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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 [complete instructions](#) for uploading your cases and the [Image Submission Requirements](#).

In addition, see the ABFAS [Board Certification Document](#) for:

- Complete instructions for surgeon of record documentation (on page 11).
- Examples of the document types for upload (beginning on page 31).
- Instructions for labeling images (on page 29) to ensure you upload the correct document type and that you have labeled all images, including X-rays.

And finally, access the [Case Review Overview for Candidates webpage](#) (login required) for Case review FAQs and an on-demand webinar that provides an overview of what case reviewers are looking for.



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 slimming-down effect resulted in a **streamlined Board Qualification and Certification process for candidates**. What's more, these efforts have already borne fruit; last year more than 100 candidates passed all four ITEs in the Fall of their final year of residency, with eight more months before completing their programs: the Foot Surgery Didactic, NEW Foot Surgery CBPS, RRA Surgery Didactic, and NEW RRA Surgery CBPS. These candidates are already well on their way toward Board Certification in Foot 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 inbox 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!



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