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President's Message

Greetings to our more than 5000 diplomates and 2000 board eligible podiatrists! The ABPM takes its leadership position within the profession very seriously. Some highlights include the following:

1. We are proud to have taken a leadership role in the changes to the CPME 320 document so that podiatry residency training is commensurate with the public needs for practicing podiatrists.

2. We have over ten years under our belt after creating the professions first maintenance of certification program which was implemented in 2012 so that a diplomate who completes certain annual activities does not have to sit for a high stakes recertification exam in order to maintain their certification.

3. We have moved forward and aligned ourselves with allopathic protocols and now have a single certification exam process. As a result, we are the ONLY recognized podiatry board to adopt ABMS terminology and process regarding certification status (i.e. board eligible or board certified) which minimizes confusion with your hospital medical staff office/administration.

And finally, we are leading to ensure there is no privileging discrimination of our diplomates due to their board certification. The ABPM, like the APMA, believes that your hospital and surgical privileges should be based on your education, training, and experience, not just a specific board certification. We published and recently updated our "Guide to Credentialing and Privileging Doctors of Podiatric Medicine" (www.podiatryprivileges.com) which provides hospitals with the tools to properly privilege a podiatrist.

When a Diplomate contacts us about discriminatory practices in hospital or surgical privileging, we first educate the hospital's medical staff office and credentials committee on their requirements according to CMS, JHACO, and other state or federal laws. In a minority of cases when that approach is unsuccessful, we have engaged the ABPM's general counsel to take action to protect the ABPM from discrimination and the diplomate's rights. If you are experience discrimination in your privileges because of your board certification, please contact the Board at admin@podiatryboard.org.

The ABPM welcomes the decision by the membership of the American Society of Podiatric Surgeons to accept ABPM certification as a criterion for fellowship in the ASPS. The rationale for this decision was that every podiatrist now completes medical and surgical training and we have two recognized boards which a candidate is eligible to sit for once completing training. Thank you for being a part of ABPM, we're ***Certifying Today's Podiatrist.***

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Editor's Note

I hope, as I write my first Editor's Note, that you are enjoying a safe and healthy start to 2022. It is an honor to be serving the ABPM and its members in this capacity. I am looking forward to keeping you informed on the many efforts your Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Members are making each and every day to serve you better.

In this issue, you will find important updates on the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program as well as our two Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQ). The MOC dashboard is very straightforward and easily completed via your phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop. Having this simple to use tool to maintain your certification is one of the many great features and benefits our Diplomates can utilize. If you haven't been on your MOC dashboard lately- get 2022 off on the right foot and log in today!

Our Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQ) program is another ABMS similarity that we have implemented. Since 2016, we've offered the CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care for podiatrists who wish to differentiate themselves among their peers as having added expertise in that subspecialty. We are offering the first CAQ in Podiatric Sports Medicine in March of 2022 through a partnership with the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine (AAPSM). Beginning this year, both CAQs will be administered by secure online proctoring through our testing center PearsonVue, meaning you can sit for the exam at a computer in your office or at home.

As we move into and through 2022, watch for our new and improved website and keep an eye on our social media platforms. We can't wait to share "What's New in '22?" We also ask that you keep us posted, as well. We want to hear what we can do to help you with privileging, credentialing, or any other concerns.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Hook, DPM
Editor

Exciting Website Updates and Member Benefits!

Happy New Year! We are so thrilled to announce a more functional, aesthetically pleasing public webpage with easy links to YOUR member/MOC login and up to date information about ABPM MOC points, upcoming conferences, and information regarding our NEW Certificate of Added Qualification in Sports Medicine!

This new site will become your go to source for all things related to your credential as well as a one stop shop for storing your CME certificates for future reference AND a depository of information on where you stand with your MOC points for the year! As always, we appreciate member feedback, so please feel free to reach out to me at melissa.lockwood@podiatryboard.org with any questions or suggestions regarding how we can make the website even MORE functional and accessible to you in the future!

COMING SOON - Summer 2022!!

Our NEW APP will integrate your member dashboard, FINALLY! We can't wait to show you all the mobile options upcoming for both our Android and iPhone users! More coming soon!!

ABPM Committee Rosters

We are always looking for ABPM Diplomates to GET INVOLVED with both the Board and the Committees that work year round. Click here for a detailed description of each committee and subsequent list of all committee members!

We want to get to know you better! Please take a peek at what your colleagues have been up to as volunteers for the ABPM and CLICK HERE to become more involved!

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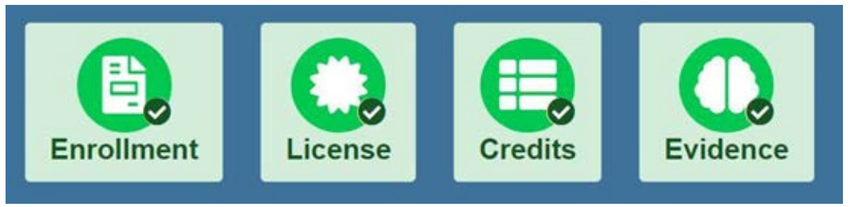
Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is continuous learning process that is a required and critical component of maintaining ABPM board certification. It is important to note that ***MOC eliminates a stressful high-stakes exam every 10 years as well as the submission of cases for review every 3 years.***

MOC is intended to strengthen a Diplomate's practice and ultimately improve patient safety and clinical outcomes. This can be instilled by ensuring current licensing, maintaining continuing education credits on an annual basis, and demonstrating cognitive expertise in the specialty of podiatry medicine by completing required MOC "points." MOC also furthers ABPM's goal to protect the health and welfare of the public through an ongoing process of evaluation and certification of the competence of podiatrists in the specialty of podiatric medicine.

The MOC is an **ANNUAL** process that is **STREAMLINED** and **EASY TO USE through your member dashboard accessible online or through your mobile device.** There are detailed FAQs and instructional videos to help you along the way!



Please note that **Diplomates who hold time-limited certificates who have NOT yet enrolled into the MOC**, the recredentialing process has been simplified. In your 10th year just sign up for the Competency exam and enroll into the MOC...no more case submission or high-stakes exam!

For remaining questions or concerns please visit your Member Dashboard at our website www.podiatryboard.org or contact ABPM Headquarters.

Are you a conference organizer or a coordinator of an educational event?

The ABPM MOC Committee is actively looking to increase participation regarding educational content. If you would like to request a review of materials to be considered for approval in Category 2 of the MOC Program, please click the button below and fill out the subsequent form.

MOC Category 2 Outside Participation Form

Certificates of Added Qualification

The American Board of Podiatric Medicine's tradition of excellence provides an opportunity beyond Board Certification to demonstrate your additional skills!

The Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) offered by the ABPM is designed to recognize knowledge, expertise, and experience in the following two areas:

- Amputation Prevention & Wound Care
- Podiatric Sports Medicine (NEW!)

Below you will find eligibility requirements for both CAQ Exams:

CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care

Eligibility Criteria

- Certification by a CPME-recognized Board

And demonstrate one of the following:

- provide certificate confirming completion of a CPME-approved fellowship in amputation prevention and wound Care or similar designation
- submit documentation in the form of a letter regarding expertise in a wound care or hospital setting (minimum of 1000 documented hours verified by the program's Hospital CMO, Fellowship Director, or Department Chairperson/Chief of Service)
- pass a case documentation process proving expertise in amputation prevention and wound care

In addition, the Diplomate must pass the ABPM CAQ examination in amputation prevention and wound care and maintain their Board Certified status.

Testing Format

What is the testing format for this exam?

- The candidate can choose to take the CAQ Exam in person at a PearsonVue testing site or opt for online proctoring.

What does the exam consist of?

- The CAQ Exam consists of 75 multiple choice questions and 2 cases.

CAQ in Podiatric Sports Medicine

Eligibility Criteria

- Certification by a CPME-recognized Board

And demonstrate one of the following:

- provide certificate confirming completion of a CPME-approved fellowship in podiatric sports medicine
- submit documentation that the applicant is a current team podiatrist or consultant to a sports organization
- pass a case documentation process to proving expertise in podiatric sports medicine

In addition, the Diplomate must pass the ABPM CAQ examination in Podiatric Sports Medicine and maintain their Board Certified status.

The American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine (AAPSM) will serve as the educational resource for the CAQ. Current Fellows of the AAPSM will be granted advanced standing in the CAQ if they apply before January 15, 2022.

Testing Format

What is the testing format for this exam?

- The candidate can choose to take the CAQ Exam in person at a PearsonVue testing site or opt for online proctoring.

What does the exam consist of?

- The CAQ Exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions.

For additional information, please visit the CAQ Webpage. You will find clear, concise information regarding upcoming deadlines, eligibility criteria, testing format, etc.

Note: The Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) is a special distinction created and issued solely by the ABPM to recognize a podiatric physician who has established additional competency beyond board certification in either Amputation Prevention and Wound Care or Podiatric Sports Medicine.

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Hospital Privileging and Credentialing Update

The ABPM strives to continually provide our Diplomates with the most up to date information on hospital privileging and credentialing and as such has developed both a comprehensive website to direct medical staff to (www.podiatryprivileges.com) and a webform for our Diplomates to complete when they may run into difficulty with either an insurance panel or hospital understanding and recognizing our credential (https://podiatryboard.org/pages/forms/hospital-privileging-mediation). Once submitted, the credentialing committee will intervene and personally reach out to our Diplomates and the hospitals to ensure appropriate credentialing.

Staying current | Education, residency and credentialing standards change periodically.
To navigate the sometimes complex and even inconsistent world of privileging, it is important to understand that hospital bylaws, department policies, and the privileging process is designed to ensure the safety of patients and continued access to competent care. *The Guide to Credentialing and Privileging Doctors of Podiatric Medicine,* distributed by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM), provides a comprehensive summary of podiatry's educational and residency requirements over the past decade and the importance of understanding these as you seek privileges with a hospital. You will note that privileging considers and reviews your training, residencies, post-grad certification, fellowship, preceptorship concurrent with your overall experience and board certification. This guide will help you understand the process more thoroughly, so you are prepared. It also serves as a guide for hospitals and credentialers who must continually work to stay current with changes in specialty fields.

While not all organizations share the same privileging criteria and, in addition to federal and state regulations, may look for different elements depending on what their individual medical staff feels is appropriate, the updated and clear outline of information contained in the Guide provides both credentialing bodies, faced with numerous ongoing changes and you, the podiatrist, with a succinct yet comprehensive reference for credentialing and privileging DPMs

What does the Guide contain?

· Best practices and compliance requirements for CMS and The Joint Commission.

· APMA (American Podiatric Medical Association) Guidelines for Privileging.

· 16 Best Practice Elements for Credentialing Excellence.

· Privileging recommendations and sample forms for Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPM)

ABPM Headquarters Report

The ABPM Headquarters has experienced many changes since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the exterior remodel of our building complete, the interior remodel of the first floor and second floor is underway with scheduled completion and staff move-in during February of 2022. The first floor of ABPM Headquarters remains to be a working space for all ABPM Headquarters Staff with the second floor being remodeled as a meeting / conference space for our several ABPM Committees that meet throughout the year. During this time, Headquarters Staff continues to work from home with great success and will soon be transitioning into a hybrid flex working model in the future.

On an administrative level, ABPM continues to hire additional support at ABPM Headquarters for our growing organization. As always, the ABPM Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff continue to work diligently to provide the best experience for all ABPM Members!

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Nicole DeLauro, DPM
Treasurer, ABPM

Treasurer's Report

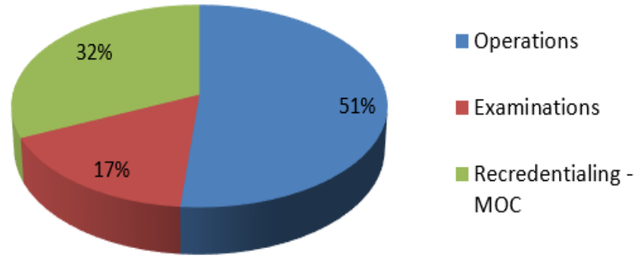
Greetings Colleagues.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the ABPM. I am honored to serve as your Treasurer, and hope that you and your families are safe and healthy during these unprecedented times.

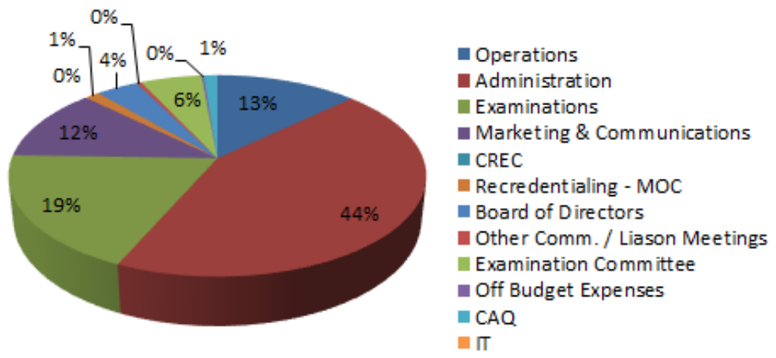
I am happy to report that ABPM finished stronger than ever in 2021. Strong reserves remain in our investment portfolio. A categorical breakdown of our income and expenses are portrayed below.

This robust financial status allows the ABPM to grow along with its increasing number of Diplomates. In 2022, we will be completing renovations to ABPM Headquarters and increasing our staffing team. We will continue to offer excellence in administration, a streamlined ABPM certification exam, and a maintenance of certification (MOC) process that encourages life-long learning.

Income | 2021



Expenses | 2021



2022 Examination Schedule

February 14-28, 2022 | In-training Exam (PGY 1&2)

February 14-19, 2022 | In-training Exam (PGY 3&4)

March 10, 2022 | CAQ in Amputation Prevention and Wound Care Exam
March 10, 2022 | CAQ in Podiatric Sports Medicine

May 16, 2022 | Spring Board Certification Exam*
October 1, 2022 | Board Certification Exam

**Spring Exams are offered exclusively to current Board Qualified members and those candidates who need to retake a single section of the previous certification exam.*

For more information on examinations, please visit our website at www.podiatryboard.org

ABPM On The Road in 2022

January 26-30, 2022 | SAM Podiatry Conference | Orlando, FL

February 24-27, 2022 | ACFAS Scientific Conference | Austin, TX

April 6-9, 2022 | Midwest Podiatry Conference | Chicago, IL

April 28-30, 2022 | ACP Internal Medicine Conference | Chicago, IL

April 28-30, 2022 | AAWP Conference | Fernandina Beach, FL

June 23-26, 2022 | The Western | Anaheim, CA

July 28-31, 2022 | APMA National | Orlando, FL

Note: Please check www.podiatryboard.org for the most up to date conference nformation.