Preparing for Your ABFAS Didactic Exam

ABFAS is committed to preparing its candidates for success. We have developed a video with tips on navigating the CBPS exam, answers to common questions, and how to approach the exam. Be sure to watch this video, as it will save you time on each case and allow you to focus on the management of the case. The video demonstrates the types of questions to expect and the formats in which it will be presented in the didactic exams. You can access both of these tools through your ABFAS membership.

The CBPS practice exam is designed to help you become more familiar with the exam functions, which could result in lost time and frustration. It is very important to become familiar with the following functions before test day:

• Viewing and zooming images.
• Searching the list of selections.

When Taking the CBPS Examination

Case-focused physical examinations and patient work-ups are as important as the examination. The purpose is to come up with a diagnosis and a treatment plan that is pertinent to the case itself. Concentrate on the case-specific information presented in the examination. This must be demonstrated by selecting the physical examination selected in a thoughtful manner. For example, seeing an image of a patient with a history of trauma to the ankle, you should select information that is specific to the problem that is presented in the case. A common mistake made on the CBPS exam is to jump to a diagnosis and move to treatment. Since there are a limited number of choices, it is important to be very specific about the management of the case.

ABFAS provides tools for candidates to better prepare for the didactic exams. Just like for the didactic exam, ABFAS provides preparation tools for candidates preparing for the Part I Qualification exam. ABFAS' Part I Board Qualification exams take place in March (Register now! – Registration Closes February 26, 2020). The exams consists of two formats, the Computer-Based Patient Simulator (CBPS) and the didactic computer-adaptive (CAT) exam.

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Additional CBPS resources, including instructions for the CBPS Practice Exam and CBPS Assessment, are available at the ABFAS website. For more information, please contact us at info@abfas.org.

Important Dates:

- March 11, 2020 Part I Qualification exam registration is open. Available exams are computerized and presented in the didactic exams. You can access both of these tools through your ABFAS membership.
- March 4, 2020 Part I Qualification exam registration closes. Available exams are computerized and presented in the didactic exams. You can access both of these tools through your ABFAS membership.
- February 26, 2020 – Registration Closes for Part I Qualification exam.

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We hope to see you at the following conferences:

- Disneyland Hotel and Convention Center, June 25 – 28, 2020
- Boston, MA
- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, January 24 – 26, 2020
- Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX, September 24 – 26, 2020
- The Western Foot and Ankle Conference, Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2020
- TPMA Southwest Foot and Ankle Conference, Irving, TX, September 24 – 26, 2020
- Midwest Podiatry Conference, Chicago, IL, May 21 – 24, 2020
- American Society of Podiatric Surgeons (ASPS) International Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2020
- New York State Podiatric Medical Association/ Foundation for Podiatric Medicine, New York, NY, January 24 – 26, 2020
- Irving, TX
- Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL
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ABFAS' Annual Newsletter

Join Us in Las Vegas This Fall! ABFAS will be attending the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) Annual Convention, October 8 – 11, 2020. This convention is an excellent opportunity to network with other professionals in the field and stay up-to-date on the latest trends and developments. During the convention, ABFAS will be hosting a booth where attendees can learn more about our programs and services. We encourage you to visit our booth and speak with one of our representatives to learn more about what we do and how we can help you.

ABFAS wants to show DPMs from across the country on our new site, social media channels, and newsletters. ABFAS has some exciting news, but we need your help! Very soon, ABFAS will be launching a new website. ABFAS will be attending the Florida Podiatric Science and Management Symposium in addition to taking questions. Please join Dr. Paradoa in the Track 1 Lecture Hall.

Stay tuned for more information about these programs. And that's not all! Later this year, ABFAS will be attending even more conferences. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@abfas.org. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!