HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS.

Your foot and ankle are complex structures that deserve a practitioner specifically trained in their care and treatment.

Established in 1975, the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the public interest by promoting excellence in the art and science of podiatric surgery through board certification. ABFAS is the only certifying board for foot and ankle surgery recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE ABFAS BOARD CERTIFIED?

1 EDUCATION AND RESIDENCY

After completing an undergraduate degree and four years of doctoral training at a podiatric medical college, a podiatrist may choose a specialized residency program to obtain clinical experience as a foot and ankle surgeon.

2 BOARD CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Residents in their final year of residency training initiate the Board Certification process by taking a thorough didactic exam and a computer-based patient simulation. A candidate who passes these exams becomes Board Qualified.

The final step in board certification is a comprehensive review of a sample of the candidate's actual medical cases. Once candidates successfully complete this part of the process, they become Board Certified and earn the title of ABFAS Diplomate.

3 KEEPING BOARD CERTIFICATION

To maintain board certification, ABFAS requires Diplomates to participate in its LEAD Continuous Certification program, assessing their knowledge and skills throughout the year and demonstrating a career-long commitment to learning the latest advancements in podiatric surgery and bringing them to patient care.

Diplomates must also participate in continuing medical education activities and provide proof of current active surgical practice verified by a hospital or surgery center.

WHY SHOULD I OPT FOR AN ABFAS-CERTIFIED PODIATRIST?

ABFAS Board Certification is recognized as the gold standard in the specialty field of foot and ankle surgery.

Achieving ABFAS Board Certification indicates that a podiatrist has been rigorously evaluated and has demonstrated the requisite knowledge, judgment, and surgical skill necessary to deliver the highest standard of care for their patients.

THE VALUE OF ABFAS CERTIFICATION

The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ABFAS) is committed to protecting public health by advancing the art and science of foot and ankle surgery.

5 REASONS ABFAS BOARD CERTIFICATION BENEFITS PATIENTS

1. ABFAS is the only foot and ankle surgery certification board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
2. ABFAS certification is a requirement for surgical privileges at many hospitals and for some insurance companies.
3. More than 10,000 highly skilled podiatrists have earned ABFAS Board Certification, with more joining their ranks each year.
4. ABFAS Board Certification includes Case Review, demonstrating commitment to the highest standards of patient care and success.
5. ABFAS offers opportunities for post-certification learning, and Diplomates gain advancement through the LEAD program of Continuous Certification.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ABFAS BOARD CERTIFICATION?

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Reach out to us at info@abfas.org or (415) 553-7800.

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