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## ABO News

### ABO Scenario-based Clinical Examination – February 2023 Results

I am proud to announce that 17 orthodontists from the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists have been newly certified during the February 2023 scenario based clinical exam. The examination had a pass rate of **74%**. In addition, during the same time, 4 orthodontists from the GLAO have completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements. Please join me in congratulating these board-certified orthodontists on their significant accomplishments.

#### NEWLY Certified

Dr. Hani Ahdab  
Dr. Lena Akkad  
Dr. Balraj Bains  
Dr. Jasime Cheema  
Dr. Esther Chien  
Dr. Julian Davila  
Dr. Robert Herman  
Dr. Brian Hoagburg  
Dr. Michael Jauch  
Dr. Frederick Keppler  
Dr. Jayne Kessel  
Dr. Danielle Miller  
Dr. Eun Sang Moon  
Dr. Shaun Murphy  
Dr. Heidi Novak  
Dr. Barbara Sterniczuk  
Dr. Lauren Sytek

#### RENEWED Certification

Dr. Ahmad Charkas  
Dr. Aditya Chhibber  
Dr. Katherine Kelly-Alberdi  
Dr. Stephanie Rhoads

### Future Examination Dates Announced

- **Written Examination:** The 2024 Written Exam will be held on April 2. The exam will be administered at Pearson-Vue Centers in the United States and Canada.
- **Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The 2024 Clinical Examinations will be administered February 22-23 (*registration is now open*) and September 17 (*registration open November 1, 2023*). The examinations will be held at Pearson-Vue Centers Worldwide.

### **New Director**

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House of Delegates in conjunction with the 2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, IL. elected **Meenakshi Vishwanath, B.D.S., M.S.** the Graduate Orthodontic Program Director at the University of Nebraska., as the newest director of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). Congratulations to Dr. Vishwanath!

### **Certification Renewal Reminder**

ABO certification renewal is an important component of the board certification process. Successful completion of the examination is required every 10 years to maintain an active board certification status. The process may be started no earlier than 36 months prior to the expiration date printed on your board-certified certificate. ABO communications are distributed regularly to those up for renewal. There are two options to complete the exam including a mail-in case report exam or an online board case exam. Both options also require the completion of an AJODO continuing education component. Online materials are available to prepare for the Certification Renewal Examination and include a Study Guide with FAQs, and a video, summarizing the process.

### **2023 Educator's Symposium**

The American Board of Orthodontics Educator's Symposium, **Critical Case Analysis- honoring Dr. Peter Buschang** will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Louis, MO. Orthodontic department chairs/program directors (or two faculty representatives from each orthodontic program), ABO emeriti and leadership from the AAO and CDABO are invited to participate. Should you have questions, please contact Melissa Brydels at [Melissa@AmericanBoardOrtho.com](mailto:Melissa@AmericanBoardOrtho.com).

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I commend all of those who have chosen to make a lifelong commitment to elevate the quality of orthodontic patient care. For those who have not yet undertaken the certification process, I encourage you to consider doing so. **Due to a scheduling conflict, I will only be to attend our annual session until Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.** If you have any questions regarding the Board, please do not hesitate to connect with me on the first two days of the meeting or contact me personally at [Puntillo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com](mailto:Puntillo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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