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ABPS UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 21ST, 2019

MICHELE BARNES

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NO DISCLOSURES

Corresponding with the Board Office

Program Directors, residents, candidates and diplomates should send all inquiries, issues and requests **directly to the Board Office. Please do not contact a Director, Officer or Executive Director of the Board.**

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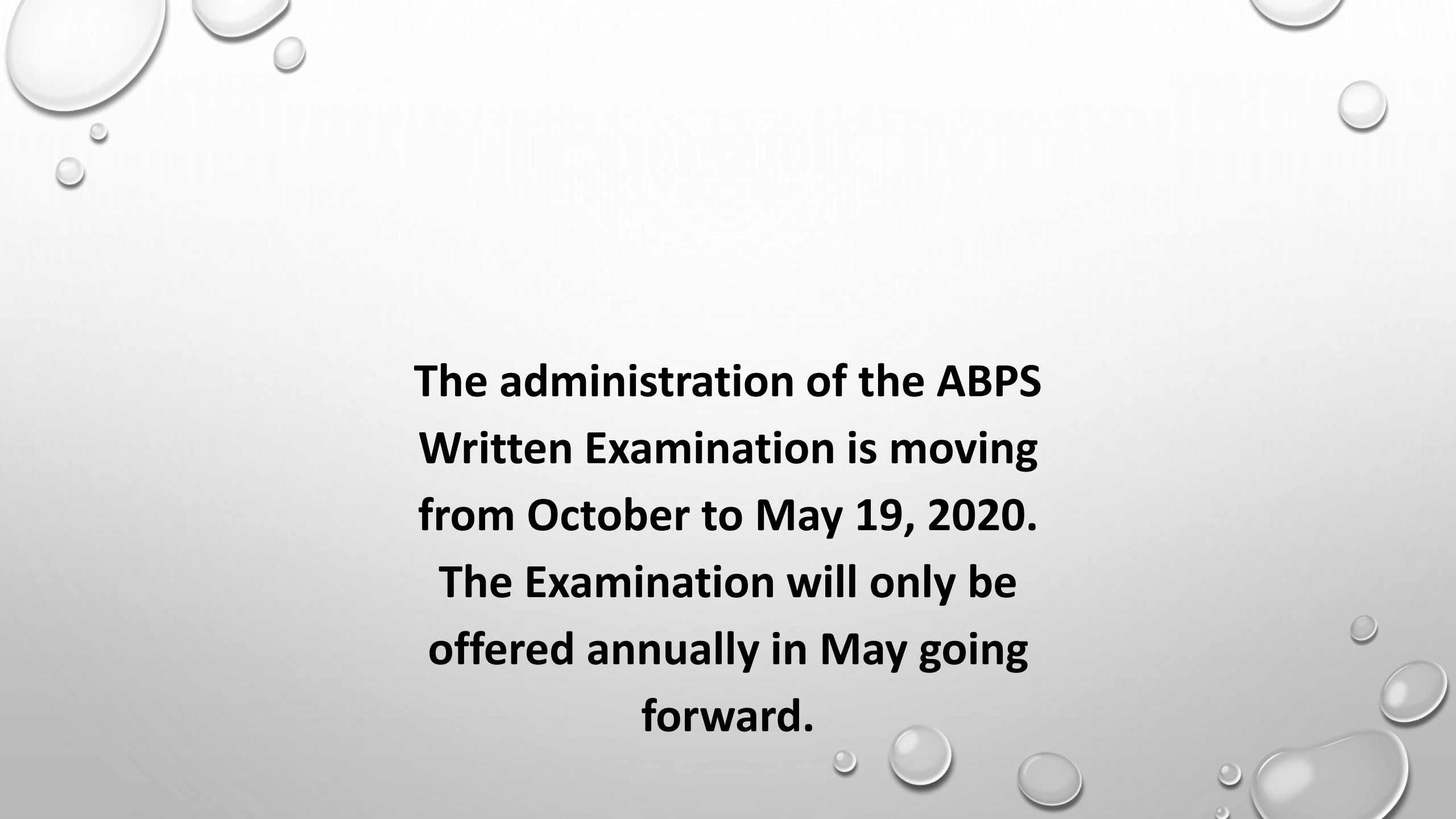
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Email Gwen A. Hanuscin, Written Examination and Projects Coordinator at ghanuscin@abplasticsurgery.org with all resident issues and inquiries to requirements.

ABPS Resident Registration and Evaluation of Training Form

Important information to share with **ALL** your residents.

- This form can be found on the Board's website at www.abplasticsurgery.org.
- All residents **MUST** complete this process in their *first/second year* of PS residency in an Integrated program and receive an ABPS FINAL Confirmation Letter.
- If in Independent program this process **MUST** be completed *prior to entering* PS residency and **MUST** provide the program director with an ABPS FINAL Confirmation Letter.



**The administration of the ABPS
Written Examination is moving
from October to May 19, 2020.
The Examination will only be
offered annually in May going
forward.**

Program Director Timeline

Resident Tracking and Identify 2020 Senior Residents for Application available	April 2019
Resident Tracking and Identify 2020 Senior Residents for Application due	May 2019
Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2019 Senior Residents available	June 2019
Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2019 Senior Residents due	July 1, 2019
<u>Step 1 - Preliminary</u> Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2020 Senior Residents available	December 1, 2019
<u>Step 1 - Preliminary</u> Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2020 Senior Residents due	December 31, 2019
Written Examination Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers in the U.S. and Canada	May 19, 2020
<u>Step 2 - Final</u> Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2020 Senior Residents Due	June 1, 2020
<u>Step 2 - Final</u> Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation for 2020 Senior Residents Due	July 1-5, 2020

Hardship Leave Policy

The ABPS voted to allow an additional 2 weeks of leave during the last 2 years of training to accommodate those residents who need an extended leave late in training. **The extended leave must occur in the last two years to qualify for these additional two weeks.**

The ABPS will accept 94 weeks of training averaged over the final two years of training.

Program Directors must request approval by the ABPS of all leave of absences for residents.

Intended only for residents who have exhausted all opportunities to make up lost clinical weeks due to an extended leave during the final two years of training.

The resident **must use all vacation weeks first** to make up lost time and then only if training will be extended beyond their final year will the Board consider the Hardship exemption.

INDEPENDENT AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

“Must receive clinical experience” in:

Abdominal surgery

Oncologic/Breast surgery

Pediatric surgery

Surgical critical care

Surgical oncology (non-breast)

Transplant

Trauma management

Vascular surgery



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Strongly suggested clinical experiences documented before completion of training:

Acute burn management


Anesthesia

Dermatology

Oculoplastic surgery or Ophthalmology

Oral and Maxillofacial surgery

Orthopedic surgery



International Rotations

To receive credit, the International rotation(s) must be approved by the Board, the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS) and the Designated Institutional Officer (DIO). The request for approval for the international rotation must be received in the Board Office at least 90 days before the start of the rotation. Failure to meet this deadline may result in the rotation not being accepted as part of the 48 weeks of clinical experience required per year.

A complete copy of the application and supporting materials should be sent directly to the Board at the same time it is sent to the ACGME/RRC-PS.

Domestic, International and Observational Elective Rotations during Plastic Surgery Training

Residents must have no more than 3 months of elective rotations for the duration of training. Elective rotations include domestic elective rotations, domestic observational rotations, international elective rotations and international observational rotations. The 3 months of elective rotations do not have to be completed consecutively.

The Board will allow 4 weeks of international training during a craniofacial or hand surgery fellowship.

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The Program Director is required to submit the following to the Board Office for approval:

1. Written request including details of rotation
2. Copy of letter sent to the RRC-PS
3. Copy of RRC-PS Application

The Board has worked with the RRC-PS to establish criteria for international rotations that insure the educational component of the rotation and the safety of the resident. Interested residents are referred to the Plastic Surgery section of the ACGME website (<http://www.acgme.org>) for details.

Domestic Electives, Research and Observerships:

NO NEED FOR ACGME AND ABPS APPROVAL

- The United States and its territories
- Canada – if the site is accredited by the equivalent of our ACGME

International Electives, Research and Observerships:

MUST GET ACGME AND ABPS APPROVAL

Anywhere outside of

- The United States and its territories
- Canada – if not accredited by the equivalent of our ACGME

ACGME Single Accreditation System

- Do not discuss a possible position in the Independent or Integrated program with an osteopathic resident until you have discussed the requirements with the Board.
- The ABPS is continuously re-evaluating its policy regarding AOA programs transitioning to ACGME programs.

AOA Transfers

- The training program must be approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) **during all years of training completed.**
- You **may not** accept a transfer from an AOA General Surgery Program that is not ACGME accredited.
- You **may not** accept a transfer from an AOA Plastic Surgery Program that is not ACGME accredited. **Currently there are no AOA Integrated Plastic Surgery Programs.**

The ABPS requires the following:

The American Board of Surgery (ABS) requirements for osteopathic general surgery training programs that become accredited by the ACGME are as follows:

- Residents will be required to complete at a minimum the **last three years** of residency training (PGY-3, 4, and 5) in an ACGME-accredited general surgery residency program.
- The academic year in which a program obtains ACGME accreditation will count as one full year toward the three-year requirement, if satisfactorily completed by the resident.
- The effective date of accreditation will be the date on which the program is granted accreditation by the ACGME.
- Successful completion of the above prerequisite training requirements will be determined by receipt of evidence of admissibility to the ABS Examinations or evidence of certification by the ABS.

ABPS Eligibility

Eligibility starts at the end of PS training not when the Program Directors complete the Residency Graduation Form and “sign off” the resident.

If the PD **doesn't** sign the Residency Graduation Form than the resident is **not** permitted to take the WE and loses a year of eligibility.

Independent PS Programs

- **July 1, 2018 was the last date to enter an Independent plastic surgery program with only 3 years of general surgery prerequisite training in the same institution.**
- Residents entering Independent plastic surgery residency **after July 1, 2018** will be required to:
 - Complete **five** years of general surgery residency training and
 - Must be **eligible** for the ABS certification process.

Transfers must be ABPS approved

Program Directors may not accept any individual as a transfer into their program **without Board approval** of the transfer.

This is critical to insure that the combined training meets all requirements to be eligible for the ABPS certification process.

Documentation must include a signed list of all completed rotations from the **first** program director.

1. **Beginning PS Year, PSY I or PSY II:** residents may transfer after completion of PGY I year in a surgical residency with the status of ACGME accreditation (not pre-accredited). Approved surgical residencies include: General Surgery Vascular Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Thoracic Surgery or Urology or another ACGME accredited integrated plastic surgery residency program.
2. **Beginning PS Year, PSY III:** residents may transfer only if they have completed at least two progressive years of an approved surgical residency as listed in #1 above or another ACGME accredited integrated plastic surgery residency program.
3. **Beginning PS Year, PSY IV:** residents may transfer **only** if they have completed full training sufficient to qualify for certification in one of the ACGME accredited surgical residencies listed in #1 above.

- **Transfers from one Integrated program to another are not allowed after the PSY III year.**
- **No transfers will be accepted after the beginning of PS PSY IV because the last three years of Integrated Program training must be completed in the same institution.**
- **Any resident who does not have complete training in another surgical specialty can only start at the PSY 1, 2 or 3 level but not the PSY 4 level.**



Maintenance of Certification (MOC-PS) is now *Continuous Certification*

FYI – this is the responsibility of your faculty!



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The below information was emailed to all ABPS Diplomates in February/March 2019

The ABPS has been working hard to make positive changes to the former Maintenance of Certification program to make it more relevant to your practice, more cost-effective, and more flexible. Now that these changes have been enacted, we'd like to take this opportunity to review the following updates and to provide resources on our website. All diplomates will be enrolled automatically and benefit from:

- Lower Overall Cost
- Decreased Reporting Requirements
- Added Flexibility to satisfy Practice Improvement
- New Self-Assessment Activity
- Studying Unnecessary
- Maintaining the 10-Year Cycle. All certificates remain valid.

Visit <https://www.abplasticsurgery.org> to explore your Tracking Page and view your upcoming requirements. A timeline of activities is listed below and detailed information can be found [here](#).

Self-Assessment is initially optional while the Board gathers data to support the annual 30-question longitudinal learning pilot program. Diplomates who successfully complete 8 self-assessments in the 10-year cycle will satisfy the examination component of Continuous Certification. **Those who hold certificates expiring in 2019, 2020, or 2021 must still take the 200-question examination. However, the exam format has changed to model the self-assessment – internet-based, no studying required, rationales incorporated, two opportunities to answer correctly before scoring takes place.**

The ABPS appreciates all those diplomates who provided feedback and is pleased to offer these changes to make Continuous Certification more relevant, more convenient, and more valuable.

Any questions about the ABPS Continuous Certification program please email at staff@abplasticsurgery.org or by phone at 215-587-9322.