

Letter from the Editor – Theodore Varoz, DPM

Dear Valued Diplomates of ABMSP:

Lyndon Baines Johnson served as the 36th President of the United States from 1963-1969. He was responsible for designing the “great society” legislation that included laws that created Medicare and Medicaid. He also became a friend and patient of Charles T. Turchin, D.P.M., a Washington, DC podiatrist. It was this friendship and Dr. Turchin’s excellent foot care of President Johnson which resulted in podiatrists being included as physicians under Medicare. This inclusion in Medicare was a **quantum** leap for podiatry. We now have more equal standing with medical doctors, but we still have some hurdles to clear.

ABMSP is looking for the next Charles Turchin. Do you treat or know personally a member of Congress? A U.S. Senator/ Representative?

If you do, please take the opportunity to speak with them, the same way Dr. Turchin befriended President Johnson. This could help the ABMSP be recognized by everyone in the Federal health care system. We would like to hear from you.

Thank you.

Theodore L. Varoz, D.P.M., Editor

Watch for Us in 2011!

The ABMSP will be staffing a booth at the following shows in 2011:

Florida Podiatric Medical Association, Orlando, FL. January 19 - 23, 2011. Booth #122

New York Podiatric Medical Association, New York, NY. January 28-30, 2011. Booth #407

Midwest Conference in Chicago, IL. March 3 - 6., 2011 Booth #422

Western Meeting in Anaheim, CA. June 24-27, 2011. Booth # TBD

Letter from the President – Earl R. Horowitz, DPM

You took and passed one or more rigorous examinations. You successfully prepared and submitted case studies. And you became a Diplomate of the ABMSP. So what are you doing to celebrate that distinction? Have you let your hospital and insurance companies know that you’ve earned and maintained your credential(s)? Do your patients know that they are being treated by a podiatrist certified in one or more specialties? Do they know that the ABMSP is the ONLY podiatric credentialing organization that has been recognized by both the ICE’s NCCA and ANSI (see article elsewhere in this newsletter) as meeting the highest recognized standards in the credentialing industry?

After the efforts you’ve gone through to become a Diplomate of the ABMSP you should be making it known to those you work with and treat. You should be including your credentials in your advertising. They should be on your business card and stationery. Your certificate should be proudly displayed in your office.

You worked hard to earn your credentials – so work equally hard to make sure everyone knows it!

Accreditation Renewals

The ABMSP successfully recertified its accreditation with both the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). We are the only podiatry certifying organization accredited by these organizations. Our accreditation indicates that we adhere to the highest standards in the development and delivery of our certification examinations.

Time Flies By.....

2011 will mark the 25th anniversary of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry. We'll be planning a lot of marketing and other activities to recognize this landmark achievement, so be watching for our ads and other promotional materials as we celebrate our Silver Anniversary!



Seeking Volunteers for Case Reviewers

As you know, those who successfully pass our Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine or Podiatric Surgery examinations also have to submit case studies for review before they become a full Diplomate of the ABMSP. We need volunteers to help us review those case studies. We'll give you the guidelines for what to look for, we'll send you some case studies, and you will review and determine if they meet the guidelines. Does anyone have a few hours a week and are willing to do this for us?

If you think you would be interested in this position please send us a letter including:

- Your Name
- Phone number
- Brief statement of why you would be interested in reviewing case documentation

If you have any questions please call the Board office at (888) 852-1442.

And Seeking Questions

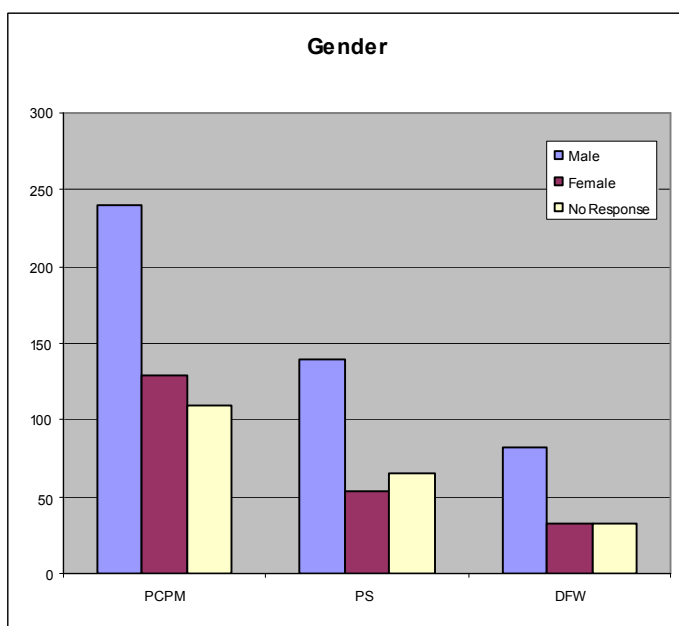
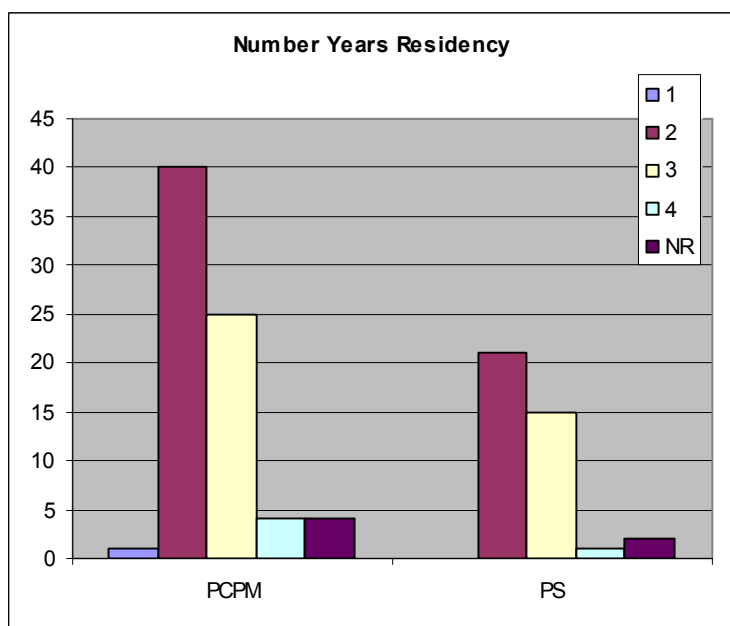
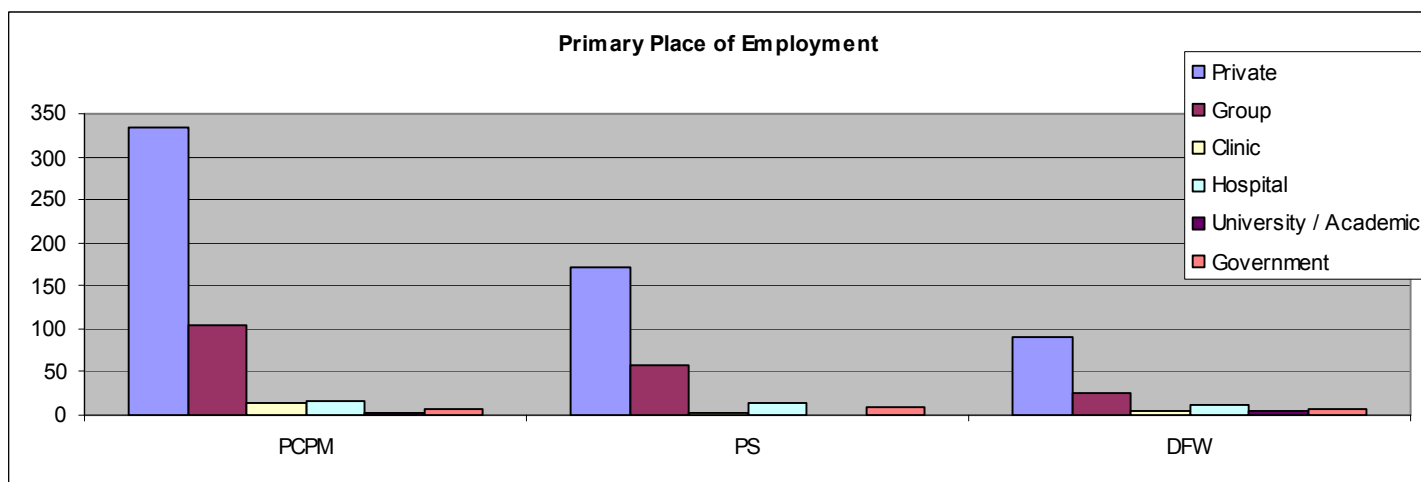
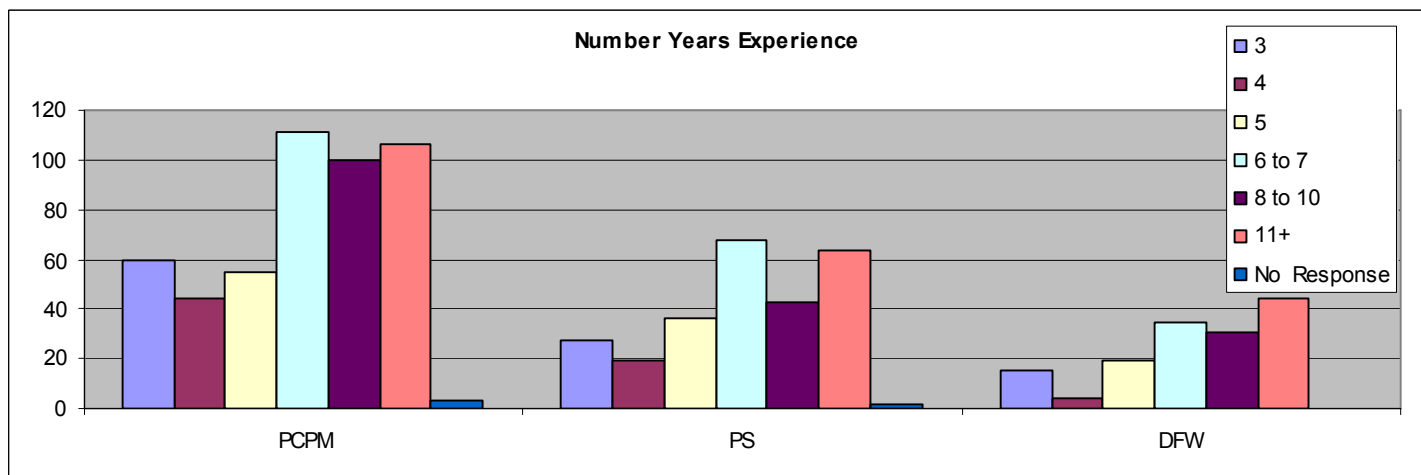
We are preparing the test content outline for a new credential in Limb Salvage. Now we need questions for the examination. We're particularly looking for questions focusing on scenarios – a paragraph which describes a specific detailed situation with a patient followed by a series of multiple choice questions relating to the treatment and how it pertains to limb salvage. All questions should be emailed to Joan Campbell at jcampbell@ptcny.com.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

We are now on Facebook and Linked In. If you are too, follow us—we will post information regarding where we will have booths at conferences, member meetings, deadlines, and other important information.



Our Diplomates... From 2004—2010 examinations (cumulative totals):



The top FIVE states our diplomates practice in are: New York (136), Florida (112), California (98), New Jersey (64) and Massachusetts (48).

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