Policy on Cheating

This is a reminder to all Program Directors, Program Coordinators, Residents, and Diplomates involved with ABOto examinations: Violations of the rules prohibiting copying of questions will be taken seriously. Flouting the rules undermines the very purpose of ABOto examinations in measuring and evaluating knowledge and skill. Candidates have a contractual and ethical obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the examination. Programs have a duty not to interfere with those duties. As you well know, the Board is empowered to take action against any candidate or diplomate who breaks the rules, including the power to invalidate test results or revoke a certificate.

In the event that the Board concludes that a program has encouraged, permitted, or participated in the maintenance of recalled or otherwise stolen examination questions, the Board reserves its right to exclude all of its residents from taking future examinations.