



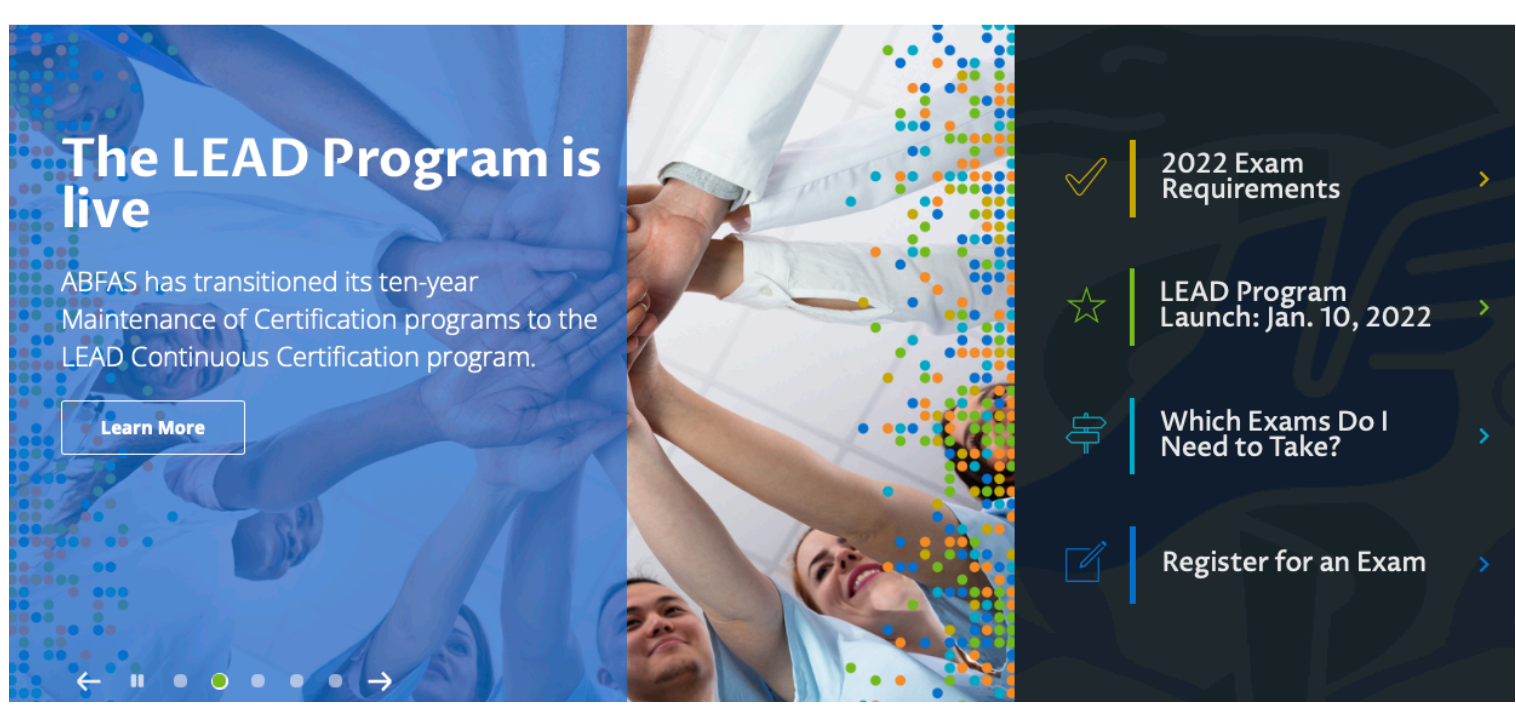
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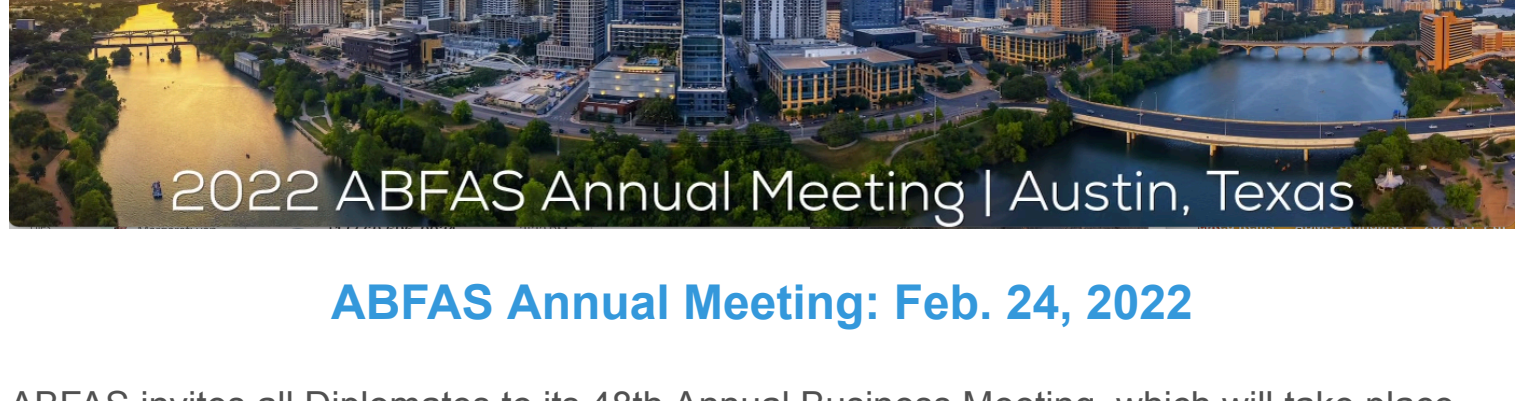
Now is the Time: Start the LEAD Assessment

The new LEAD Continuous Certification program launched nearly a month ago, but many Diplomates have not yet logged in to begin answering assessment questions. Now is the time! We encourage you to log in and complete even just one question so that you can see how simple the interface really is. Quarter 1 ends on **March 31, 2022**.

Get started by visiting abfas.org and clicking on the blue “Access LEAD Site” button at the top of the homepage:



If you'd like more information or context, you can explore the resources on the [LEAD webpage](#), including the on-demand webinar “[What You Need to Know About LEAD](#),” the interactive [LEAD Program Requirements tool](#), a webpage devoted to [What to Expect on the LEAD Assessment](#), and a [Frequently Asked LEAD Questions](#) page.



ABFAS Annual Meeting: Feb. 24, 2022

ABFAS invites all Diplomates to its 48th Annual Business Meeting, which will take place during the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) Annual Scientific Conference:

American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery 48th Annual Business Meeting

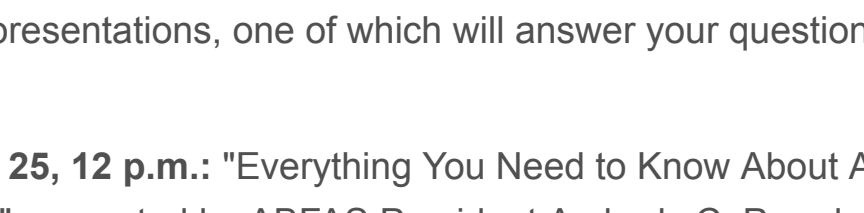
Thursday, February 24, 2022

Hilton Austin

Austin, Texas

Room 616 AB (6th Floor)

The Annual Meeting will include the presentation of the 2022 Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Awards. Log into the [ABFAS Annual Meeting webpage](#) to access the meeting agenda and the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the ABFAS Annual Meeting, you may designate someone who will attend to vote as your proxy by completing and submitting the [proxy form](#).



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 LEAD:

- **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, as well as the new LEAD program. This is also a good opportunity to pick up your ABFAS Diplomate lapel pin!

Seeking Residency Program Evaluators

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education’s (CPME) Collaborative Residency Evaluator Committee (CREC) is seeking ABFAS Diplomates to serve as candidates for appointments as residency program on-site evaluators. CREC oversees the selection, training, and assessment of podiatric residency on-site evaluators.

CREC is looking for nominees who have experience as a program director or faculty in a CPME-approved residency program. The ability to travel and knowledge of PRR and CPME document 320 are critical to the position. ABFAS Diplomates interested in serving as residency program evaluators should submit a cover letter stating their experience with residency programs, along with a copy of their CV, to ABFAS CEO/Executive Director Kathy Kreiter at kkreiter@abfas.org.

Promoting Your Certification

ABFAS encourages Diplomates to add the **new professional notation suffix of D.ABFAS** (Diplomate, American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery) to letterheads, business cards, professional listings, and the like. Some Diplomates have already started using the new notation to communicate to patients and employers their hard work and diligence in pursuing ABFAS certification. There is no extra qualifier or application process: **if you’re already certified, you’re entitled to use D.ABFAS!** Here’s an example: **Joan Smith, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS**.

We’ll release guidelines about appropriate use of the D.ABFAS suffix in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, check out the resources on the ABFAS website to help you [promote your certification](#), including draft announcements in press release and newsletter format, as well as social media material.

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 Qualification and Certification process, as well as the new LEAD program!

[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

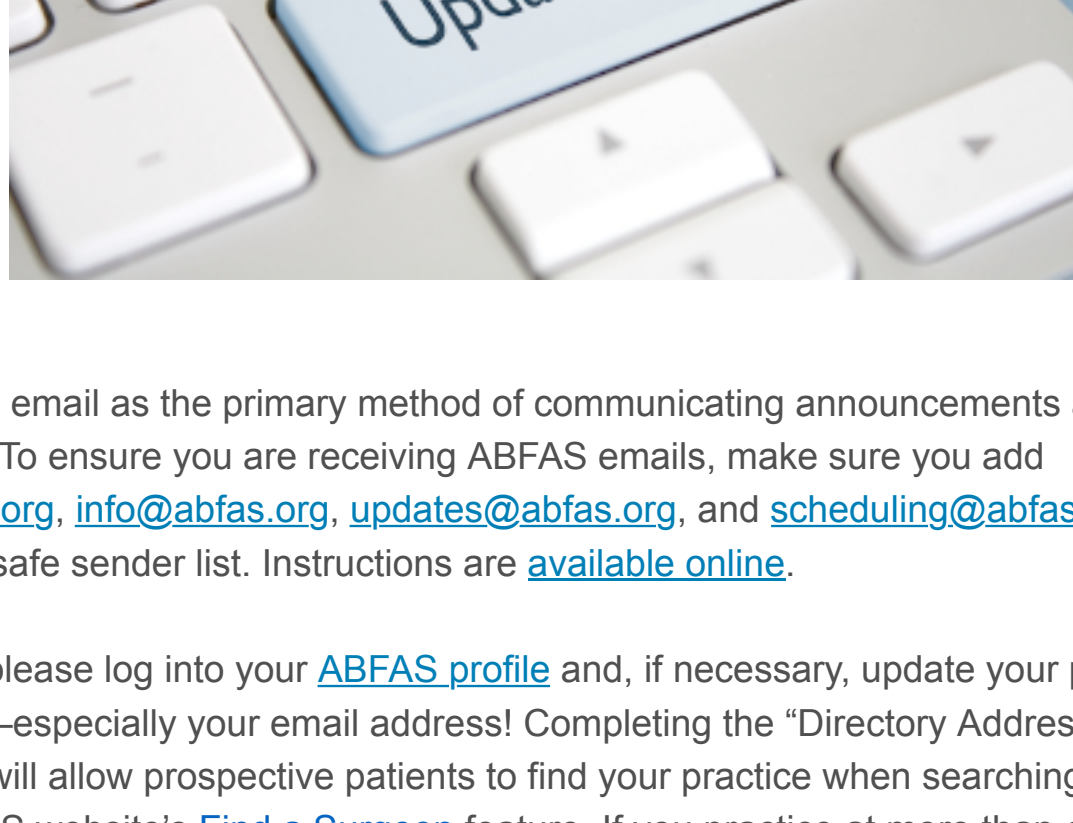
[The National: APMA Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

July 28-31, 2022 | Orlando, FL

[ASPS Annual Surgical Conference](#)

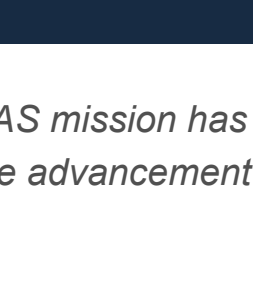
November 4-5, 2022 | New Orleans, LA

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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 lead@abfas.org, 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! Completing the “Directory Address” section of your profile will allow prospective patients to find your practice when searching by location on the ABFAS website’s [Find a Surgeon](#) feature. If you practice at more than one facility, be sure to list your website.



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