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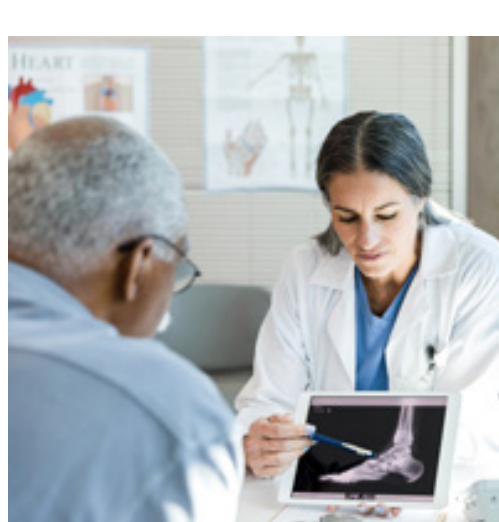


From Monday, May 22, through Friday, May 26, ABFAS will be working behind the scenes on our website to enhance the member experience. During this time, login to your ABFAS member profile and the LEAD website will be unavailable. Please plan accordingly.

LEAD Quarter 2 ends on June 30. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to [complete your quarter](#) before the website maintenance begins.

[Start LEAD Quarter 2](#)

New Member Benefit: ABFAS Patient Brochure



Did you know that ABFAS offers a [trifold brochure](#) to help patients understand the rigorous process involved in becoming ABFAS Board Certified and why they should opt for an ABFAS-certified podiatrist?

This year, we are pleased to offer a set of 50 brochures at no cost to all active Diplomates. Simply fill out [this form](#) to request your brochures by mail.

[Request Your Brochures](#)

Challenging My Own Misconceptions: Case Review

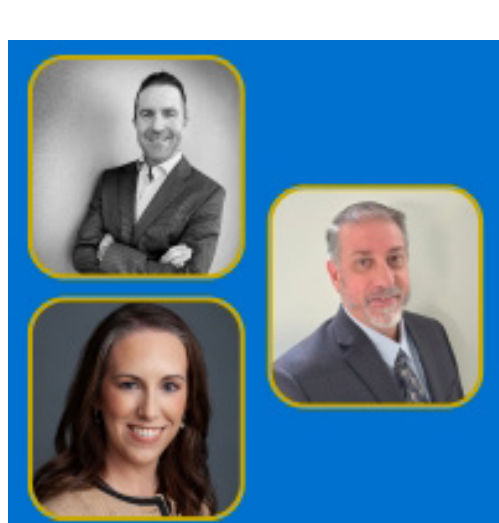


“Every reviewer in the room remembers what it was like putting the work in and waiting to receive their board certification credential. No one wants to stand in the way of a qualified candidate.”

In a [recent post](#), Jennifer Seifert, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, reflects on her experience as a case reviewer for Spring 2023 Case Review and how the experience challenged her own misconceptions.

[Read Post](#)

ICYMI: 2023 ABFAS Election Results



Thank you to all the Diplomates who took the time to vote. The [results](#) are in!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Timothy J. Mineo of Oregon and Dr. Vito Speciale of South Carolina to their first terms on the ABFAS Board of Directors. One incumbent, Dr. Katie M. Swanstrom of Washington, will continue her service on the Board. All three terms will become effective on September 1, 2023, and will end on August 31, 2026.

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Podcast Sneak Peek: Women & ABFAS Certification



“The problem of women dropping out of the field is something that exists across the entire medical profession. It’s not exclusive to podiatry.”

In this [podcast sneak peek](#), ABFAS Secretary/Treasurer and ACFAS Past President Michelle Butterworth, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, asks ABFAS Board Member Diana Rogers, DPM, D.ABFAS, FACFAS, to set the record straight on misconceptions about women pursuing ABFAS certification. Full podcast to come—stay tuned!

[Take a Sneak Peek](#)

All ABMS Member Boards Now Offer Formative Assessments

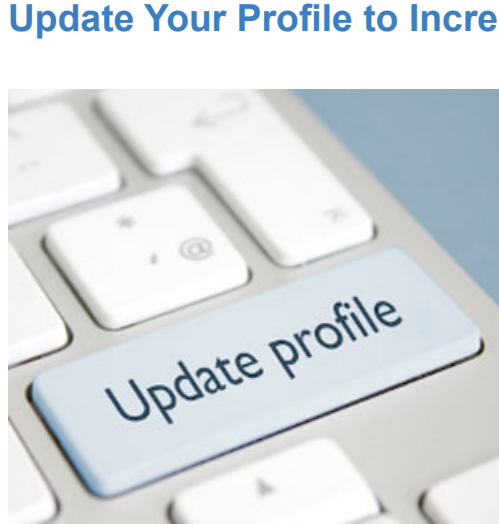


According to a [recent article](#) by the American Board of Medical Specialties, all 24 ABMS Member Boards have implemented formative assessments for continuing certification. Seventeen—including the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery—have implemented longitudinal assessments, like the [LEAD Continuous Certification program](#).

Longitudinal assessments are shorter, recurring assessments of specific content related to a physician’s needs that reinforce concepts and promote learning and retention with ongoing performance feedback.

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Update Your Profile to Increase Public Visibility



Log into your [ABFAS profile](#) and ensure your personal information is up to date, including your email address, your mailing address, and the “Directory Address” section. The information in this section helps the patients find your practice when they use the [Find a Surgeon feature](#) on the ABFAS website.

If you practice at more than one facility, be sure to list your website too.

[Update Profile](#)

Visit the ABFAS Booth at an Upcoming Event



We’ll have staff on hand to answer your questions about your certification cycle and requirements at these upcoming events:

- [Western Foot and Ankle Conference](#)
June 22–25, 2023 | Anaheim, California
- [APMA 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting](#)
(The National)
July 13–16, 2023 | Nashville, Tennessee

This will also be a good opportunity to learn more about the LEAD program—or just to hang out with #TeamABFAS!



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