



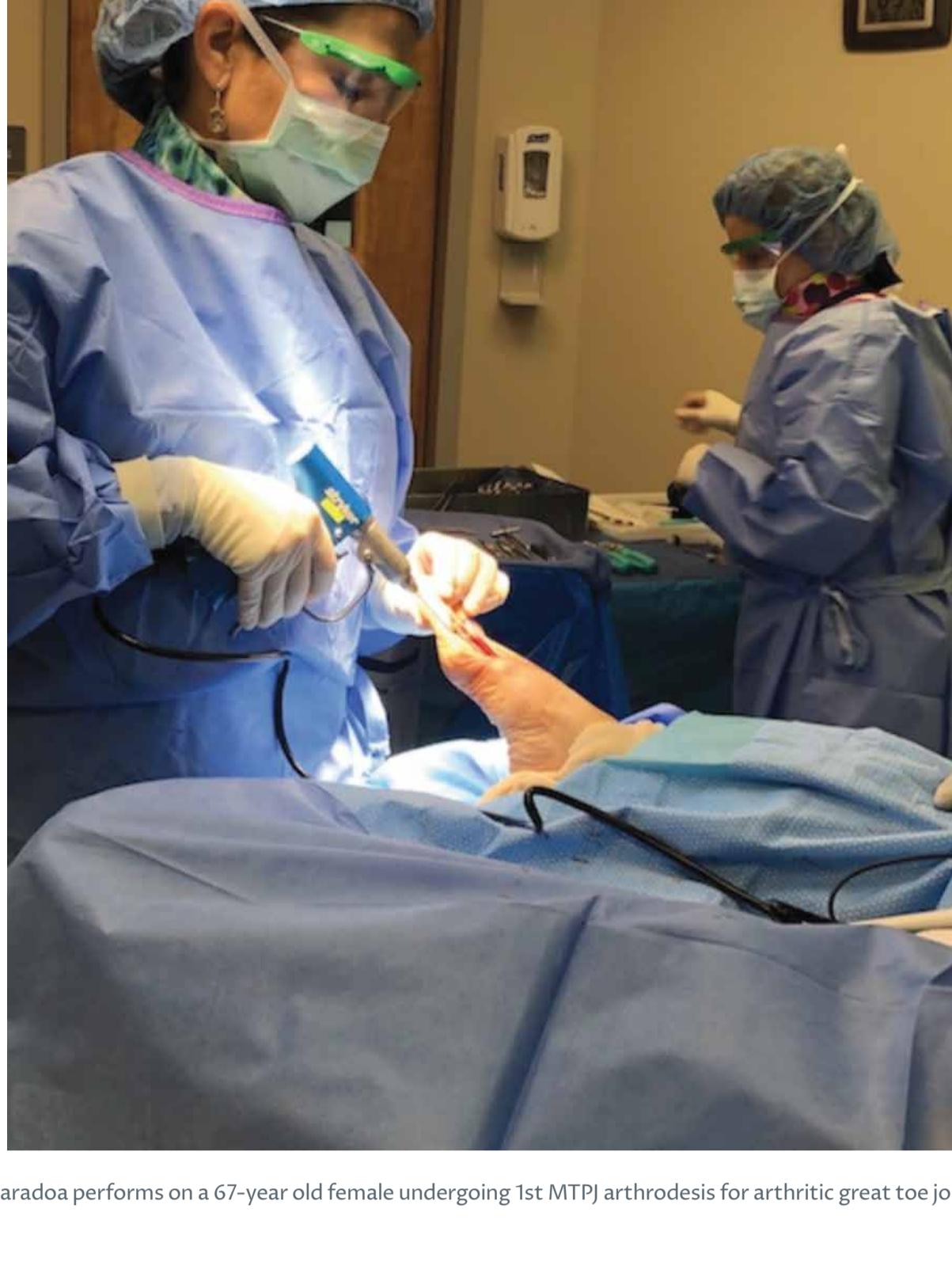
Meet ABFAS' New Secretary/Treasurer

Amberly Paradoa, DPM, has served on ABFAS' Board of Directors for the past three years. This spring, Dr. Paradoa was re-elected to a three-year term as well as elected to executive leadership as the board's Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Paradoa has long been affiliated with ABFAS, volunteering her time on numerous committees including the Cognitive Exam Committee, CBPS Review Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, as well as the Online Study Guide Task Force and Standard Setting Task Force.

We sat down with her to discuss her education, career, volunteerism, and commitment to ABFAS and the profession of foot and ankle surgery.

What made you choose a profession as a foot and ankle surgeon?

"All my life, I've always had a love of the art of medicine. I had the dream of becoming a physician, more specifically, a surgeon. Early in college, I had the great opportunity to shadow podiatric foot and ankle surgeons, and from that point on I always knew that I wanted to go to podiatry school and, ultimately, become a foot and ankle surgeon."



Dr. Paradoa performs on a 67-year old female undergoing 1st MTPJ arthrodesis for arthritic great toe joint.

How did you do know you wanted to pursue ABFAS as a certification?

"I first became familiar with ABFAS in podiatry school, then more so in residency training. ABFAS surgical board certification was always an important goal of mine. Our residency program engrained in us to pursue ABFAS certification. Certification gave diplomates respect amongst podiatric surgeons, and also, peers within the medical community. The ultimate goal to be certified with ABFAS was always important to me."



68-year old male with diabetes, fixed equinovarus foot deformity and recurrent plantar stump ulcerations treated with tibiotalar arthrodesis with hybrid internal and external fixation.

[Read more](#) about Dr. Paradoa's contribution to her community, her expectations in her new leadership role, and her advice to residents and young practitioners on: ABFAS.org

ABFAS Simplifies Recertification Registration

Case log requirements for the upcoming 2020 Foot and RRA Recertification Examinations have changed. You no longer have to upload case logs before taking the recertification exams. You simply have to attest that you have performed foot and ankle surgery within the past two years at the time of exam registration. While ABFAS no longer requires the uploading of the case logs at registration, we do reserve the right to audit case logs on randomly selected candidates.



New Find a Surgeon Feature Highlights DPM's Certification

ABFAS enhanced the Find a Surgeon feature on: ABFAS.org Now, patients searching for ABFAS Board Certified DPMs will be able to see which certification type doctors have. Please log into your profile and update your Directory Address fields with your office address, telephone number, and website URL in order to be featured on Find a Surgeon.

To update your profile, sign in to the [ABFAS website](http://ABFAS.org) with your ABFAS username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please [click here](#).

The Find a Surgeon feature is one of ABFAS.org's most visited pages. Don't miss out! Update your personal profile today!

ABFAS Thanks Marty Pressman, DPM, and Ron Ray, DPM, for Their Commitment to the Profession



2018-2019 CBPS RRA Committee
(L-R) Gregory Webb, DPM; Eric Evans, DPM; Ronald Ray, DPM, Chair; Matthew Williams, DPM; Joseph Treadwell, DPM; Brett Sachs, DPM; Michael VanPet, DPM; Danny Choung, DPM.

ABFAS thanks Marty Pressman, DPM, and Ron Ray, DPM, for their stellar leadership and dedication to ABFAS and the CBPS Committees.



Dr. Pressman (pictured, left), one of the developers of the CBPS exam, has chaired the overall CBPS process since its inception. Dr. Ray has led the CBPS Committee for almost a decade. In his more than 35 years of service to ABFAS, Dr. Pressman has participated in every facet of the examination process. Dr. Ray, as well, has served in several capacities during his long service to ABFAS. Both Dr. Pressman and Dr. Ray were members of the Board of Directors including serving as President of ABFAS. Dr. Pressman and Dr. Ray were honored this past September at the committee meetings in Chicago.

The separate Foot and RRA committees were dissolved this past year as ABFAS formed the NEW CBPS Committee. ABFAS thanks both Dr. Pressman and Dr. Ray for their commitment to the foot and ankle surgical profession.



2018-2019 CBPS Foot Committee
(Front row, L-R) Chris Lotufo, DPM; Katie Swanstrom, DPM; Nicole Bauerly, DPM; and William Adams, DPM. (Back row, L-R) Michael Dujela, DPM; Brett Sachs, DPM; Al Ng, DPM; Jeffrey Giesking, DPM; and Keith Jacobson, DPM.

Exam Registration Opens for the Recertification and Self-Assessment Exams

If you are in your 8th, 9th, or 10th year recertification registration, then mark your calendars! Recertification and Self-Assessment exams registration opens on November 4, 2019. You will be able to register for Foot Surgery Recertification, RRA Surgery Recertification, and the Self-Assessment exams.

Important Dates:

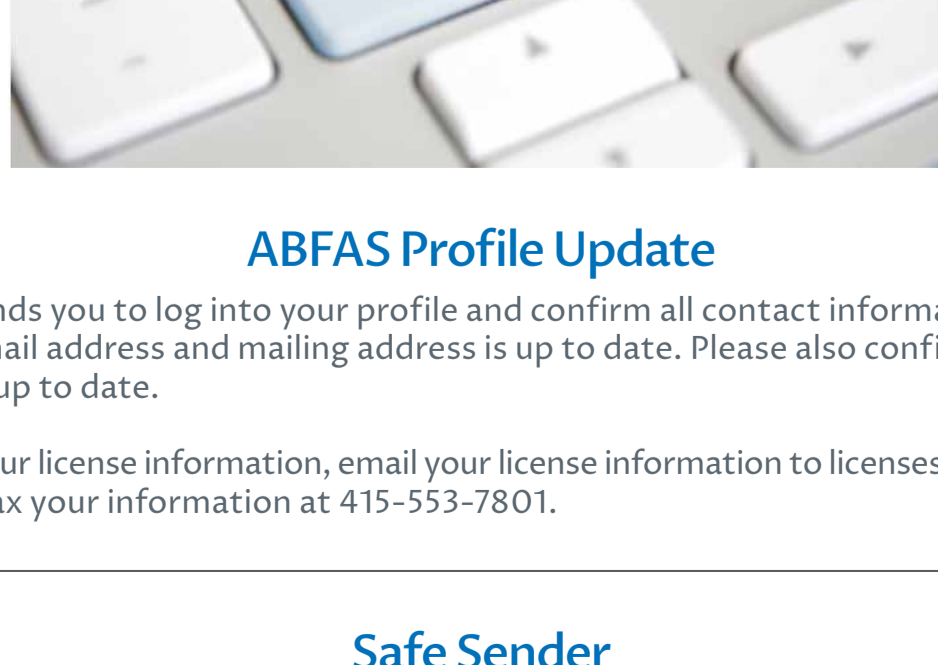
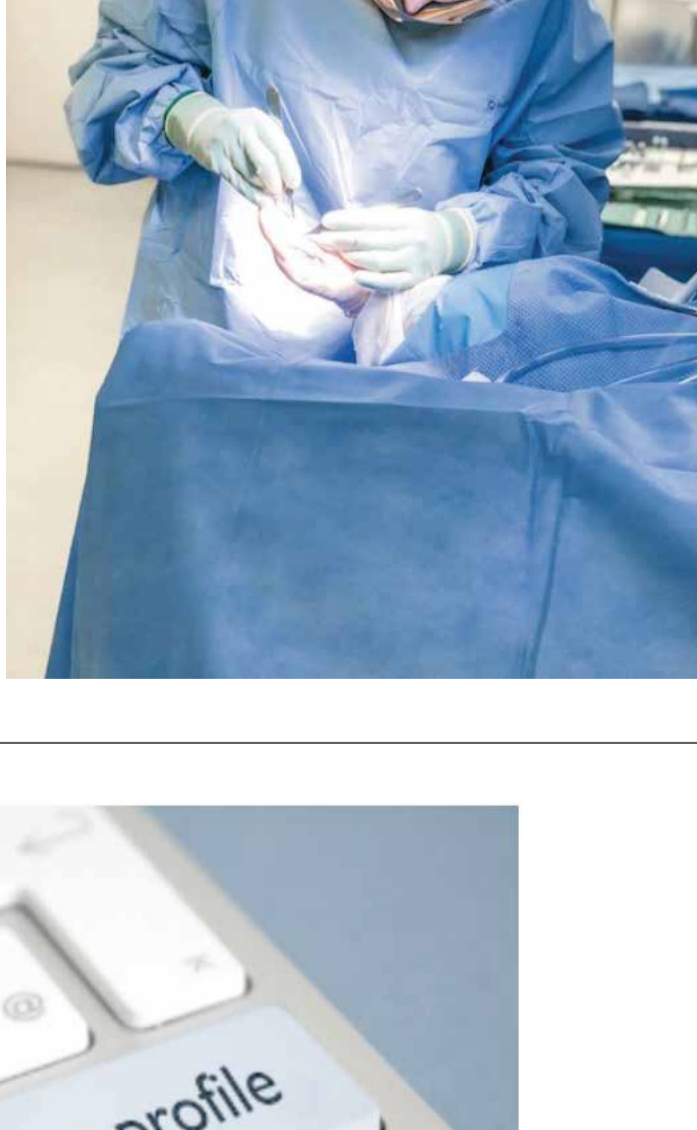
- November 4, 2019** – Registration Opens
- January 17, 2020** – Registration Closes
- January 24, 2020** – Last Day to Withdraw w/o Penalty
- January 31 – February 1, 2020** – RRA Recertification Exam Period
- January 31 – February 15, 2020** – Foot Recertification Exam Period
- January 31 – February 1, 2020** – Self-Assessment Exam Period

ABFAS DPMs are #footfirst

ABFAS would like to see your clinical photos of DPMs studying, performing cases, interacting with feet, or performing on feet.

Send your best photos to footfirst@abfas.org so we can share them on social media, in our magazines, AND our new website! We will select a monthly winner with the best photo who will receive a great ABFAS prize and recognition on our Facebook page. Don't forget to share your photos using #footfirstABFAS.

Photograph submitted by Neda Mehmandoust, DPM from Houston, TX.



ABFAS Profile Update

ABFAS reminds you to log into your profile and confirm all contact information, including email address and mailing address is up to date. Please also confirm that all licenses are up to date.

To update your license information, email your license information to licenses@abfas.org or you can fax your information at 415-553-7801.

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