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American Board of Otolaryngology Recognizes Board of Directors and Senior Examiners

The American Board of Otolaryngology is pleased to report the following:

Board of Directors

At the conclusions of the 2012 Annual Meeting & Exams, the Board welcomed Dr. Peter Hilger as the new President, with Dr. Mark Richardson following him in April 2013. Dr. Mark A. Richardson will remain Treasurer until April 2013, and will be followed by Dr. Ron Cannon.

Drs. Jack Gluckman and Jesus Medina completed their term as Directors at the conclusion of the 2012 Annual Meeting, after many years of dedicated service to the ABOto, and were promoted to Senior Counselor status. Dr. Gluckman will continue to participate in the leadership group as Past-President. We would like to thank both for all of their hard work and dedication to the Board.

We would also like to welcome Drs. Ramon Esclamado of Durham, North Carolina and Mark Weissler of Chapel Hill, North Carolina to the Board of Directors.

Current Directors include:

- Gerald S. Berke, MD
Los Angeles, California
- C. Ron Cannon, MD
Jackson, Mississippi
- David W. Eisele, MD
Baltimore, Maryland
- Ramon M. Esclamado, MD
Durham, North Carolina
- Ellen M. Friedman, MD
Houston, Texas
- James A. Hadley, MD
Naples, Florida
- Peter A. Hilger, MD
Edina, Minnesota
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Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- D. Bradley Welling, MD, PhD
Columbus, Ohio

Current ABOto Senior Examiners

Senior Examiners are individuals who have served as Oral Guest Examiners and demonstrate leadership ability and other desirable qualities. They are elected by the Board of Directors, and it is from this pool that future Directors are selected. The following is a list of Senior Examiners, with new Senior Examiners in bold.

Current Senior Examiners Include:

- Carol R. Bradford, MD
- Anthony Brissett, MD
- **Jeffery Bumpous, MD**
- Craig A. Buchman, MD
- Daniel Choo, MD
- **Mark Courey, MD**
- James C. Denny, MD
- **Donald Donovan, MD**
- **Edward Farrior, MD**
- Berrylin Ferguson, MD
- Paul W. Flint, MD
- Joel A. Goebel, MD
- Marlan Hansen, MD
- George T. Hashisaki, MD
- **Michael Johns, MD**
- **Bradley Kesser, MD**
- David Kim, MD
- John D. Kriet, MD
- Manual A. Lopez, MD
- **Al Merati, MD**
- Jeffrey N. Myers, MD
- Alan Micco, MD
- Daniel Nuss, MD
- **Richard Orlandi, MD**
- **Jennifer Porter, MD**
- **Anna Pou, MD**
- **Jo Shapiro, MD**
- Samuel Selesnick, MD
- Timothy Smith, MD
- **David Steward, MD**
- **Erich Sturgis, MD**
- Terance Tsue, MD
- Tom D. Wang, MD
- **Ivan Wayne, MD**
- **Kathy Yaremchuk, MD**
- Nancy M. Young, MD

Otolaryngology Training Exam (OTE)

The Otolaryngology Training Exam was administered on March 3, 2012 in more than 100 locations around the world. More than 1,500 residents and practitioners are scheduled to take the next OTE scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013.

Primary Certification Information

The timing of the Qualifying Exam was changed in 2011.

The 2011 Fall Written Qualifying Exam was administered at computerized testing centers to 287 individuals on September 23, 2011. Results are as follows:

- 272 individuals passed the exam
- 15 individuals failed the exam

The Oral Certifying Exam was conducted on March 31 - April 1, 2012 in Chicago, IL, with 275 individuals sitting for the exam. Results are as follows:

- 274 individuals passed the exam
- 1 individual failed the exam

The next Qualifying Exam will be administered on September 28, 2012 and the next Oral Certifying Exam will be administered on April 27-28, 2013.

Neurotology Subcertification Information

The Neurotology subspecialty examination was administered to 42 individuals on March 29, 2012. There are currently 245 otolaryngologists subcertified in Neurotology. Results are as follows:

- 41 individuals passed the exam
- 1 individual failed the exam

Two pathways to permit individuals to take the Neurotology Exam remain open at this time:

- One for those who have completed ACGME residency/fellowship training in Neurotology

- One for those who have not completed such training, but who limit their practice to Neurotology

The alternate pathway closed after the 2012 exam. Candidates applying via the alternate pathway who are accepted to take the 2012 exam will be eligible to take the exam in the future, should they fail the 2012 exam.

The next Neurotology Exam will be administered in the Spring of 2014.

Sleep Medicine Subcertification Information

The ABOto is one of five sponsoring boards of the conjoint subspecialty certificate in Sleep Medicine, which means that otolaryngologists are eligible to apply to take the exam. This computer-based exam is conducted every two years.

The exam was administered to 246 otolaryngologists on October 27 and November 10, 2011. Results are as follows:

- 109 individuals passed the exam
- 137 individuals failed the exam

There are currently 238 otolaryngologists subcertified in Sleep Medicine.

Currently, there are two pathways that permit individuals to take the Sleep Medicine Exam. To be eligible via the standard pathway, an applicant must have completed an ACGME accredited Sleep Medicine

fellowship. The alternate pathway will be open for five years and an applicant can be eligible by meeting one of these criteria:

- Current certification by the non-ABMS Board of Sleep Medicine
- Having completed 12 months of formal post-residency training in Sleep Medicine
- Twelve months experience in providing care in Sleep Medicine following residency, accumulated over a maximum of 5 years.

Eligibility via the alternate pathway closed after the 2011 exam. Candidates applying via the alternate pathway that were accepted to take the 2011 exam and failed will be eligible to take the exam in the future.

The next Sleep Medicine Exam will be administered in the Fall of 2013.

ABOto Updates Maintenance of Certification Requirements with Performance in Practice

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is a continuing education and quality improvement program being developed by all ABMS Boards. At the present time, 2,810 diplomates of the American Board of Otolaryngology participate in MOC. The program currently applies only to primary certificate diplomates certified in 2002 and thereafter, as well as all Neurotology and Sleep Medicine subspecialty diplomates and all ABOto Directors.

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MOC Updates (Continued from pg. 3)

The Federation of State Medical Boards (the umbrella organization for the state licensing boards) has established a policy mandating a Maintenance of Licensure process, which will ultimately be used as part of the re-licensure process. As it is currently envisioned, the states will accept MOC in lieu of the Maintenance of Licensure requirements for Board certified physicians.

PART I: PROFESSIONAL STANDING

MOC participants must complete an online questionnaire and provide proof of licensure annually.

PART II: CONTINUING EDUCATION AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

All MOC participants must obtain 25 AMA CME credits annually.

The ABOto has created online Self Assessment Modules (SAMs) that allow the participant to “manage” a patient with a given condition and receive feedback on areas of strengths and weaknesses which can be used for study purposes. Included with each module is a thirty minute panel discussion video which covers the controversial aspects of the topic. MOC participants are required to complete one module per year as part of the MOC program.

PART III: COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

All MOC participants must pass a secure exam during the last three years of their MOC cycle. The exam consists of 80 clinical (no basic science) questions, 77 of which are specific to a practice focus area. Recognizing that many diplomates focus their practice on a limited area within otolaryngology, the ABOto has developed exams in a variety of areas so that someone who practices, for example, otology, will not have questions about laryngology. Those practice focus areas included: General, Allergy/Rhinology, Head and Neck, Laryngology, Otology, Pediatric Otolaryngology, and Plastic and Reconstructive.

The MOC Part III examination was administered to 269 individuals at computerized exam centers around the country on February 2, 2012. Results are as follows:

- 264 individuals passed the exam
- 5 individuals failed the exam

The distribution of exam specialty areas chosen by diplomates are as follows:

- Allergy/Rhinology: 17
- General: 157
- Head and Neck: 26
- Laryngology: 10
- Otology: 5
- Pediatric Otolaryngology: 14
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery: 40

The first Part III exam for individuals subcertified in Neurotology was administered to 40 individuals on February 2, 2012. Results are as follows:

- 39 individuals passed the exam
- 1 individual failed the exam

The next Part III exam will be administered on February 7, 2013.

PART IV: PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE

The ABOto will roll out this last section of MOC over the next few months. Part IV will consist of three components:

- A patient survey in which the participant will receive feedback on communications and the patients' experiences.
- A professional survey in which the participant will receive feedback from other professionals with whom he/she interacts.
- A Performance Improvement Module (PIM) is being developed in partnership with Wiley Blackwell and CE City, a company that has worked with other certifying boards in the development of their MOC programs. The PIM is based on the classic quality improvement cycle of measure, analyze, implement changes, and re-measure. The ABOto is developing a series of Performance Improvement Modules (PIMs) in which the diplomate will enter data into an online system about a series of patients with a given condition. At least two to three PIMs will be available in each of the practice focus areas. The diplomate will receive feedback comparing the results to available guidelines or measures, as well as other otolaryngologists who complete the PIM. If an area that could be improved is identified, the diplomate can use this information to improve his or her practice. The diplomate can then re-measure to show there has been improvement in practice. In addition, there will be a link to an educational module for additional background information. Currently, the plan is to require completion of a PIM once every 3 – 5 years.
- MOC is recognized by CMS, and the ABMS is working on MOC participation being used as a measure of quality improvement activities not only with CMS, but other entities.

Important 2012 Dates

Annual Dues - January 31

Written Exam Application Due - May 1

Resident Registry Due - July 10

Written Exam - September 28

MOC Exam Application Due - November 1

MOC Annual Updates Due - November 1

MOC Part II Module Due - December 31

Sleep Exam - None

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