

A New Place in Podiatry

Letter from the President

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The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry continues to move forward.

Not only is the ABMSP the only podiatry certified board accredited by ANSI the ABMSP is now a member of ANSI.

What is ANSI?

ANSI is the American National Standards Institute. It is a private non-profit organization that administers and coordinates the U.S. voluntary standards and conformity assessment system. They work closely with industry, government, and now the health care field to identify and develop standards and conformance-based solutions to national and global priorities.

What does this mean to our board as well as our podiatric profession?

This gives us the opportunity to establish foot health standards around the world. ANSI, as an accrediting organization, assesses the competence of the organizations, such as the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry, assuring that they meet the requirements of their rigorous standards. They represent the diverse interest of more than 125,000 companies and organizations and over 3.5 million professionals. They also serve as a neutral forum for collaboration between the private and public sector. This helps ensure safety and health of consumers and protection of the environment. The benefit of ANSI membership includes receipt of communications on key problem policy information, government affairs, and the ability to influence health policy

development, as well as access to global and regulatory body standards.

Periodic joint member forum meetings and special events like the annual world standards conference allows all ANSI members to get together on topics of interest.

The composition of the ANSI Board of Directors reflects a commitment to openness and communication among specialists from U.S. government agencies, business professional societies, consumer label organizations, and more.

Our membership in ANSI will give us an opportunity to make our profession and the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry an integral player in the establishment of standards within the profession of podiatry and foot care around the world. This will be a new challenge for our board.

Your Board of Directors is finding new ways to represent you in the field of podiatry to hospitals, insurance companies, and now the world. We have the opportunity to do these things because of the expertise of you, our diplomates. We are proud of the work you have accomplished in becoming board certified and we will continue to prove that your standards of expertise will lead podiatry to its rightful place in the world of foot care.



ANSI Accredited Program
PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

Letter From The Editor

A win/win cooperative alliance partnership between ABSMP and PRESENT E-Learning Systems has been approved to “showcase” the benefits of certification with the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry to the attendees at the Superbones multi-disciplinary conferences, website and online programs. PRESENT is the largest CME e-learning company in the United States. The announcement of our new alliance is very exciting because together we will make our profession better, more prosperous and at the same time give added value to our ABMSP certifications. We will soon be sending you additional information regarding some of the other benefits you will receive as a PRESENT alliance partner.

Warmest regards in the new year.
Theodore L. Varoz, DPM
Editor



ABMSP Announces Alliance with PRESENT

The ABMSP has signed a cooperative agreement with PRESENT E-Learning Systems, which is dedicated to improving the knowledge and skills of medical professionals by providing high quality medical education online and conferences.

Part of our arrangement is that diplomates of the ABMSP are able to attend the Superbones East and West conferences for just \$99 (normally \$545) for those staying at the conference hotel (Gaylord Palms in Orlando) and \$199 for those staying elsewhere. The conference will be March 21-23, 2014.

Attendance at the Superbones conferences are a great way to earn medical education toward recertification of your credential, while networking with other medical professionals.

ABMSP will have a booth at both Superbones conferences. Be sure to stop by to see us and say hi.

Where to Find Us in 2014!

Superbones East—March 21-23, 2014— Orlando, FL
Midwest Podiatric Conference— April 3-5, 2014, Chicago, IL Booth # 322
SAWC—April 24-27, 2014, Orlando, FL
Western Foot and Ankle Conference—June 19-22, 2014— Anaheim, CA
Superbones West— September 11-13, 2014—Las Vegas, NV

ABMSP Seeking Articles on Research

As part of its continuing efforts to keep our examinations current, the ABMSP is always interested in the latest methods and research in podiatry. If you have seen any articles recently on topics that you think should be brought to our attention, please forward a copy to us.

Upcoming 2014 Test Dates

PC/PS

Spring 2014

May 3-17, 2014
Deadline March 1, 2014

Fall 2014

October 4-18, 2014
Deadline August 1, 2014

DFW

Summer 2014

August 2-16, 2014
Deadline June 1, 2014

LPS

Summer 2014

June 7-21, 2014
Deadline April 15, 2014

New Questions Needed

In order to update our examinations we are always soliciting new multiple choice questions. We encourage you to draft some for us. In fact, if you send in at least 10 questions with your recertification application you can take \$100 off your annual dues. If you are not familiar with how to write an effective multiple choice question, write to Jenna Webb (jwebb@ptcny.com) and ask for the *Item Writers Guidelines*. She'll send you the electronic document to get you started.

I Need Your Help

I need your help. And you ABMSP diplomates have to help me help you. When you have a hospital or insurance panel giving you grief regarding your ABMSP certification, you can call us; you will get Jenna Webb or Joan Campbell and sometimes our attorney George Emershaw gets involved.

That is reactive to problems. But now we are looking forward trying to ablate state and federal legislation that might try to select us (ABMSP diplomates) out. The APMA and their component societies are trying to forward their agenda, an agenda that does not include us, so we must beware by *walking softly and carrying a big attorney* [sic].

Sound paranoid? Just because you are paranoid does not mean that they are not after you.

I live in California and have this state pretty much covered. I have any pending federal legislation covered too. But I need your help to keep abreast of what your state is doing. I want to know if you even hear a whisper of something that could affect you/us in your state. Our certification is not "fly-by-night" or inferior in any way, as we have shown in California; do not let us be denigrated any more in any way.

Here are some ways to do this:

1. join the APMA; you will get a component society newsletter that you can forward to me—they DO try to protect all of podiatry giving the devil his due
2. if you are board-certified by the ABPS or ABPM, send me their periodic newsletters too
3. if you know a legislator, ask him for me if he knows what is going on *vis a vis* podiatry if any podiatrist, say in a hospital, denigrates the ABMSP, let me hear that as well

We are going to be on this like white on rice; this is preventive medicine. Being reactive is expensive (though necessary), and prevention is very cost-effective.

Volunteer to help me, call to talk, or send me what you will:

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DFW Examination Updated

The ABMSP strives to keep all of our examinations updated with current practices. In a recent meeting several members of the Board of Directors updated the Diabetic Foot Wounds examination. If you don't already have this credential you should consider sitting for the examination; ABMSP is the only organization offering a certification in this specialty. In order to be eligible you need to be a DPM, MD, or DO, have at least 3 years of experience treating diabetic foot wounds, three letters of reference, a copy of your resume, and a copy of your record from the National Practitioner Database.

ABMSP Joins ANSI

Although the ABMSP is already accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) we have also recently joined ANSI as a member. ANSI currently sets standards for products and personnel certification and now through its standard-setting rules the ABMSP may be able to set standards for the practice of podiatry. We are excited about exploring this opportunity for continuing to lead in podiatric excellence.

DUES

Reminder: Annual Dues should be received by the ABMSP office by April 1, 2013. After April 1 there will be a late fee for the dues.

RECERTIFICATION

2013 recertification packets are due to ABMSP by March 31. Applications received after March 31, will incur a \$250 late fee.



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