record.
- Make sure the Case Reviewer will be able to clearly identify all pathology, fixation, and bone alignment.

Case Review Timeline
- Case Review registration opens on November 1, 2018, and closes on December 11, 2018.
- ABFAS sends candidates instructions for Verification of Surgical Privileges at December 7, 2018.
- Case Reviewers meet. Candidates are notified of a failing score at January 22, 2019.
- ABFAS notifies candidate that they do not meet the criteria for case review and if submitted will result in a failing score at April 4-6, 2019.
- Case Review registration opens again on November 1, 2019.
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Images are one of the major areas of concern for candidates preparing their case documentation. If you don’t load images correctly or if the images are unreadable, it will impact your success in the case review process.

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