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## The Difference Between a Certification Program and a Certificate Program

### Letter from the President

These names sound similar, but the features of the programs and the benefits they provide are quite different. Many programs, especially in the diabetic field and in wound care are offering various certificate type programs, but for the podiatrist, there is only one certification program that recognizes strictly podiatry skills and knowledge.

A certificate program usually provides instructions and training to the doctors in achieving specific learning outcomes. There are usually two categories of certificate programs. The first is a program which awards a certificate only after the participants have demonstrated a successful completion of a course that they have accomplished the learning outcomes of the education or training. These are referred to as assessment based certificate programs. To distinguish them from the second category of certificate programs, which do not require the participants to complete an assignment to confirm they have accomplished the learning outcomes but instead, these types of programs simply provide the participants with a certificate of attendance or participation upon the completion of an education or training. The purpose of a certificate program is to provide instruction and training to the participants in acquiring a specific knowledge, skill or competency.

The primary purpose of a certification program is to assess the knowledge, skills or competency that the candidates are expected to have already mastered prior to applying for the program. Certification programs do not provide the instruction and training to which candidates acquire the knowledge, skill or competency required to become certified.

It is to be remembered that the assessment or what is accomplished in a certificate program is usually a narrow scope of knowledge or skills focused for that program where the assessment for a certification program are independent of any class, course or other education or training programs and are designed to confirm that you possess a broad range of knowledge, skills and competency required to perform a specific

competency. A certificate program is completed when the certificate is awarded whereas a certification program is an ongoing process. Board certified doctors are required to engage in specific activities such as continued education or re-examination on a routine basis in order to maintain their certification. There are many good and accepted certificate programs available today. Some of them are trying to make their programs as if they are a certification process, which is not true of their specific program goals. The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is the only board that certifies that has a certification program for diabetic feet and wounds, limb preservation and salvage, especially designed for the podiatrist.

This certification process is becoming more and more important in these fields. The public, the government, hospitals, wound centers, all programs relating to the treatment of the diabetic feet and wounds, limb preservation and salvage need to know that there are podiatrists who are skilled and knowledgeable and have trained in these fields for years and have reached a successful completion of an examination to prove their skills and knowledge. It is important that those of you who are certified get as many of your colleagues to take these exams so podiatry can present a unified presentation of its skills and knowledge in these very important fields of diabetic feet and wounds, limb preservation and salvage. The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is doing all it can to gain you the respect and recognition that you truly deserve. Remember, all certified doctors should proudly present and display their well-deserved certification credentials.

Another indicator of the advancement of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in podiatry is gaining recognition is the importance of third party

organizations that have approved this testing program. The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and recently by URAC, which is one of the fastest growing health care agencies in the world. The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is the only board certifying group in podiatry that has been certified by these outstanding third party recognized certification accrediting organizations.

Earl R. Horowitz, DPM  
President

## AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY ACHIEVES URAC ACCREDITATION



The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (ABMSP) has achieved full accreditation as a Credentials Verification Organization (CVO) by URAC (originally "Utilization Review Accreditation Commission", but shortened to URAC in 1996).

URAC accredits many types of health care organizations including hospitals, health plans, HMOs, PPOs, TPAs, and provider groups. The ABMSP is the first certification organization to be accredited by URAC.

The accreditation required ABMSP to meet URAC's 40 core standards and 14 organizational requirements plus passing an onsite audit of its headquarters office by two URAC assessors.

"This achievement will prove to hospitals and insurance companies that ABMSP has met the highest standards of excellence in the healthcare field" stated Joan Campbell, CAE, ABMSP Executive Director.

### Upcoming 2013 Test Dates

#### PC/PS

Spring 2013 - May 4-18, 2013  
Deadline March 15, 2013  
Winter 2013—October 5-19, 2013  
Deadline August 15, 2013

#### DFW

Summer 2013 August 3-17, 2013  
Deadline June 29, 2013

#### LPS

Summer 2013—June 1—15, 2013  
Deadline April 15, 2013

### DUES

Reminder: Annual Dues should be received by the ABMSP office by April 1, 2013. After April 1 there will be a late fee for the dues.

### RECERTIFICATION

2013 recertification packets are due to ABMSP by March 31. Applications received after March 31, will incur a \$250 late fee.

## Where to Find Us in 2013!

Midwest Podiatry Conference—April 18-21, 2013 — Booth #623

Western Foot and Ankle Conference—June 20-22, 2013—Booth #623

APMA—July 22-24, 2013—Booth #930

## Letter From The Editor

Congratulations!

ABMSP is now the 1<sup>st</sup> certification organization to be accredited by URAC.

A special thanks to Joan Campbell our CEO, Jenna Webb assistant CEO and the Board Members of ABMSP for the tremendous effort in achieving this impressive milestone.

Founded in 1980, URAC is a non profit, independent organization chartered to promote continuous improvement in quality and efficiency of health care management through the process of accreditation, education and measurement.

22 of the top 25 US health plans hold URAC accreditation. URAC currently accredits almost 600 organizations operating in all 50 states. URAC is recognized by 6 federal agencies, OPM, Department of Defense, V.A., C.M.S., Department of Labor and Tricare.

URAC Board member organizations include: The American Hospital Association, AMA, American College of Physicians, and Blue Cross Blue Shield Association to mention a few and growing.

URAC standards represent the highest quality and accountability in health care standards across the continuum.

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

## JOHN COLEMAN, DPM RECOGNIZED AS PODIATRIST OF THE YEAR



At its last meeting, the ABMSP Board of Directors recognized John Coleman, DPM as its Podiatrist of the Year. Dr. Coleman has provided the ABMSP with countless volunteer hours as a reviewer of case studies for the Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine and Podiatric Surgery credentials. He has reviewed the cases, meticulously maintaining the high standards we require of our diplomates. The ABMSP is proud to have Dr. Coleman among its professional ranks.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Directors of ABMSP is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. The term is for four years, beginning in September 2013. Each Board member is expected to attend a two-day in person Board member twice a year (generally March and September/October but this is subject to change). The meetings generally require travel on a Thursday, meeting on Friday and Saturday, and travel home on Sunday. ABMSP reimburses all reasonable travel costs for the meetings, according to its Travel Reimbursement policy.

Board members will also be expected to participate in conference calls (held in the evening) approximately every 45 days. Board members may also be assigned projects or committee work as required by the organization.

If you currently hold a credential by the ABMSP, and are interested in being placed on the ballot for a vote by the diplomates, please send a letter of intent, a copy of your CV, and a brief paragraph about yourself to be used on the ballot to Joan Campbell, [jcampbell@ptcny.com](mailto:jcampbell@ptcny.com). The deadline for submission is March 29, 2013.



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