The Evolution of CM

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY (ABOMS)
Overview

- Background
- Travel in Time
- Current Certification Maintenance process
- Evaluation of the Process
- Certification Maintenance in 2020
Background

“Hospitals across America are simply clamoring for some yardstick for the measurement of competence in oral surgery... If we raise our standards of graduate training and our requirements for national recognition by means of board certification, we have nothing to fear; if we don’t, we have a lot to fear.”

Carl Waldron, University of Minnesota, 1940s
First discussions of recertification circulated in 1968
Time-limited certificates were issued in 1990
ABOMS first Recertification Examination was administered in 1997
The format changed from one examination to modular
Became computer based in 2003
Implemented Certification Maintenance in 2009
Recertification Examination returned to one exam as opposed to modular
The Certification Maintenance (CM) process was designed to address one of the principal deficiencies of certification by reexamination. Rather than having a system with periodic recertification, the process changed to a system of continuous and ongoing professional evaluation.

- Evidence of Professional Standing
- Evidence of Lifelong Learning
- Evaluation of Performance in Practice
- Evidence of Cognitive Expertise
CM Program

Professional Standing
• The Board Certified surgeon is required to answer credentialing questions prior to submitting his/her Annual fees

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
• Board Certified surgeons who are eligible may register to take the ABOMS self-assessment tool which is given online over a course of time.
• During the Recertification Application, the surgeon will attest to having 90 hours of CE

Performance in Practice
• While applying for the RE, the Board Certified Surgeon must attest to having done an evaluation of performance in practice or alternative pathway

Cognitive Expertise
• All Board Certified surgeons are required to successfully pass the RE prior to their time-limited certificate expiring
To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often

_Winston Churchill_

Discussions of the CM program began in 2005 and was established in 2009. In 2016, the cycle of discussion picked up once more.
Questions to Ask your Board

- What is your board’s mission for maintaining certification?
- Are your objectives still relevant?
- Does your process fulfill your board’s expectations?

- For ABOMS…
  - Is a secure examination still relevant?
  - Is an online-open book exam a possibility?
  - How is continuing education adding value to our members?
After the meeting...

- Establish an ad hoc committee to continue your efforts
- Hold quarterly conference calls to investigate and determine the right plan for your board
What the future looks like

Life Span of a Diplomate’s Certificate

Year 1
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles
- Attend to Performance in Practice

Year 2
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles

Year 3
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles

Year 4
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles

Year 5
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles
- Attend to Performance in Practice

Year 6
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles
- Attend to Performance in Practice

Year 7
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles
- Attend to Performance in Practice

Year 8
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles

Year 9
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles

Year 10
- Annual Registration including CE attestation
- Answer 10 questions based off 2 reference articles
Dashboard

Welcome Cheryl Mounts

PID: 22712
Status: Diplomate
Current Certification: Mar 01, 2002

Dues and Renewals
You do not have any dues or renewals to purchase.

Upcoming Exams
2018 Certificate of Added Qualifications in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery
Register By: May 31, 2018, 12:00 AM

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Thank you

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