



## **American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology Update**

The American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS) appreciates and has considered all the feedback received from specialty societies, diplomates, and other key stakeholders about Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology (CPO) subcertification. The ABOHNS feels that changes to the process are warranted. Some of the changes being considered will require review and approval by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), and we have initiated that process. The ABOHNS will communicate these program changes as soon as they are approved and/or available.

Meanwhile, following are some other important CPO updates:

- The first written examination has been changed to November 2, 2021. The original date of July 29, 2021 has been cancelled.
- The application portal on the ABOHNS website will open on March 1, 2021 with a due date of May 17, 2021 for the November 2021 exam administration.
- Documents and forms to facilitate collecting information for the eligibility requirements will be available on the ABOHNS website in early January 2021. These eligibility requirements will still include a submission of qualifying cases, privileges at a facility with a Level 3 or equivalent Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and participation in multidisciplinary activities.

The ABOHNS wants to thank the otolaryngology-head and neck surgery community for your patience as we navigate and make program modifications, some of which to meet demands caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please send any further questions or feedback to [cpo@abohns.org](mailto:cpo@abohns.org), and we hope you, your families and your colleagues continue to be safe.

With Best Regards,

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