Registered for Case Review?

The ABFAS website offers several resources to help candidates prepare for Case Review. Please review ABFAS information on Case Selection and Uploading, as well as the current guidelines for uploading your cases and the Image Submission Requirements.

In addition, view the ABFAS Board Certification Resources:

- Complete instructions for surgeons of record documentation (on page 11).
- Examples of the document types for general documentation can be found on page 31.
- Instruction for labeling images on page 29 (note: if you upload the standard document type and lack of image labeling, it may be rejected).
- Finally, access the Case Review Overview for Candidates webpage (login required) for more detailed instructions on how to format your case.

Join ABFAS at the ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference

Will we see you at the ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference in Austin? ABFAS will be on-site with two Hub presentations, one of which will answer your questions about the Board Certification process:

Friday, Feb. 25, 12 p.m.: "Everything You Need to Know About ABFAS Certification," presented by ABFAS President Amberly C. Paradoa, DPM, D.ABFAS, and President-elect Jeffery L. Giesking, DPM, D.ABFAS

Saturday, Feb. 26, 1 p.m.: "Let's Talk About the New ABFAS LEAD Continuous Certification Program," presented by Continuous Certification Committee Chair Christopher Lotufo, DPM, D.ABFAS

In addition, stop by our exhibit booth, located on the fourth floor of the Convention Center, next to the ACFAS Membership Booth. We'll have staff on hand to answer your questions about your ABFAS status, Case Review, and the Board Certification process.

Positive Changes in the Certification Process

In 2020, ABFAS made important changes to the Board Certification process to simplify the path to Diplomate status. We began allowing residents to count passed Final-year In-training Exams (ITEs) toward Board Qualification. Effective September 2020, candidates who passed the Part I Didactic and NEW CBPS exams to become Board Qualified only need Case Review as the final exam to achieve Board Certification. (Note that, if you passed the Part I CBPS exam and became Board Qualified prior to September 2020, you must still take and pass the NEW CBPS exam for certification purposes.)

This streamlining has already resulted in a streamlined Board Qualification and Certification process for candidates. What’s more, these changes have allowed candidates to achieve Diplomate status in less than one year of residency, with eight rather than ten exams before completing their programs: the Pod Surgery Didactic, NEW Pod Surgery CBPS, RRA Surgery Didactic, and NEW RRA Surgery CBPS. These candidates are already well on their way toward Board Certification in Pod and RRA Surgery.

ABFAS 2022 Booth Exhibits and Conferences

In 2022, ABFAS is engaging with DPMs across the country. If you’re attending any of these events—virtually or in-person—we welcome you to connect with ABFAS staff to ask questions about the ABFAS Board Certification process!

ACFAS Annual Scientific Conference
February 24-27, 2022 | Austin, TX
Including a Feb. 25 Hub Session on ABFAS Board Certification, and a Feb. 26 Hub Session on the LEAD program.

Midwest Podiatry Conference (MPC)
April 6-9, 2022 | Chicago, IL
Including presentations on the LEAD program and on ABFAS Board Certification, both on April 9.

The Western Foot and Ankle Conference
June 23-26, 2022 | Anaheim, CA

The National: APMA Annual Scientific Meeting
July 28-31, 2022 | Orlando, FL

ASPS Annual Surgical Conference
November 4-5, 2022 | New Orleans, LA

Keep in Touch with ABFAS

ABFAS uses email as the primary method of communicating announcements and details to Diplomates. To ensure you are receiving ABFAS emails, make sure you add info@abfas.org, updates@abfas.org, and scheduling@abfas.org to your email’s safe sender list. Instructions are available online.

In addition, please log into your ABFAS profile and, if necessary, update your personal information—especially your email address! Since 1975, the ABFAS mission has been to protect and improve the health and welfare of the public by the advancement of the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.