September 2022

<u>quick survey</u> on how best to talk to you.

program until January 2023.

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## The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) strives to protect and improve public health and welfare by advancing the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.

More than 10,000 podiatrists have earned ABFAS Board Certification by successfully demonstrating competency and proficiency in the specialty field of foot and ankle surgery. Together, we are committed to providing the best patient care and preserving trust in our profession. Like many of you, we were disappointed in the decision by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) to open applications for a Certificate of Added Qualification

(CAQ) in Podiatric Surgery outside of the profession's traditionally rigorous certification process. Several leading podiatric organizations—including the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Council on Podiatric Medical Education, and the American Podiatric Medical Association—have raised serious concerns about ABPM's rush to launch the new CAQ and the potential confusion it may cause among patients and hospitals. To read those comments from podiatric organizations, review our full statement on the ABPM decision.

**CPME Seeks Comment on Specialty Boards Recognition Committee Process** 

The Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) seeks the input of the podiatric

## community as it undertakes the rewrite of two publications relevant to this recent matter: CPME 220, Criteria and Guidelines for Recognition of a Specialty Board for Podiatric Medical Practice and CPME 230, Procedures for Recognition of a Specialty Board for

Podiatric Medical Practice. Beginning this Fall, the review of these documents will be led by an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, which will consider the community survey results in its review process. We encourage you to complete <a href="CPME's survey">CPME's survey</a> by November 1, 2022. Talk to Us About How We Talk to You Which communication methods do you prefer? Please take a minute to respond to our

# Diplomates are acclimating well to the new LEAD program, and ABFAS continues to

The LEAD Program: Quarter 3 and Beyond

provide timely information to help ensure successful participation. In May, we emailed you regarding how to access LEAD and outlined your individual <u>participation requirements</u>. In June, we turned our attention to helping you understand Measurement Decision Theory

(MDT), the method ABFAS uses to analyze your performance on the LEAD assessment. If you are participating in Quarter 3, note that you must complete your LEAD assessment by tomorrow, September 30, 2022. As a reminder, you do not need to participate every quarter; you only need to meet your individual minimum participation requirements.

us at <a href="mailto:lead@abfas.org">lead@abfas.org</a>. For Diplomates newly ABFAS Board Certified in 2022: ABFAS will continue to communicate with you regarding when you can access the LEAD Diplomate site. If you

achieved Board Certification this year, it is not necessary for you to begin the LEAD

ABFAS has received a great deal of positive feedback about the program. If you're still not yet participating or need additional assistance, start with the LEAD homepage or email

Have You Paid Your Annual Fee? As a reminder, ABFAS annual fee payments were due by September 1, 2022. This is your last chance to avoid a \$100 late fee! To pay online, log directly into the Invoices webpage.

## **Mentor Students to Strengthen the Profession's Future**

The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) hosts an interactive Mentor Network with the support of student recruitment stakeholders from within the profession, including

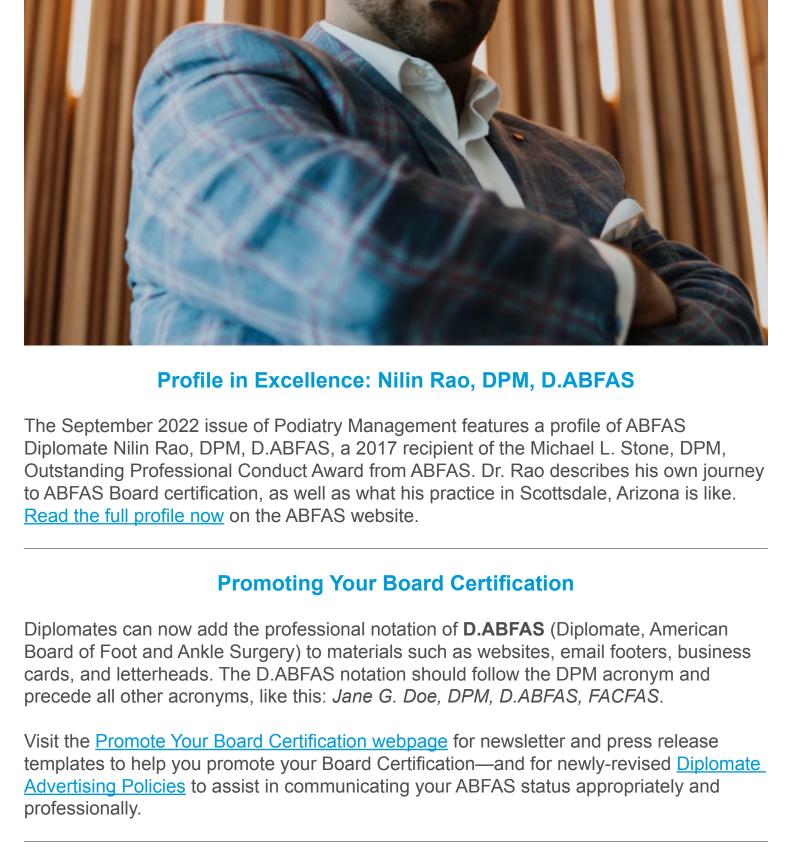
ABFAS has also mailed a hard-copy invoice to your address on file. You have the option

opportunity to engage with up-and-coming physicians, and promotes podiatric medicinerelated activities within your community. <u>Learn more</u> about how to volunteer. The Mentor Network helps match pre-health students

with mentors to give students the experience of shadowing professionals in the field, allowing them to better understand a career in podiatric medicine. The program also

ABFAS. Mentoring helps you spread the word about podiatric surgery, gives you an

supports pre-health advisors and counselors from colleges and universities around the country by helping them locate engaging, charismatic DPM speakers for student events.

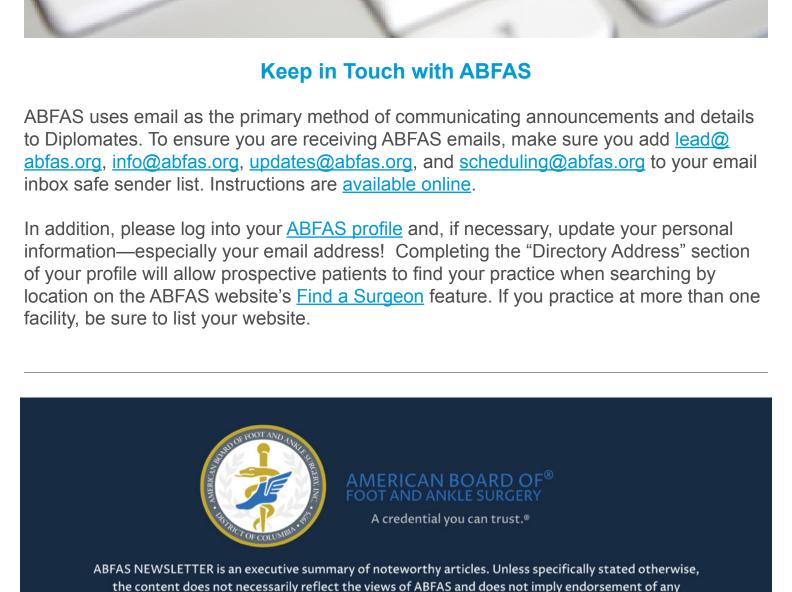


Join Us in New Orleans for ASPS

Throughout 2022, ABFAS has engaged with DPMs and candidates across the country. If you're attending the ASPS Annual Surgical Conference November 4-5, stop by the ABFAS booth in the Exhibit Hall to learn more about the LEAD program or your ABFAS status—or

just to hang out with Team ABFAS!

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