ABFAS Statement on Certificates of Added Qualifications

ABFAS is an independent board of general surgeons that certifies podiatric surgeons. ABFAS is recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) as a Board of Certification within the field of surgery, which also certifies general surgeons. ABFAS is the only board responsible for certifying podiatric surgeons. The American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) is not authorized to certify podiatric surgeons—ABFAS.

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The public is best served by certification from the only specialty board authorized to certify podiatric surgeons—ABFAS.