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ABO News

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) is proud to announce that 61% of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) are now board certified! Board certification continues to set the standard of care for the specialty. We are leading the way - together!

ABO Announces Newly Recertified Orthodontists

The ABO granted certification to three orthodontists during the second quarter of 2023, while another 51 orthodontists (5 from the GLAO) completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements. Please join me in congratulating these board-certified orthodontists on their continued commitment to our profession.

Recertification

Dr. Leonard M. Cyterski
Dr. Maureen A. Kuhta
Dr. Virginia G. Luks
Dr. Kelton T. Stewart
Dr. Michael J. Thomas

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

New Director

Due to an unforeseen health challenge Dr. Steven McCullough, the director representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO), offered his resignation to the Board. The Board subsequently undertook a formal process, in conjunction with the SWSO, to fill the vacant seat. It is my pleasure to announce that Dr. Onur Kadioglu has accepted the ABO nomination as the ABO Director from SWSO. Per Bylaws, Dr. Kadioglu will begin serving his term as ABO Director immediately and the ABO will seek his final approval from the House of Delegates during the AAO Annual Session April 2024 in New Orleans.

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.

2023 Educator's Symposium

The American Board of Orthodontics Educator's Symposium, **Critical Case Analysis- honoring Dr. Peter Buschang** will be held November 10th & 11th 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.

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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 attending our annual session until Friday September 22nd**. 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.



Respectfully submitted,
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