American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology Subcertification and Town Hall Announcement

The American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNs) is pleased to announce the establishment of the new subcertification, Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology (CPO). Subcertification in CPO recognizes diplomates that complete additional training, successfully demonstrate advanced knowledge and skills beyond primary certification, and validate an ongoing clinical practice within the subspecialty.

Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology (CPO) is the compendium of medical knowledge and care for: a) children with complex otolaryngologic disorders, and/or b) common otolaryngologic disorders in children with complex comorbidities. A key tenet of CPO is that these children are, on many occasions, better suited for medical or surgical care in tertiary pediatric facilities within inter-disciplinary teams.

The CPO subcertification process will consist of passing a Written Qualifying Exam (WQE) and Oral Certifying Exam (OCE). All ABOHNS diplomates in good standing are currently eligible to take these exams through the Training or Practice Pathways. However, only those that expect to meet all eligibility requirements for the OCE should take the WQE. Diplomates eligible through the Practice Pathway have until 2028 to become certified in CPO. After this year, only the Training Pathway will be available which requires completion on an ACGME-accredited fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology.

To learn more about this subcertification please go to the ABOHNS website at: https://www.aboto.org/Complex_Pediatric_Otolaryngology.html. The ABOHNS has established a blueprint for those interested in taking the WQE exam, as well as detailed requirements for the OCE and the qualifying cases necessary for subspecialty certification eligibility. The board will begin accepting applications for the first examination cycle on the ABOHNS diplomate portal on or before Tuesday, December 1, 2020 with applications due no later than Monday, February 1, 2021.
TOWN HALL

The ABOHNS will host a 1-hour virtual Town Hall on August 11, 2020 @ 7:30 PM CDT for those interested in learning more about the CPO subcertification. All ABOHNS diplomates, fellows, and residents are invited to attend and are encouraged to register by CLICKING HERE. You have the opportunity to submit questions for the Town Hall either during the registration process or by sending to Aliyah Forte at cpo@abohns.org. Please note meeting space is limited to 500 participants. If you are unable to attend or register for August 11, 2020, a second Town Hall date will be announced in the coming weeks.