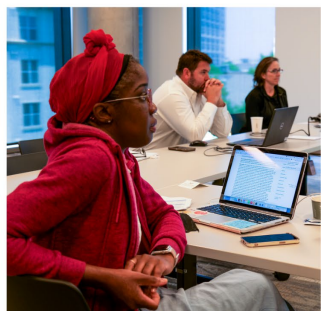


# 2024-25 MFM Program Director Presentation

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The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) recognizes that patients have diverse gender identities and is striving to use gender-inclusive language in its publications, literature, and other printed and digital materials. In some instances, ABOG uses the word “woman” (and the pronouns “she” and “her”) to describe patients or individuals whose sex assigned at birth was female, whether they identify as female, male, or non-binary. As gender language continues to evolve in the scientific and medical communities, ABOG will periodically reassess this usage and will make appropriate adjustments as necessary. When describing or referencing study populations used in research, ABOG will use the gender terminology reported by the study investigators.

**Our mission** is to define the standards, certify obstetricians and gynecologists, and facilitate continuous learning to advance knowledge, practice, and professionalism in women's health.



# Objectives

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## Mastery

ABOG will not only set minimum standards for our specialty through assessment but will also provide ongoing educational activities to promote and incentivize **mastery** for our diplomates.

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## Connection

ABOG will serve as a **connector** and build identity for our diplomates as obstetricians and gynecologists.

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## Voice

ABOG will provide a calm, reliable, influential **voice** for our specialty and diplomates promoting safe care for women.



# The Team



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# Educational Objectives

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- Define Division Responsibilities
- Explain the Role of the Major Organizations in OB-GYN
- Outline Data on MFM Distribution in the U.S.
- List Pass Rates
- Summarize PD Reports
- Update Thesis Requirements
- Display Subspecialty QE Survey Results
- Display Fellowship Portal
- Describe Program Responsibilities

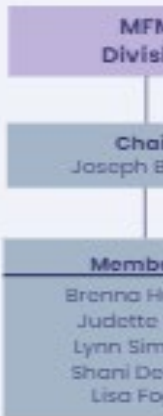
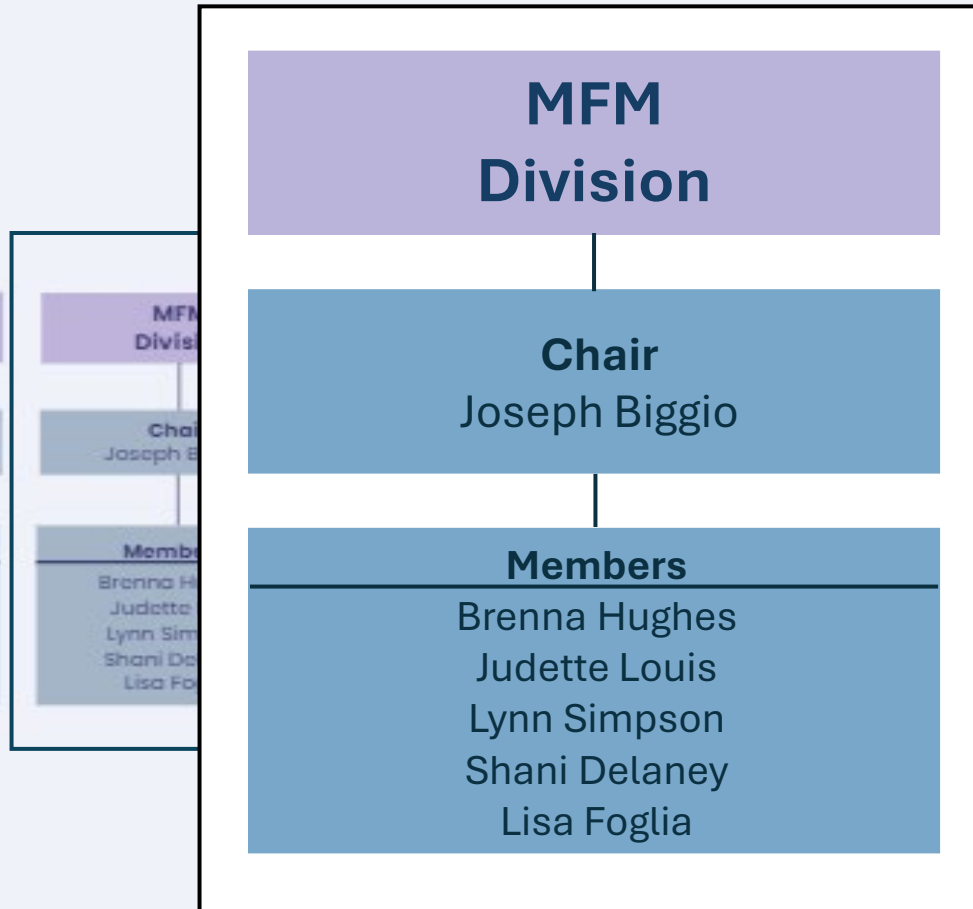
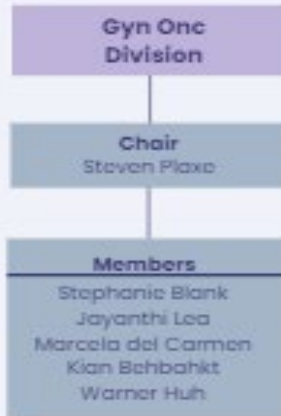
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# ABOG DIVISIONS

2024-2025



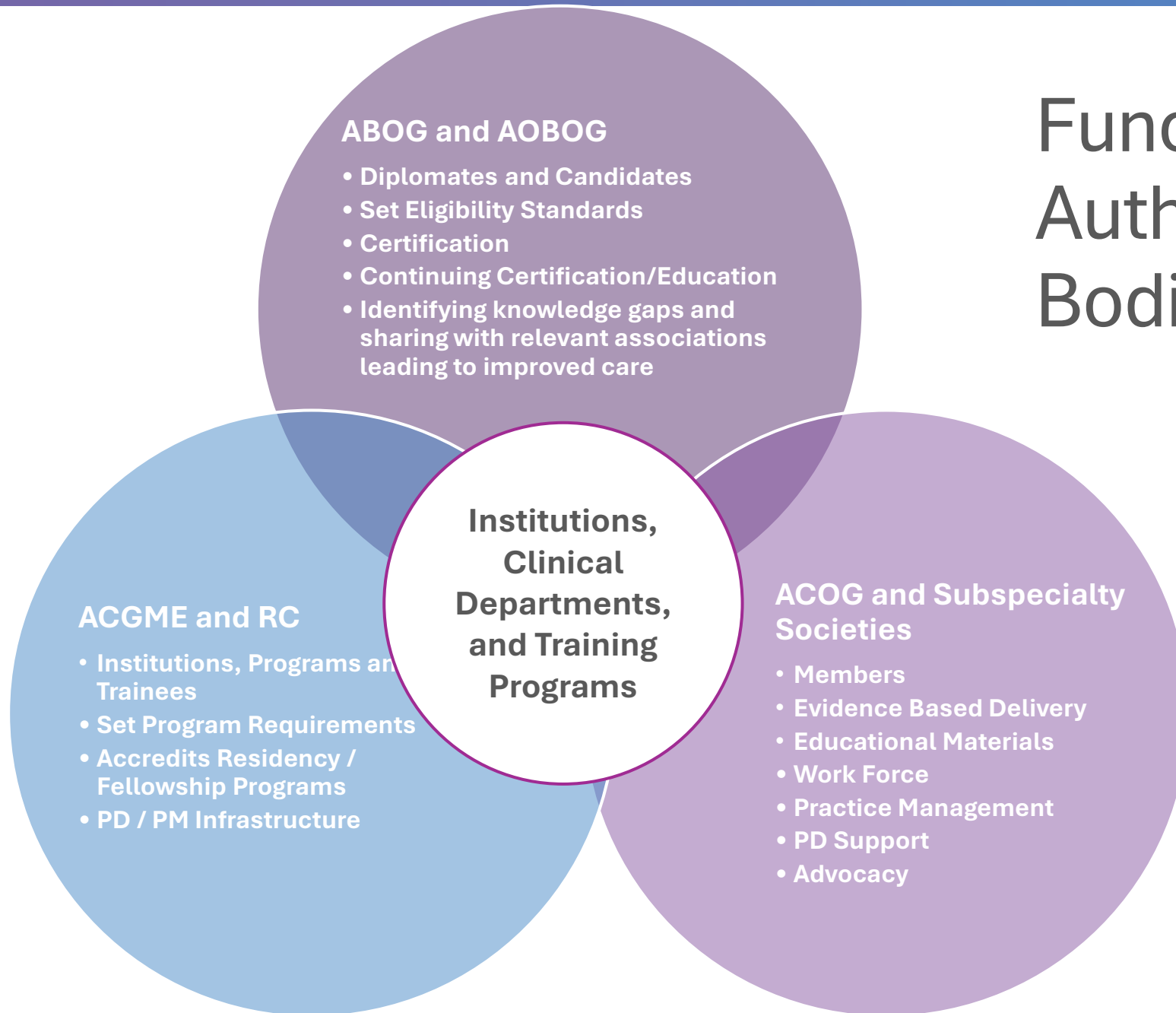
## Division Responsibilities

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- Recommend and monitor requirements for certification
- Set certification standards
- Develop Qualifying and Certifying Exams
- Develop Continuing Certification
  - Lifelong Learning and Self-assessment (Part II)
  - Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment & Skills (Part III)
  - Improvement in Medical Practice (Part IV)

# Functions of Authoritative Bodies





# ABOG National Center for Certification and Continuing Education



## National Center for Certification & Continuing Education

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### 59 Exam Rooms

Each room includes video and sound monitoring, computer and monitor to display exam content, device power outlets on table, and three chairs. Generous storage available on testing floor.

2



### 12 Conference Spaces

The National Center was designed to host groups of various sizes. Conference room furniture allows for flexible setup and A/V equipment is built into each space.

3



### 15 Wellness / Lactation Rooms

Each floor of the center has designated private wellness / lactation rooms which include comfortable seating and a sink area. Refrigerators are available on level 1 for milk storage.

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### 2 Catering Kitchens

Catering kitchens on levels 1 and 3 provide catering partners ample space to serve guests in both the level 1 conference spaces and level 3 dining area, which seats up to 200 guests.

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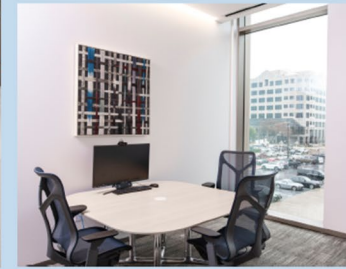


### Transportation & Parking

On-site, underground parking is available. Additional garage parking is also available nearby with neighborhood partners. The front entrance includes a covered entrance for ease of guest transportation via busses or shuttles, come rain or shine.

**For more information, contact:**

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Upper Left: Level 1 Lobby and Monumental Staircase; design allows for ease of guest check-in and flow between levels 1, 2, and 3.

Upper Right: Level 1 Conference Room shown in a theatre style setup.

Middle Right: Exam room on Level 2 shown with standard setup.

Lower: Exterior of ABOG National Center.

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# ABOG's National Approach

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- Standard setting, certification, and facilitating continuous learning is national, not anchored to any geography
- Exam center located in Texas does not alter this
- Evidence-based health care for those travelling to Dallas, including emergency care for obstetrical complications and ectopic pregnancy
- Case lists are deidentified and protected under applicable peer review statutes and privilege
- Initiatives to allow more individualized travel: hotel choice and discounts, free parking on site
- Initiatives to preview exams/exam day: video walk-through of exam day, additional videos about the exam process

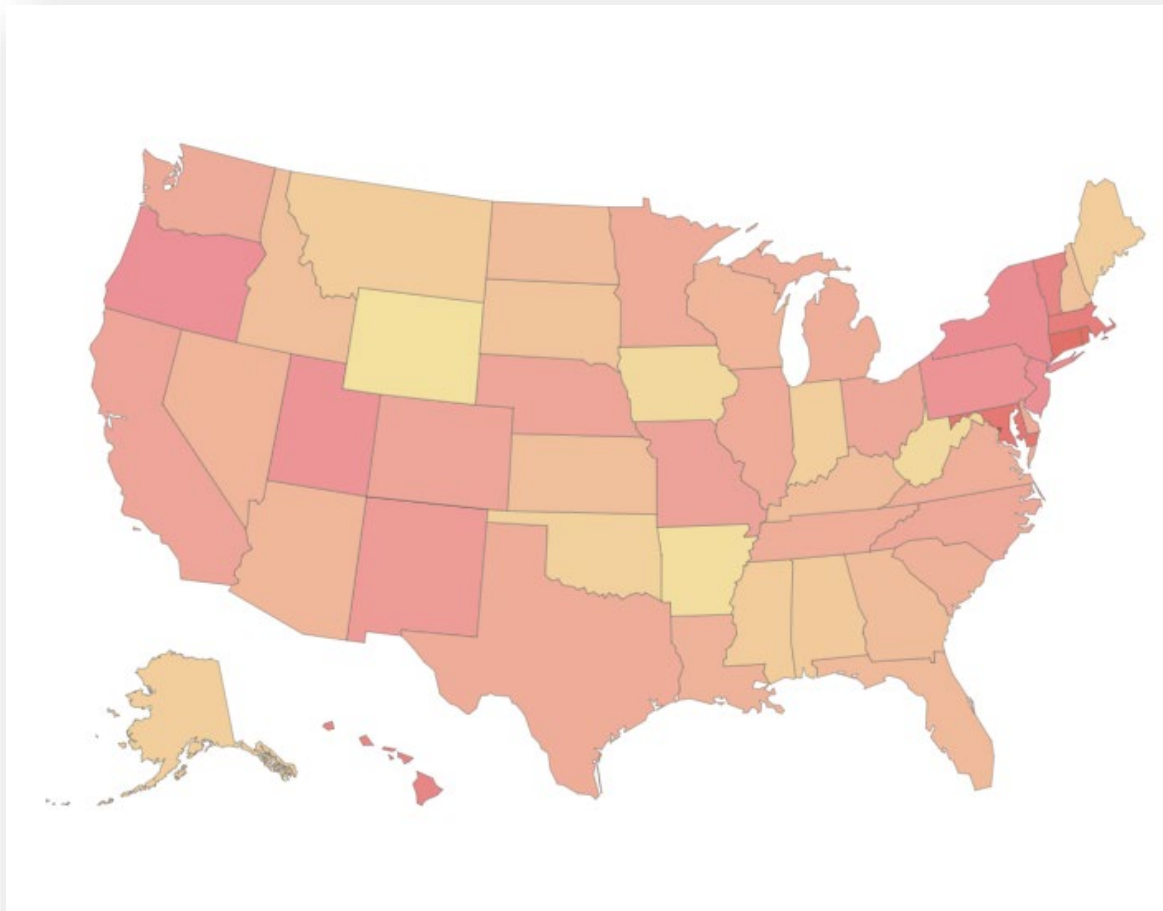
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As of 2024-MFM = 3,025 diplomates (0.09/10,000)

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More than 13-fold higher for DC than Wyoming

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# Pass Rates



# 2024 Subspecialty QE (Written Exam) Pass Rates

	1 <sup>st</sup> Time Test Taker		Repeat Test Taker		Overall	
CFP	73.1%	(N=93)	35.5%	(N=31)	63.9%	(N=124)
Gyn Onc	98.7%	(N=79)	100%	(N=5)	98.8%	(N=84)
<b>MFM</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>(N=140)</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>(N=14)</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>(N=154)</b>
REI	98.4%	(N=62)	33.3%	(N=3)	95.4%	(N=65)
URPS	98.2%	(N=56)	62.5%	(N+11)	93.8%	(N=65)

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# 2024 Subspecialty CE (Oral Exam) Pass Rates

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Maternal-Fetal Medicine	Overall	First-Time Taker	Repeat Taker
Number of Takers	133	128	6
Number Pass	127	122	5
% Pass	95.5%	95.3%	83.3%

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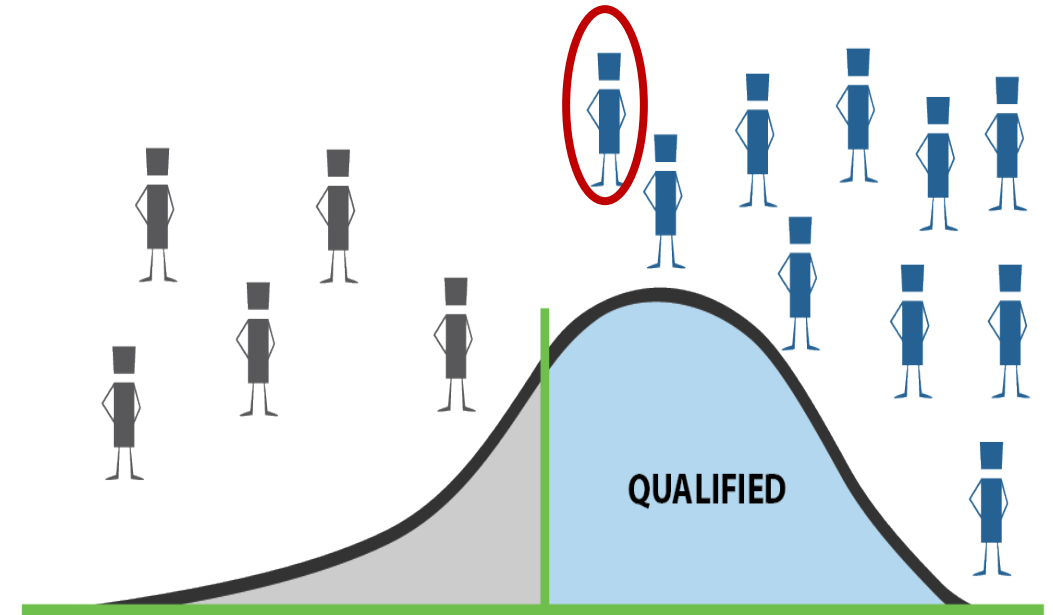
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# QE and CE Process: The sufficiently qualified candidate

## Job Task Analysis

What is it?	Analysis of activities performed by practitioners that the test is meant to sample
Who conducts the JTA?	Researchers/psychometricians
How often?	~3-5 years, depending on evolution of field
Why is it necessary?	To reflect current, relevant practice Support intended uses of the credential

## Sufficiently Qualified Candidate



- Candidate who has the breadth of knowledge to be board certified (qualified, passes, but is not outstanding)

# Program Score Reports



# Program Report

Overview of Current Year and Three-Year Program Pass Rates for the Subspecialty Certifying Examination

	2024 MFM Subspecialty Certifying Exam				2022 - 2024 Subspecialty 3-Year Trend on Certifying Exam		
	# Total Takers	# Pass	% Pass		# Total Takers	# Pass	% Pass
Overall	2	2	100.00%	Overall	6	5	83.33%
First Time	2	2	100.00%	First Time	6	5	83.33%*

*\*Per ACGME requirements, a program's three-year pass rate for first-time takers should be higher than the bottom fifth percentile of all programs, calculated to be 75.00%. If the program pass rate is 80% or above, the program will have met the requirement.*

*\*Note: 2020 not being administered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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Category Name	Your Median	All Programs Median	
Medical Complications of Pregnancy	3.18	3.01	●
Obstetric Complications	3.28	3.03	●
Fetal Complications and Prenatal Diagnosis; Genetics and Genomics	2.85	3.00	●
Case List: Medical Complications of Pregnancy	3.03	2.96	●
Case List: Obstetrical and Surgical Complications	3.23	2.99	●
Case List: Genetics/Fetal Disorders/Fetal Anomalies	2.91	2.97	●
Evidence-based Medicine	3.06	3.03	●

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# 2025 Important Subspecialty Qualifying (Written) Examination Dates and Deadlines\*

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January 3	February 14	February 28	April 25	July 21
Qualifying Exam Application Available	Last Day to Apply without Late Fee	Last Day to Apply for the 2025 Qualifying Exam	Last Day to Reserve Seat at Pearson VUE	Qualifying Examination at Testing Centers

\*All Deadlines and Fees can be found in the bulletins on the ABOG Website [www.abog.org](http://www.abog.org)

# 2025 Important Subspecialty Certifying (Oral) Examination Dates and Deadlines\*

May 22, 2024	July 22, 2024	September 2024	September 30	February 3, 2025	April 7-10, 2025
Certifying Exam Application Available	Last Day to Apply for the CE Exam	Candidates Notified to Submit Case List, Photo, Fee	Last Day for Photo and Exam Fees	Last Day for Case Lists	Certifying Exam at ABOG Testing Center

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# Upcoming Examination Dates

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- Subspecialty CE
  - April 6-10
- Specialty/Subspecialty QE
  - July 21, 2025
- Specialty CE
  - October 6-9, 2025
  - October 27-30, 2025
  - November 10-13, 2025
  - December 8-11, 2025

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# Thesis Updates

# Graduating Fellows' and Subspecialty Society Board Members/ Program Directors'/Division Members' Views on Research Education (Survey)

- Strong majority endorsed that doing research in fellowship is a powerful way to learn research and adjacent skills
- Strong majority believed their institution was doing important research to advance the field
- Strong majority of fellows planned to perform research, disseminate knowledge and advance the field in their future careers
- Majority had institutional support for the conduct of research
- Half of PD's/Division and strong majority of fellows did not support testing on the thesis

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# Subspecialty CE and the Thesis

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## **2025 CE candidates unchanged**

- Each thesis reviewed by the MFM Division to determine that thesis meets ABOG standards
- During the exam, the prior "thesis defense" 30-minute session has been replaced by five structured cases, two focusing on evidence-based medicine and study design and three focused on clinical care

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## **Upcoming Thesis Defense Plan and Move To an Eligibility Criterion for 2026 QE**

- **Structured Thesis Defense Process and Form (to be distributed to program leadership shortly)**
- **Thesis Defense Form to be uploaded to ABOG Portal**
- **Fellow and Program Director Attestation to Thesis Completion**
- **Elimination of the Current Annual Report**

# Potentially Acceptable Theses

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- Laboratory, Translational, and Animal research.
- Randomized Controlled Trial
- Meta-Analysis and Systematic Review
- Cost-Effective Analysis
- Case-Control Study
- Cohort Study
- Survey Research
- Epidemiology Research
- Mechanistic Trials
- Modeling and Simulation-based Research
- Quality Improvement
- Qualitative Research
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Research
- Implementation Science

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# Fellow Portal

# Fellow Portal Dashboard



ABOG.org →



## My Dashboard

ACTIVE RESIDENT

Welcome to the ABOG Portal. ABOG has details for you about certification. Just click here to access it.

Welcome

Residency  
Year 4

Resident Progress



Article Progress



2024 Article Score

## Certification Tasks View ALL Tasks

- Residency Leave Reporting by 6/30/2025 Pending
- Upload FLS/EMIGS Certificate by 6/30/2025 Pending (Optional)
- Complete Articles by 6/30/2025 Pending
- Welcome to ABOG Portal Video by 6/30/2025 Pending (Optional)

# Fellow Attestations

## Educational Attestations

- I have met the educational objectives of my training program.
- I can provide autonomous clinical care in (subspecialty) and serve competently as a consultant for women's health on the care team.

## Thesis

- I completed and defended a thesis that meets ABOG certification standards.

## Professionalism, Professional Conduct, Professional Standing

- Same as attestation for Continuing Certification

# Fellowship Program Director Attestation

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1. Demonstrated good moral and ethical character, medical professionalism, and professional conduct.
2. Demonstrated the knowledge, skills, and behaviors necessary to enter autonomous practice in [subspecialty];
3. Satisfactorily completed the requirements of this fellowship program.
4. Completed 36 months of graduate medical education in a [subspecialty] fellowship program(s) ;
5. Taken leaves of absence and vacation within the limits described in the ABOG Residency Leave Policy.
6. Completed and defended a thesis that meets ABOG certification standards

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# Program Teamwork with ABOG

# Yearly Task Overview

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August – **PM**  
completes the  
Advance Fellows  
Task in the  
program's ABOG  
portal

May/June – **PD**  
notifies ABOG of  
any fellows that  
require training  
extensions and  
provides a detailed  
education plan

June/July – **PD**  
signs  
attestation  
statements for  
finishing fellows

After Match – **PM**  
registers all  
matched fellows in  
the Add/Maintain  
Fellows task of the  
program's ABOG  
portal

June/July – **PM**  
Verifies the  
accuracy of the  
fellow reported  
leave in the  
program's ABOG  
portal





# Changes to Communicate to ABOG

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Programs should notify ABOG of the following changes via email

- Program Director (after GMEC and ACGME approval)
- Program Manager/s
- Fellow
  - Changes in start/completion date
  - Withdrawal
  - Transfer
  - Termination

[fellowship@abog.org](mailto:fellowship@abog.org)

# Part IV Credit

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Part IV credit now granted to Program Director and Associate Program Directors

New and improved process in the works. Stay tuned!

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# Volunteer Opportunities to Consider

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- Specialty Examiner Self-Nomination  
September 1 – January 31
- Subspecialty Examiner Self-Nomination  
February 1 – July 1
- Assessment Development Subcommittee (ADSC)  
October – December (completed for 2024)
- Continuing Certification Development Committee (CCDC)  
October – December (completed for 2024)

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# QUESTIONS OR ASSISTANCE

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