

During its recent meetings, the Council on Podiatric Medical Education and the Council's Executive Committee considered access to the American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) certification process for individuals who graduated from 24-month podiatric surgical residency (PSR-24) programs from 2000-2008. These individuals are eligible to enter the surgery certification process. Residency training in a specialty area provides the graduate of the program access to certification in that specialty only.

Participation in PSR-24 programs from 2000-2008 did not require successful completion of training experiences considered by ABPM to be prerequisite for entering its certification process. While the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Board's (JCRSB) has denied ABPM's request that JCRSB documents be revised to permit consideration of alternate certification pathway requests from existing boards, the Council acknowledges that some PSR-24 programs may have afforded residents those experiences required by ABPM. Consequently, the Council has identified the following alternatives that exist within the current framework of CPME procedures and that are available should residents who graduated from 2000-2008 wish to pursue ABPM board certification (assuming adequate documentation of those experiences):

1. The program director of the PSR-24, on behalf of the sponsoring institution, may submit a request for a one-time Podiatric Medicine and Surgery (PM&S) certificate for consideration by the Council's Residency Review Committee. That request must include documentation of all training experiences required for successful completion of a PM&S program. Specifically, a one-time PM&S certificate request must include the following items:
  - ✓ Completed assessments documenting completion of training in either internal medicine or family medicine and a surgical subspecialty (orthopedics, vascular, or plastic)
  - ✓ Logs documenting attainment of the Minimum Activity Volume (MAV) for biomechanical cases (150), comprehensive histories and physical examinations (25), trauma (25 for PM&S-24 and 50 for PM&S-36), and podopediatrics (25)
2. Individuals who graduated from any PSR-24 program from 2000-2008 may re-enter a PMSR program for a period sufficient to fulfill the requirements of a PMSR that were not included in the PSR-24. That additional training may be provided by a facility(ies) in your area that affiliates with a CPME-approved PMSR program. Re-entering a PMSR program would be considered a resident transfer (please refer to pages 24-26 in CPME 330, *Procedures for Approval of Residencies in Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*).

Individuals with questions regarding this process should contact the CPME office at 301-581-9291.