

## AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS (ABO)

- Clinical Exam Update: The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February and September of 2018. A total of 268 examinees were certified or recertified during these examinations. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the [ABO website](#). Registration information for upcoming Clinical Examinations are posted on the [ABO website](#).
- Written Examination Update: The ABO Written Examination was administered April 10-13, 2018, at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada to 414 examinees. The reliability of the examination was 92%, with a 96% pass rate. The next Written Examination will be offered April 10, 2019. Registration for this exam is currently open on the [ABO website](#).
- Educational Update:
  - The first Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination will be offered in February 2019, followed by a November 2019 exam. Both sessions are full with wait lists. As of December 2018, additions to the November 2019 wait list are still being accepted. Traditional Case-based Clinical Exams will be offered in February 2019 and June 2019, with both sessions full. This will mark the final time this exam type will be offered. Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examinations for 2020 will occur in February, July and November with specific details announced in May 2019. Certification Renewal requirements have not changed.
  - To assist in preparing for the Scenario-based Clinical Examination, a [Study Guide](#), including sample cases, is available on the ABO website. Orthodontic programs interested in hosting case-based mock board exams are welcome to contact [ABO examiners](#) listed on the website for school visits. [ABO advocates](#) continue to be available to visit orthodontic programs to provide education on board certification requirements and the Scenario-based Clinical Examination. A workshop for educators/advocates will occur at the 2019 AAO Annual Session. An Open House/Info Session for anyone interested in learning more about the examination will be offered and will include interactive stations manned by ABO directors allowing for additional opportunities for information and questions on the examination.
  - New software functionality has been implemented on the [ABO website](#). The new software allows for an enhanced orthodontist locator, ability to add a professional head-shot to profile, ability to edit/add personal and practice information with unlimited offices, increased security, user specific dashboard notifications, payment history, upload/track CE credits and print complimentary verification letter.

- The ABO recently completed a renovation of the Exam Center, increasing the total testing rooms to 12, allowing additional accommodations for examinees to participate in the board certification exams.
  - The [AAO Board endorsed](#) the ABO's shift to a Scenario-based Examination system.
  - An [AAO ABO podcast](#) with Drs. **Myron Guymon** and **Larry Tadlock** was released in March 2018, discussing the Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination. A follow-up podcast on the status of the new examination is scheduled to be released soon.
  - ABO educational materials available to board certified orthodontists have been updated to include the new examination information.
  - The ABO distributed complimentary ABO measuring gauges to first-year residents along with pyramid posters for the school at requesting CODA-accredited orthodontic programs.
- Educators Symposium: The ABO will offer an Educator/Advocate Workshop during the 2019 AAO Annual Session in Los Angeles, Calif.
  - The College: The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the ABO Clinical Examination thru the advocacy program. To date, all 73 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to their school. In addition, the College offers courses for examinees to prepare for the clinical exam during Annual Session. The 2019 ABO award recipients will be recognized during the 2019 College of Diplomates Luncheon held during Annual Session.
  - GORP: The ABO attended the 2018 GORP meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich. Dr. **Larry Tadlock** gave a presentation to the residents and answered questions on board certification.
  - ABO Directors for this year:  
The ABO Directors for the 2018-2019 year are as follows:  
Dr. **Larry Tadlock**, President, SWSO  
Dr. **Nicholas Barone**, President-Elect, NESO  
Dr. **Valmy Kulbersh**, Secretary/Treasurer, GLAO  
Dr. **David Sabott**, Director, RMSO  
Dr. **Patrick Foley**, Director, MSO  
Dr. **Timothy Trulove**, Director, SAO  
Dr. **Jae H. Park**, Director, PCSO

Dr. **Chun-Hsi Chung**, Immediate Past President, MASO

- ABO at the AAO Annual Session, Los Angeles, 2019:  
The ABO is pleased to announce the following award recipients who will be recognized during the 2019 Annual Session meeting:
  - Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. **Michael Riolo**
  - Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. **Eustaquio Araujo**
  - Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. **Barry Briss**
  - O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. **Garland Hershey**

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