

**American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
Report to Intersociety Pathology Council, March 2015**

There are currently 339 registered Diplomates of the Board. This total includes 282 actively practicing Diplomates and 57 Diplomates who are retired from active practice and hold Emeritus status. In 2014, 98 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 2014, 208 individuals participated in the program, 101 receiving glass slide sets, 50 shared slides with someone at their institution, and 66 participated in the virtual slide format.

Seventeen individuals challenged the ABOMP examination in October 2014 and fourteen new individuals were registered as Diplomates after successfully completing the certifying examination. The next examination will be given on October 8-9, 2015.

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).

Six participants, all of whom passed, took the CM examination, given at the AAOMP annual meeting in St. Augustine, Florida on April 29, 2014. 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 is 50 multiple choice questions, the majority of which focus on histopathologic and clinical diagnoses, but may include some written questions. The exam contains 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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