your photos using #footfirstABFAS newsletters, and our new website! We will select a monthly winner with the best photo who sends their best photos to footfirst@abfas.org so we can share them on social media, in our newsletters, or even just hanging out with other residents. ABFAS would like photos from all the residency programs across the country! We are looking for photos of residents studying, performing cases, interacting with feet, performing on feet, or even just hanging out! For more information on how to qualify for your board exam, please visit our website.

Your Pathway to Certification

Starting in the Fall of 2020, final year residents will be able to use their passing ITE score for recognition of specialty boards (JCRSB) as part of the council of podiatric medical education (CPME). Once completed, candidates must then complete a 3 or 4-year surgical residency at a CPME-approved podiatric medicine and surgery resident training program. During this time, all residents should be logging their cases regularly through the Case Review. After completing the residency, candidates must then complete a 3 or 4-year surgical fellowship at an ABFAS-approved program and then pass part I foot surgery or raa surgery didactic and CBPS exams (qualified for ABFAS). Qualification exams. Residents can register for part I foot and RAA didactic and CBPS exams. For more information, please visit our website.

Case Review

Part I examinations include case review and a second CBPS exam. In order to prepare for the case review, all candidates must log all procedures (post-residency) for which the candidate is qualified. Board certified surgeons are called "diplomates" or members of ABFAS. Both the part I and part II examinations include case review. Board qualified candidates have seven years from their qualification date to achieve board certification. Becoming board certified indicates that a foot and ankle surgeon has completed the case review process; and to award certification to those candidates who have successfully passed the case review. ABFAS' mission is to protect public health by advancing the art and science of foot and ankle surgery, and to set standards for foot and ankle surgery. ABFAS is a leader in the field of foot and ankle surgery with over 20 years of experience.

Your CBPS Exam Review

The purpose is to come up with a diagnosis and a treatment plan that is pertinent to the case. Working up the patient to prepare the patient for surgery is not the purpose of the examination. Not providing a case-focused work-up is a common mistake made on the CBPS exam. It is important to be very specific to demonstrate that you have the ability and knowledge to manage the case in an appropriate manner. It is also important to be efficient, as well as balancing quality versus quantity. You should select information that is relevant and pertinent to the case. Consider the relevant aspects of patient management such as case history, physical examination, imaging, labs, diagnostic procedures, diagnosis, treatment, and in some cases, surgery. It is important to be clear and concise in your responses.