

Letter from the President

Are you Double Boarded?

If your expertise is the diabetic foot and treatment of its wounds and you are also actively practicing limb preservation and salvage you should consider becoming double boarded. You'll be able to demonstrate to your patients, hospital, wound center, third party payer, and other medical professionals that you have special training. The term double boarded is prevalent in the medical community, indicating special and advanced training and knowledge.

It is now possible to earn both the Diabetic Foot Wound and Limb Preservation and Salvage credentials from the ABMSP, and advertise that you are double boarded in these podiatric specialties.

ABMSP is the only board in podiatry offering these credentials and we are encouraging all of our diplomates to become double boarded in these specialty fields.

Diabetic Foot Wounds:

February 4-18, 2012

Application deadline: 12/31

August 4 – 18, 2012

Application deadline: 6/30

Limb Preservation and Salvage:

June 2-16, 2012

Application deadline: 4/14

So, be sure to demonstrate that you are double boarded by taking both these examinations in 2012!

Earl R. Horowitz, DPM
President, ABMSP

Letter from the Executive Director Joan Campbell, CAE

This is an exciting time in the life of the ABMSP. We're celebrating our 25th anniversary (I'm hopeful you've seen our ads in podiatry magazines). We just introduced our fourth examination, Limb Preservation and Salvage, in our series of "multiple specialties" (look for an article by Kenneth Rehm, DPM and an interview with Earl Horowitz, DPM in the next issue of *Podiatry Management* on it). We've met many of you at the various conferences where we've had a booth this year. And we have exciting plans in the works which we will be unveiling in future issues of the newsletter.

ABMSP continues to thrive and grow, and I look forward to an exciting future.
Joan Campbell, CAE

Samples of Forms

We're collecting samples of the types of forms that our diplomates use in their practice. If you have any type of form – personnel applications, patient forms, etc. – please either send a sample to us at ABMSP, 1350 Broadway, Suite 1705, New York, NY 10018 or scan and email to Denise Wagner, dwagner@ptcny.com

Letter from the Editor Theodore Varoz, DPM

Dear Diplomates of ABMSP:

The ABMSP Board of Directors is concerned about our diplomates who may have been denied privileges at their local hospitals and we'd like to see what we can do to help.

If you have been denied privileges, or if you know of hospitals in your area that restrict privileges to providers certified by ABMSP and/or a finite list of other certifying boards can you please share the details with us? Specifically, we'd like to know the name of the hospital and a copy of the bylaws or other document which limits the credentials which are accepted.

Relevant materials should be sent to our executive director, Joan Campbell, at jcampbell@ptcny.com, or you can fax them to her at 800.693.3714. She will be working with the ABMSP Board of Directors to see what we can do to resolve these issues.

Thank you,
Theodore L. Varoz, D.P.M., Editor

Where to Find Us in 2012!

The ABMSP will be staffing a booth at the following shows in 2012. If you are attending any of these conferences and are willing to volunteer your time during breaks, please stop by our booth and offer to help answer questions.

Florida Podiatric Medical Association's SAM MMXII, Orlando, FL. January 19 - 21, 2012. Booth #81

New York Podiatric Clinical Conference, New York, NY. January 27 — 29, 2012. Booth #414

Midwest Podiatry Conference, Chicago, IL. April 19 — 21, 2012 Booth #221

The Western Foot & Ankle Conference, Anaheim, CA. June 7 — 9, 2012. Booth # TBD

Desert Foot & Ankle Conference, Phoenix, AZ. November 14 — 16, 2012. Booth # TBD

Discounted Dues

At its recent meeting the ABMSP Board of Directors discussed the fact that many of our podiatry diplomates are working longer and retiring later in life. Therefore, to honor those podiatrists the ABMSP will allow a discount of 50% of the dues to any diplomate who is at least 75 years old. All you'll need to do is pay half of what you are invoiced and send a copy of a government issued identification with your birth date on it.

Facebook

ABMSP has a presence on Facebook and routinely posts updates about our examinations, the conferences where we are exhibiting, and other information about the organization. Be sure to go to Facebook and "Like" us in order to receive these notifications



ABMSP Conducts Role Delineation Survey

Per our policies, the ABMSP conducts a role delineation survey every 5 years in order to ensure that its certification examinations reflect what podiatrists actually practice. This year's survey was comprised of 229 task statements, 37 knowledge areas, and 13 demographic questions.

Since we conducted the 2006 survey the number of women podiatrists has increased and the profession has become much more diverse in ethnic background. The average age of the respondents was 40-49 and most had been in practice 11-20 years. The vast majority are also in private in practice.

The overall results of the survey did not differ much from the 2006 survey, hence it was recommended that no changes be made to either the test content outlines, nor to the weightings on the outlines.

Limb Preservation & Salvage Recertification Requirements

All of the ABMSP certifications are valid for four years. To recertify the diplomate would need to fill out an application, send in a copy of their medical license, a copy of official photo ID, a signed consent form and documentary proof of at least 20 hours in diabetic wounds or limb salvage over the four year period. All annual dues must be paid in full each year to maintain certification.

Wound Centers

Pertinent to the Letter from the President found elsewhere in this newsletter, on the topic of double boarding, can you let us know the contact person and name of the wound centers in your community? We'd like to encourage them to encourage their podiatrists to become double boarded with us. Please send the information to our executive director, Joan Campbell, at jcampbell@ptcny.com

Your Credentials Are Important

If you write an article, a letter to the editor, or any other document pertaining to podiatry, don't forget to identify yourself as a diplomate of the ABMSP. It's important that other podiatrists continually see our credentials in order to increase our visibility within the podiatric community. And be sure you show your credentials on your business cards, stationery, and in your office. Be proud of what you have accomplished by passing our examinations!

Download the Guidelines for Advertising which starts on page 9 of the Code of Professional Practice and Guidelines for Advertising <http://abmsp.org/ABMSPpracticeandadvertising.pdf>

We are looking for you

We would like to start featuring our diplomates in the newsletter. Please email our newsletter editor, Theodore Varoz, DPM at cryodpms@yahoo.com with a brief article about your work, challenges you have faced in the workplace, research you have conducted, etc. If you would like to send in a picture as well, please be sure to include it with the email.

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