ABFAS Sits Down With Dr. Michelle Butterworth—ABFAS President Elect and Chair of the Board

Dr. Butterworth, how did you start your board certification process?

"After getting your training in residency you start focusing on the future. And then you start thinking about board certification and your long-term career. So, fortunately, I had great mentors who encouraged me to think about the future."

What does ABFAS board certification mean to your patients?

"I think it's exactly like the tagline says. It's a credential you can hang on the wall, that says you're a good surgeon. It gives them more trust in you as a surgeon, that they know that you've been formally evaluated by your peers."

What is ABFAS board certification most helpful for residents?

"One of the things I see with residents or those that are just out in their own career path?"..."What does ABFAS board certification mean to your patients?"

"Yes, the use of loupes is acceptable for microscopic repair. Residents do not have to use a microscope alone, and lopes are considered within the definition of "microscopic" repair."

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