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Mark Your Calendar for 2025 Case Review



Registration for 2025 **Case Review** will open on November 4, 2024, and close on December 6, 2024.

How do I know if I am eligible to register?
The **Podiatry Logging Service** (PLS) will inform you when you have met the quantity and diversity requirements required to register for Case Review. Click on the "Do I meet the requirements?" link at the top of the "Manage Case" page to generate a report that shows the number of cases you have in each qualifying category.

[Access PLS](#)

Extenuating Circumstances? File an Extension Request



Life happens. Whether you have started a family, lost a job, been impacted by COVID-19, or experienced other medical or financial hardship, the **ABFAS Extension Policy** allows Board Qualified candidates in their final year of Board Qualification to request additional time to pursue Board Certification for extenuating circumstances.

The extension request should only be submitted in the final year of Board Qualification and should explain why you could not complete the certification exam requirements. If you have not yet passed Case Review, make sure your PLS case logs are up to date to demonstrate your ability to submit for Case Review if the extension request is approved.

[See Policy](#)

Board vs. College: What's the Difference?



Many DPMs refer to the **American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery** (ABFAS) and the **American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons** (ACFAS) interchangeably, but the two are very separate and distinct organizations.

ABFAS is the surgical certification board that develops the policies and examinations for Board Qualification and Board Certification in Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery and grants the title of "ABFAS Board Qualified" and "ABFAS Board Certified" to DPMs who successfully meet the respective requirements.

ACFAS is the professional society only for those who are ABFAS Board Qualified or Certified, focusing on professional resources and education. Once you become ABFAS Board Qualified, you can join ACFAS as an associate member (AACFAS). Once you become ABFAS Board Certified, you can become an ACFAS Fellow (FACFAS).

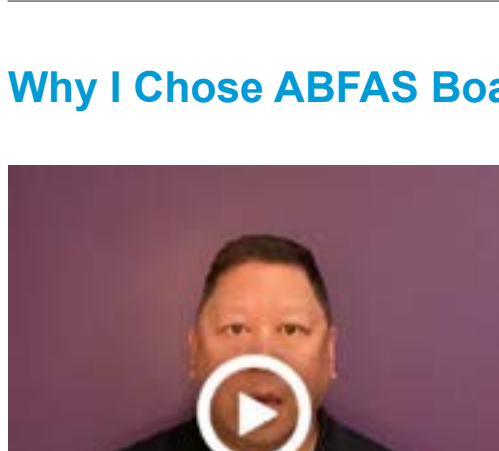
Study Seeks to Evaluate Radiation Exposure Impact on Female DPMs



Arizona College of Podiatric Medicine at Midwestern University Assistant Professor Johanna Richey, DPM, and Student Doctor Bethany Robinson are seeking U.S.-based female DPMs to participate in a **short survey** for the research study, "Radiation Exposure Impact on Prevalence of Breast and All-Cause Cancer in Female Foot and Ankle Surgeons." The survey will take 5–15 minutes to complete.

[Take Survey](#)

Why I Chose ABFAS Board Certification: Dr. Alan Ng



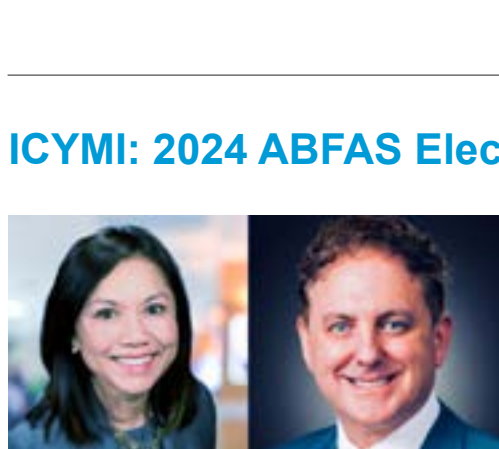
In **this video**, ABFAS Past President and ACFAS President-elect Alan Ng, DPM, FACFAS, shares why he chose ABFAS Board Certification and what it means to him:

The ABFAS Board Certification process is very fair and comprehensive in making sure that the surgeon is very well-versed in foot and ankle surgery to perform the proper procedures to address those patients' pathologies and to make sure the profession itself is well regarded.

Submit a short video on what it means to you to become ABFAS Board Certified, and you could be featured in ABFAS communication channels and on social media.

[Watch Video](#)

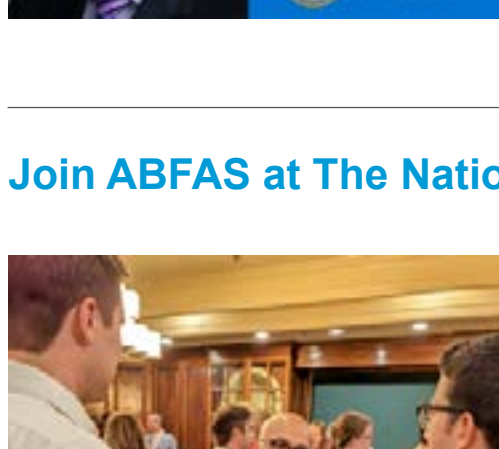
ICYMI: 2024 ABFAS Election Results



The results are in! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Thanh Dinh of Massachusetts to her first term on the ABFAS Board of Directors. Two incumbents, Dr. Michael Dujela of Washington and Dr. Roland Ramdass of Virginia will continue their service on the Board. All three terms will begin on September 1, 2024, and will end on August 31, 2027.

[Read Full Story](#)

Join ABFAS at The National



ABFAS will be at the **APMA Annual Scientific Meeting** (The National) in Washington, DC, August 8–11. Come visit us at booth #418 in the Exhibit Hall, where we'll have staff on hand to answer your questions about your ABFAS status and the board certification process. Plus, you can mix and mingle with members of the ABFAS Board of Directors, who will be at the ABFAS booth during the opening reception on Thursday night.

We are also pleased to co-sponsor the Young Physicians' Happy Hour on Friday, August 9, at 6:30 pm ET. All student, resident, and young physician attendees are welcome to attend, network with ABFAS board members, and enter to win awesome raffle prizes.



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