

EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY.

To Our Podiatry Community:

In 2015, the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) will begin requiring podiatrists to have completed a three-year residency before becoming eligible to sit for primary care and surgery certification examinations. This is a departure from the existing two-year residency requirement.

Because three-year residencies are a fairly new offering in our field, the new eligibility requirements will exclude a great number of currently practicing, experienced podiatrists from achieving primary care and surgery certification.

What does this mean?

- It means podiatrists in practice for ten, twenty, thirty years or more will be excluded from certification.
- It means only the youngest, most recently graduated podiatrists will be eligible for examination.
- It means we need to speak up.

What can you do?

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is asking our professional podiatry community to act on behalf of equivalency in board certification exam eligibility. We seek the institution of measures that will enable podiatrists with experience equivalent to the three-year residency requirement to sit for primary care and surgical certification examinations. We seek equal access for all. And here's how you can help.

- **Call, write or email your APMA delegates** to let them know you support equivalency in exam eligibility requirements. You can find your delegate's contact information at <http://members.apma.org/footer/contactus.aspx>
- **Consider serving as an APMA delegate** to help us fight for this important cause.
- **Spread the word**—equal access for all is at stake.

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is fighting for your rights as a podiatrist. Help us in this effort by taking our examinations, enhancing our numbers and standing up with us for the podiatrists who made our profession what it is today.

As an American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry diplomate, you can help us stand strong to advocate for fair, equal access to the opportunity for testing so that some of our best, most experienced and most dedicated podiatrists are not left behind. And with your help, we'll succeed in our fight.

The time is now. The course is clear. The key is you.

Thank you,
The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry

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