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 2013 Annual Meeting & Exams, the Board welcomed Dr. Mark Richardson as the new President, with Dr. Paul Lambert following him in April 2014. Dr. Ron Cannon is the current treasurer.

**Current Directors include:**
- Gerald S. Berke, MD
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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:

- H. Alexander Arts, MD
- Anthony Brissett, MD
- Jimmy J. Brown, MD
- Jeffery Bumpous, MD
- John P. Carey, MD
- William R. Carroll, MD
- Sukgi S. Choi, MD
- Daniel Choo, MD
- Mark Courey, MD
- Craig S. Derkay, MD
- Donald Donovan, MD
- Edward Farrior, MD
- Berrylin Ferguson, MD
- Howard W. Francis, MD
- Marlan Hansen, MD
- Michael R. Holte, MD
- Michael Johns, III, MD
- Bradley Kesser, MD
- David Kim, MD
- Manual A. Lopez, MD
- Lawrence R. Lustig, MD
- Al Merati, MD
- Alan Micco, MD
- Daniel Nuss, MD
- Richard Orlandi, MD
- Karen T. Pitman, MD
- Jennifer Porter, MD
- Anna Pou, MD
- Samuel Selesnick, MD
- Jo Shapiro, MD
- Timothy Smith, MD
- David Steward, MD
- Erich Sturgis, MD
- Terance Tsue, MD
- Ivan Wayne, MD
- Kathy Yaremchuk, MD

Otolaryngology Training Exam (OTE)

The Otolaryngology Training Exam was administered on March 2, 2013 to more than 1,500 residents and practitioners in more than 100 locations around the world. The next OTE is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014.

Primary Certification Information

The 2012 Fall Qualifying Exam was administered at computerized testing centers to 314 individuals on September 28, 2012. Results are as follows:

- 290 individuals passed the exam
- 24 individuals failed the exam

The 2013 Oral Certifying Exam was administered to 291 individuals in Chicago, IL on April 27-28, 2013. Results are as follows:

- 287 individuals passed the exam
- 4 individuals failed the exam

The 2013 Qualifying Exam was administered at computerized testing centers on September 20, 2013 and results are pending. The next Oral Certifying Exam will be administered on April 5-6, 2014 in Chicago, IL.
Neurotology and Sleep Medicine Subcertification Information

The Neurotology subspecialty examination was administered to 42 individuals on March 29, 2012. Results are as follows:
• 41 individuals passed the exam
• 1 individual failed the exam

There are currently 286 otolaryngologists subcertified in Neurotology. The next Neurotology Exam will be administered on April 4, 2014.

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, 3,639 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.

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 1: LICENSURE AND PROFESSIONAL STANDING

All MOC participants are required to be ABOto diplomates and must maintain an unrestricted medical license in each jurisdiction in which they practice. Additionally, MOC participants must maintain clinical privileges at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center. If clinical privileges are not maintained, the participant must affirm that the privileges were not lost due to an adverse action. Finally, the annual $310 MOC fee has been adjusted so that it covers all aspects of MOC.

PART II: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF-ASSESSMENT

The participant must obtain 25 CME units annually, 60% of which must be in otolaryngology or, in the case of those subcertified in Neurotology or Sleep Medicine, in those areas respectively. Additionally, MOC participants must complete a Part II Self-Assessment Module (SAM) annually.

SAMs are now available directly through a diplomate’s MOC Dashboard. Access to all modules are included in the single annual MOC fee, so there is no longer a separate charge for Part II.

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PART III: COGNITIVE EXAMINATION

MOC participants are required to pass a secure, closed-book exam once every 10 years. The exam becomes available during the last 3 years of the MOC cycle, providing three opportunities to pass the exam before the end of the ten year time period. 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 228 individuals at computerized exam centers around the country on February 7, 2013. Results are as follows:

• 220 individuals passed the exam
• 8 individuals failed the exam

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

• Allergy/Rhinology: 32
• General: 121
• Head and Neck: 15
• Laryngology: 5
• Otology: 3
• Pediatric Otolaryngology: 18
• Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery: 34

The Part III exam for individuals subcertified in Neurotology was administered to 41 individuals on February 7, 2012. Results are as follows:

• 38 individuals passed the exam
• 3 individuals failed the exam

The next Part III exam will be administered on February 6, 2014.

PART IV: PERFORMANCE IN PRACTICE

The ABOto has rolled out this final section of MOC with the opening of its new website. The first Performance Improvement Module (PIM) is included in Part IV. PIMs are based on the classic quality improvement cycle of measure, analyze, implement changes, and re-measure. The ABOto is developing a series of PIMs in which the diplomate will enter data into an online registry about a series of patients with a given condition.

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The first PIM is on oral cavity cancer based on the American Head and Neck Society’s measures. Ultimately, at least two to three PIMs will be available in each of the practice focus areas. The diplomate will receive non-punitive 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 five years.

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