

LEAD NEWSLETTER FOR DIPLOMATES

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LEAD Quarter 4 Now Open



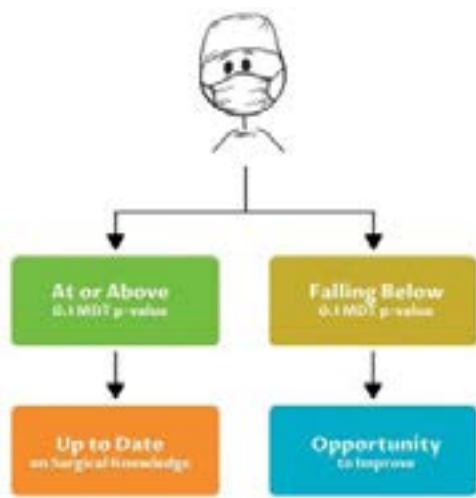
A **new quarter of LEAD** is available now through December 31. The quarter contains 20 questions, and you will have three minutes to answer each question.

Do I need to participate in this quarter?
Participation in the current quarter may or may not be necessary depending on your remaining **participation requirements** or current LEAD performance. Track your requirements on your LEAD dashboard to determine if you need to participate in a given quarter.

If the half-circle is all blue, like the image on the left, you have met the current cycle requirements.

[Start Quarter 4](#)

Understanding LEAD MDT



The LEAD Assessment is not a pass/fail exam, and there is not a required number of correct responses required to pass. While you can view your percentage of correct answers for each quarter, this is not what ABFAS uses to evaluate your overall performance.

LEAD uses **Measurement Decision Theory** to assess the probability (or MDT p-value) that you are keeping up to date with your knowledge. Your MDT p-value updates each time you answer a question, depending on how you answer the question and its difficulty level.

Make sure you review your MDT p-value regularly on your LEAD dashboard—and not just your performance on each individual quarter. For time-limited Diplomates, you have until June 30 of your certification expiration year to meet/exceed the MDT p-value standard of 0.1. Diplomates certified prior to 1991 are not required to meet a performance requirement.

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What I Love Most About LEAD: Dr. Ellianne M. Nasser



In this video, Ellianne M. Nasser, DPM, FACFAS, shares what she loves most about the LEAD program:

I can do these questions on my own time, at my own speed, when I have a few extra minutes...it allows flexibility with my own schedule. I absolutely love LEAD.

Do you love LEAD? **Submit a short video** on what you love most—or tips for fellow Diplomates—and you could be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

[Watch Video](#)

Stay on Track with your Cycle 1 Participation



ABFAS encourages Diplomates to stay proactive with meeting their **LEAD participation requirements**, rather than waiting until the last minute. However, we understand that life happens.

If you do not meet your LEAD Cycle 1 participation requirement, ABFAS policy allows you to make up missed Cycle 1 quarters in Cycle 2. As long as you also meet your Cycle 2 participation requirement, you can use the extra quarters to make up for quarters you may have missed in Cycle 1.

Stay on top of your upcoming LEAD cycle end date and track your remaining participation requirements closely on your LEAD dashboard.

Featured FAQ: Foot & RRA Surgery Certification Renewals



Question: What if I have different expiration years for my Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery certifications?

Answer:

ABFAS uses your Foot Surgery certification expiration year to determine your **participation requirement**. You must also meet separate **MDT requirements** for your Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery certifications, on June 30 of each respective certification's expiration year.

For example, if your Foot Surgery certification expires in 2031 and your RRA Surgery certification expires in 2030, you must meet or exceed the minimum RRA Surgery MDT p-value of 0.1 on June 30, 2030.

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