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ABO News

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) is proud that **61%** of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) are now board certified! Board certification continues to set the standard of care for the specialty. We are leading the way - together!

Future Examination Dates Announced

- **Written Examination:** The 2024 Written Exam will be held on April 2. The exam will be administered at Pearson-Vue Centers in the United States and Canada.
- **Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The 2024 Clinical Examinations will be administered February 22-23 (*registration for this exam is FULL*) and September 17 (registration now open). The examinations will be held at Pearson-Vue Centers Worldwide. Beginning in 2025, the ABO will transition to one fall Scenario-based Clinical Examination per year.

Certification Renewal Reminder

ABO certification renewal is an important component of the board certification process. Successful completion of the examination is required every 10 years to maintain an active board certification status. Board-certified orthodontists are notified 3 years prior to the expiration date printed on their certificate that they are eligible to take the Certification Renewal Examination. You have two options to renew, including an Online Board Case Exam or a Mail-In Case Report Exam, along with completing continuing education credits from four online AJODO examinations. Online materials are available to prepare for the Certification Renewal Examination and include a Study Guide with FAQs, and a video, summarizing the process

ABO Ambassador Pathway Program

The ABO has replaced the former ABO Advocacy Program with the Ambassador Pathway Program, scheduled to be rolled out in 2024. This new program will consist of in-person (or virtual) presentations by ABO Ambassadors, as requested by orthodontic programs, and will focus on the pathway to board certification and the value it contains both personally and professionally. Additional information, including how to schedule an Ambassador visit to orthodontic programs, and how to serve as an ABO Ambassador will be announced soon. Currently, Drs. Mark Guevarra and Don Heon Oh are ABO Ambassadors and will assist in training new Ambassadors once identified. Thank you to both the University of Iowa and University of North Carolina who agreed to hold October 2023 pilot Ambassador presentations to residents at both schools.

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I commend all of those who have chosen to make a lifelong commitment to elevate the quality of orthodontic patient care. For those who have not yet undertaken the certification process, I encourage you to consider doing so. If you have any questions regarding the Board, please do not hesitate to connect with me personally at Puntillo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com.

Respectfully submitted,
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