

American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
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There are currently 313 registered Diplomates of the Board. This total includes 267 actively practicing Diplomates and 46 Diplomates who are retired from active practice and hold Emeritus status. In 2010, 167 of the active Diplomates participated in the Board's voluntary Continued Competency Assurance Program. The Board's Head and Neck Pathology Slide Review Program remains fully subscribed. In 2010, 160 individuals participated in the program, 58 of whom shared slides with someone at their institution.

Fifteen individuals challenged the ABOMP examination in October 2010 and twelve new individuals were registered as Diplomates after successfully completing the certifying examination. The next examination will be given on September 22-23, 2011.

The Board has developed a Certification Maintenance (CM) program, patterned after that of the American Board of Pathology. Specific information is available on the abomp.org website at the Certification Maintenance tab. The Certification Maintenance program is directed primarily toward Diplomates with time-limited certificates (certificates received in 2004 or after). However, the process will be open to all certified Diplomates. Certification Maintenance is based on three components: 1) evidence of professional standing (licensure), 2) evidence of commitment for lifelong learning and involvement in periodic self-assessment (organized CME and self-learning), and 3) evidence of cognitive expertise (CM examination). The first CM examination will be given at the AAOMP annual meeting beginning in Puerto Rico on May 2, 2011. The Board believes this will provide the greatest ease and least expense for individuals needing to recertify while at the same time address the issue of security of the examination. The format for the exam will be 50 multiple choice questions, the majority of which will focus on histopathologic and clinical diagnoses, but may include some written questions. The exam will contain questions relating to 1) fundamental knowledge and 2) current and clinically valid practice-related knowledge, including information new to the field designed to evaluate the Diplomate's lifelong learning and self-assessment experience.

The Board continues to benefit from its close association and affiliation with the American Board of Pathology in Tampa.

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