

# STAC Update - 2010

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# Certification

- Anesthesia
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Med/Peds
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Prev. Med & Rehab
- Pediatrics
  - Neonatal/Perinatal
- Psychiatry
  - Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Surgery
  - Vascular Surgery
- Transitional Year
- Urology

# Certification

- 283 Certifications since 2005
- Total number of core specialties approved to offer certification = 16
- Almost doubled since 2009.

# Specialties with current Task Forces

- Core Clinical Specialty
  - Ophthalmology
- Sub-specialties
  - Pediatric Neonatology

# Since ARCS 2009 - Certification in Surgery

- Initial Certification
  - 2009 = 6
  - Spring 2010 = 1
- Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
  - 2009 = 21
  - Spring 2010 = 7

# Changes effective Fall 2010

- New Surgical assessment tools
  - Initial Assessment tool revised to fall into the new guidelines set by TAGME
  - Maintenance of Certification tool revised and updated
  - Based upon the current ACGME Program Requirements for General Surgery and the American Board of Surgery Booklet of Information.

# 7 tips for success on your certification assessment

# Tips

- Read and become familiar with all documents. Do not assume you know the answer and where to find it.
  - One of the most common errors made is to assume that you know the requirements because you work with them everyday.



# Tips

- Read and become familiar with all documents. Give only the citation to the degree that is asked for.
  - The directions for the citations tell you to write the citation only up to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree. If you choose to write the citation to a higher degree and it is incorrect, the answer is wrong, even if the first 4 degrees are correct.

# Tips

- Read the questions carefully.
  - A common pitfall is to answer what you think is being asked, and not what is actually being asked.

# Tips

- Read the questions carefully and follow directions.
  - If the question has 3 parts – answer all three

# Tips

- Answer all questions as if your program actually does what is being asked about.
  - Saying “My program does not do this.” is not an acceptable answer. The questions assess the concepts and knowledge involved in managing training programs.

# Tips

- Let the point value of the question guide your answer.
  - If the question is worth 5 points, one or two sentences will not be sufficient.

# Tips

- Do not allow yourself to think that you can finish the work effort tool at your desk in one day. Treat it as your PIF.
  - A work effort tool done quickly is a shallow product and does not adequately reflect on your knowledge or abilities.

# Certification Assessment Results

- Since 2005, there have been 53 surgical candidates for certification
  - 38 were successful on their 1<sup>st</sup> try
  - 10 were successful on their 2<sup>nd</sup> try
  - 2 were successful on their 3<sup>rd</sup> try
  - 3 were unsuccessful on their 1<sup>st</sup> try and chose not to try again.

# Certification Assessment Results

- Of the 53 certified
  - 11 are no longer surgical residency program managers
  - 21 have been successful on their MOC's
  - 8 have just taken either the initial or the MOC and are awaiting their results
  - 13 have not reached their MOC date



# Application Dates

- Dates

- March 1 – May 30 for the Fall Assessment
- September 1 – November 30 for assessment dates between January 1 and June 30

# Application Criteria

- Criteria for initial application
  - 3 years as a coordinator in the applicant's clinical specialty
  - Attendance at one national meeting in the past 3 years whose focus is graduate medical education
  - Participation in a site visit or internal review within the past 3 years
  - Personal professional development within the past 3 years, which may include presentations at national, regional, state, institutional or department level; poster presentation or manuscripts published

# Recertification

- Criteria

- A 5-year period including the year of certification
- Application includes continuation of initial criteria

# Fees

- Original certification \$250
- Renewal of certification \$125

# Fall monitored assessment sites

- Fall regional sites will be offered for monitored assessment – check [www.tagme.org](http://www.tagme.org) for date and location
- All sites will be open to any qualified applicant regardless of specialty.

# Spring Monitored Assessment Sites

- Clinical Specialty National Meetings
- Any clinical specialty national meeting that allows their site to be open to other clinical specialties
- TAGME is looking into having TAGME open sites

# Website

- Check the "New" TAGME website for updates

[www.tagme.org](http://www.tagme.org)