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[The ABO is proud to announce that board certified orthodontists now represent 54% of AAO membership.](#)

In July, the ABO conducted another Scenario-based Clinical Examination. The next exams are scheduled for **November 2021 and February 2022**. Interest and demand in these examinations continues to be solid with most examinations reaching full capacity. **Examinations take place at testing centers worldwide with travel to St. Louis no longer required.** Examination components and testing criteria have not changed with the only accommodation made on how answers are submitted. The examinations continue to be scored by multiple ABO examiners. Study guides, sample cases and preparation materials are continuously updated as valuable resources for those wanting to take the examination and are located on the [ABO website](#). Complete details on how to register for upcoming exams can also be found on the website.

Educational Update:

- The ABO conducted a July 2021 Item Writing Session in St. Louis where guest item writers were tasked to build questions and answers for upcoming Scenario-based Clinical Examinations. I would like to thank GLAO doctors: **Jeffery Dean, Toru Deguchi, Aron Dellinger, Richard Kulbresh, and O.H. “Chip” Rigsbee** for their participation as guest item writers.
- The ABO is pleased to introduce a new video, [It Takes A Specialist](#), on the importance of using a specialist. This resource was designed exclusively for use by board certified orthodontists for placement on their website, social channels, office lobby or patient waiting areas. In addition, we are working to expand this campaign with additional materials to compliment the video and its’ message.

Educators Symposium:

- The ABO Educators Symposium, *“The Change is Here – Are you on Board?”* honoring **Dr. Katherine Vig**, will take place on Saturday, **October 30, 2021, in St. Louis, Missouri**. A welcome dinner will take place the evening of Friday, October 29. Orthodontic department chairs, program directors and ABO-appointed advocates along with AAO trustees, CDABO council and ABO emeriti will be invited to attend. Space will be limited, however, a virtual component of the event will be available to invited guests unable to attend.

GORP:

- The ABO enjoyed participating in the 2021 GORP meeting in St. Louis, MO. Dr. David Sabott provided information on board certification to the residents and ABO staff were on hand to also answer questions

The ABO is committed to upholding our mission to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration.