



ABFAS NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

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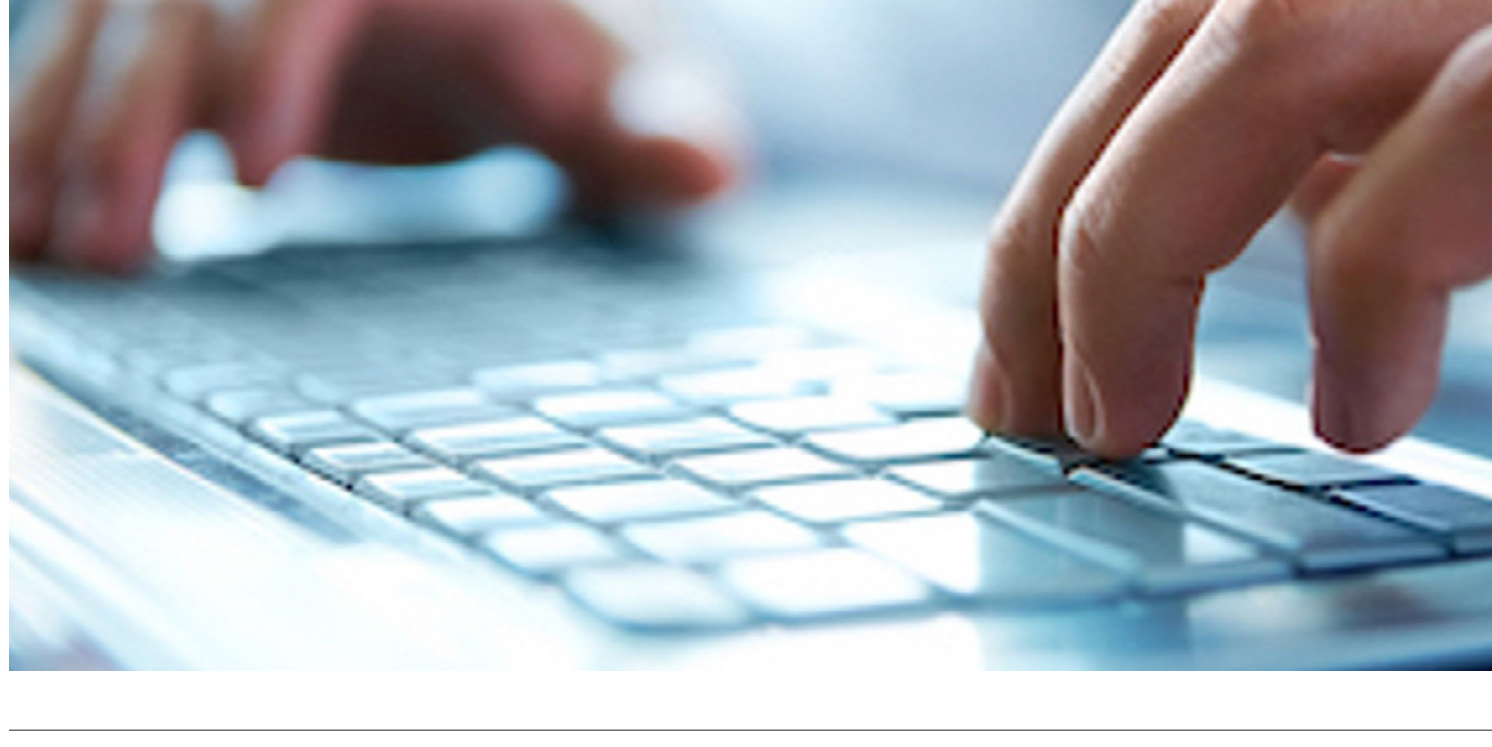
Why ABFAS Board Certification?

ABFAS Board Certification communicates, both to your colleagues and patients, that you have made the effort to be a better surgeon. In fact, in a [recent survey](#), patients rated Board Certification the most important factor in selecting a foot and ankle surgeon.

In addition, ABFAS Board Certification is a prerequisite for surgical privileges at many hospitals and insurance companies, and larger medical groups may require ABFAS Board Certification to become a shareholder or partner. ABFAS continually adapts the Board Certification process to make it the best it can be to protect public health and safety—the [ABFAS mission](#)—so you can trust your credential will be portable across state lines or to new employers.

ABFAS excels at certifying highly qualified podiatrists for foot and ankle surgery. Your ABFAS Board Certification will provide confidence and clarity to patients and hospitals that you are a competent and trained podiatrist.

ABFAS is the only Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification Board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) through the Specialty Boards Recognition Committee (SBRC).



Important Reminder for Final-year Residents

Remember: residents can convert passed Final-year ITEs to meet Part I (Board Qualification) exam requirements! For any Final-year ITE you pass, you'll save time, you'll save money, and most important: you will not have to take the corresponding Part I exam! Learn more on the ABFAS [Resident Fees and ITE Conversion webpage](#).

Prepare for Fall In-training Exams

With the Fall 2022 ABFAS In-training Examinations (ITEs) coming up, you may be wondering about the best way to prepare. ABFAS recently augmented the material available on the [practice Didactic examination](#) and [practice NEW CBPS examination](#), which will help orient you to how the exams work and what sorts of questions are included. The ABFAS website offers four Didactic practice exams, two for Foot Surgery and two for Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle (RRA) Surgery. ABFAS recently increased the number of practice questions offered, from 25 to 30 questions per exam. You can also review the ABFAS website for information on ITE [content](#) and [scoring](#).

The 2022 PGY1&2 (and 3 in 4-year programs) exams take place September 19-24, and the 2022 Final-year ITEs are on October 11-12. Residents do not need to register for ITEs as their Residency Directors will register them. However, residents must [schedule their own exams](#).



Connecting with ABFAS at the APMA National

Thank you for stopping by our booth at the APMA National in Orlando last month. ABFAS was a co-sponsor at the Young Physicians' reception that kicked off the conference and held a special raffle for students and residents.

Congratulations to the winners of the ABFAS Young Physicians raffle! Pictured here, ABFAS President Amberly Paradoa, DPM, D.ABFAS (center) drew names to win raffle prizes, including (from left) an iPad Mini for Alisha Joshi, American Express gift cards for Eric Flaherty and Brian Wong, and a Nintendo Switch for Ksenja Llazar.



Michelle L. Butterworth, DPM, D.ABFAS



Dustin L. Kruse, DPM, D.ABFAS



Diana E. Rogers, DPM, D.ABFAS

2022 ABFAS Election Results and New Officers

The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is proud to [announce the results](#) of the 2022 Board of Directors election. Three director positions were open for the 2022 elections. Joining the board for their first terms are Dr. Dustin L. Kruse of Colorado and Dr. Diana E. Rogers of Illinois. Incumbent Dr. Michelle L. Butterworth of South Carolina will continue her board service. All three of these terms will become effective on September 1, 2022, and will end on August 31, 2025.

The ABFAS Board of Directors also elected its new officers for the 2022-23 term, with appointments in effect as of September 1: President Jeffrey L. Giesking, DPM, D.ABFAS, of Wisconsin; President-elect Nicole A. Bauerly, DPM, D.ABFAS, of Minnesota; and Dr. Butterworth as Secretary/Treasurer. Amberly C. Paradoa, DPM, D.ABFAS, of Florida has assumed the role of Immediate Past President.

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 ABFAS exams or the Board Certification process—or just to hang out with Team ABFAS!



Before You Leave Residency: Update Your Email Address

Before you leave residency, please update your contact information—**especially your email address**—so that ABFAS can continue to communicate with you about the Board Qualification and Certification process. You can log into your [ABFAS profile](#) at any time to update your personal information.

In addition, ABFAS uses email as the primary method of sharing announcements and details. 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](#).



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