

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY



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There are currently 367 registered Diplomates of the Board. This total includes 303 actively practicing Diplomates and 64 Diplomates who are retired from active practice and hold Emeritus status. The Slide Review Program remains fully subscribed. In 2017, 236 individuals participated in the program, 103 receiving glass slide sets, 44 shared slides with someone at their institution, and 89 participated in the virtual slide format. The ABOMP has dropped voluntary Continued Competency Assurance Program for those Diplomates who do not have a time-limited certificate. Time-limited certificate holders however can upload their CE and sit for the continued maintenance examination if they wish.

The most recent examination of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology was held in Tampa, Florida on October 5-6, 2017. A total of 20 candidates challenged the examination, with 15 successfully challenging the examination. The next examination will be held in Tampa, October 4-6, 2018.

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). For the reporting period ending December 31, 2017, 7 Diplomates were dropped for noncompliance.

The ABOMP's website allows Diplomates to log in their CE and upload the scanned certificates. This should allow for better documentation for both the Diplomate and the Board. Beginning in 2017 all Diplomates with time-limited certificates will have their CE documentation reviewed on an annual basis. This change reflects ABOMP's opinion that maintaining Board certification is an ongoing process requiring annual pathology-related CE. Verification letters for time-limited Diplomates who are in their 1-year grace period for not fully participating in a slide program or not having enough CE hours, the verification letter will read "Dr. Name is not fully compliant with Certification Maintenance and therefore his/her certification in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology is at risk for early expiration."

In 2017, 8 Diplomates plus 1 new Director passed the Certification Maintenance examination. The new Director took it at the Board office before exposure to the item bank, 6 Diplomates took it at the AAOMP annual meeting, and 2 Diplomates who live outside the country and do not always attend the AAOMP meeting, took it remotely. The next Certification Maintenance examination will be administered June 23, 2018 at the AAOMP annual meeting in Vancouver. The format for the exam is 50 multiple choice questions, most 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. Both Diplomates who successfully challenged the remote certification maintenance examination gave positive feedback regarding the testing procedure. We will continue to offer this option.

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

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