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March 11, 2020

Dear Candidates for the 2020 ABOHNS Oral Certifying Exams in  
Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Neurotology,

Since our prior communication dated March 5, 2020, the American Board of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS) has continued to closely monitor the rapidly evolving national and international public health situation with the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. With the new available information, the ABOHNS has decided to postpone the upcoming oral certifying exams for both Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Neurotology. The ABOHNS wants to assure you that this difficult decision was made after many thoughtful discussions. Ultimately, the board felt that this decision served the best interests of the health of our candidates, examiners, staff, and the public, which remain our primary concern.

Fortunately, the ABOHNS was able to reschedule the oral exams to October 9-11, 2020 for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and October 8, 2020 for Neurotology. These exams will still be administered at the Westin O'Hare. Rosa La Neve will be in touch with you soon about how to register for these new exam dates. The Board will do its best to honor your previously chosen exam slot preference. If you are unavailable on these new dates, the next exam administrations will be held on March 19-21, 2021 for Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and in 2022 or 2023 for Neurotology. The fees for the cancelled exam will be transferred to your next test registration. We sincerely hope that you will be available for the rescheduled dates in October 2020.

The ABOHNS recognizes that you have worked very hard to prepare for the upcoming oral certifying exam. We are sorry for any hardship this may cause. Thanks for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director