Roundtable Discussion on COVID-19 and the Impact on Residency Programs, Residents and ABC Exam Candidates

Friday, April 17th 12 Noon ET

Moderator
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Agenda and Format

- Introduction to Panelists
- Organizations Status
- NCOPE Guidance
  - Residents
  - Directors/Mentors
- ABC Guidance
  - Eligibility
  - Exam Schedule/Status

Format
- Feel free to submit your questions using the chat window
- Slides will be made available by visiting the NCOPE website: ncope.org
Meet Our Panelists

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Our Shared Response to COVID-19

We are Fully Operational and Ready to Serve!

- ABC and NCOPE continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and are doing everything we can to assure that our programs and services are minimally affected
- The safety and well-being of our employees and candidates is very important to us
- We know this is a time of anxiety for you, your coworkers, families and patients
- Visit our webpages at ABCop.org / NCOPE.org for updates as more information becomes available!
The Residency Standards Ensure Competent Patient Care

- It is our continued responsibility and goal to hold accredited residency programs accountable to the NCOPE Residency Standards

Impact on Current NCOPE Resident Status

- The effect of reducing hours
  - Full-time → Minimum of 37.5 hours per week
  - Part-time → Less than 37.5 hours per week

Impact on Current NCOPE Resident Status

- The effect of being placed on furlough or losing employment
  - Placing a residency on-hold
  - Resuming a residency after COVID-19


Clinical and Additional Learning Resources

- Reduction in patient volumes and/or experiences
- NCOPE has created the Residency Education Database
Impact on Current NCOPE Resident Documentation

- Documentation of relevant activities that are not part of direct patient care

Impact on Residency Program Administration

- All residency programs set to expire prior to 12/31/2020 have all been granted a 90-day extension
Impact on Current ABC Candidates

Update on May Written and Simulation Exams

New Session: May 4-16 (Two-week window)

- Prometric Test Centers (PTC) operating at half capacity to accommodate social distancing
- All registered candidates have received new Authorization-to-Test (ATT) information via email
- Register with Prometric immediately as slots may fill up quickly!
- Registration issues? Email us immediately at certification@abcop.org
Impact on Current ABC Candidates

June Written and Simulation Exams

New Dates: June 8-20 (Two-week window)
Residency Deadline: May 1

- Prometric Test Centers (PTC) are operating at half capacity to accommodate social distancing
- Applications are reviewed daily
- Communication regarding eligibility status are sent weekly via email
- Authorization-to-Test (ATT) information for approved candidates will be sent on Monday, 4/20.

Impact on Current ABC Candidates

July Clinical Patient Management (CPM) Exam Update

Previously the May Session

Orthotics: July 23 – July 25  
Prosthetics: July 30 – August 1

- Notification of new dates mailed to all candidates last week
- Information to approved and deferred candidates will be emailed by June 1
- Contact us at certification@abcop.org if you wish to defer to the Fall session (September/October)
Impact on Current ABC Applicants

Eligibility Status

- Check your email for important status information
- Check your application status in your My ABC account at ABCop.org
- View updates in your online application dashboard

There are two statuses:

- Approved
  - No further action is required
  - Correspondence on the test site selection process will be emailed to you

- Pending Submission
  - Incomplete Residency
  - Missing Transcripts
Impact on Current ABC Applicants

Pending Submission Status

- Incomplete Residency
  - Unable to complete your residency by the deadline?
    - Contact us immediately!
  - Your residency must be complete for exam eligibility.
    - No exceptions can be made.

Impact on Current ABC Applicants

Pending Status

- Missing Transcripts
  - Unable to provide an official transcript? We will accept a formal letter of graduation from your Registrar's office until an official transcript can be provided.
  - The letter must indicate your conferral date.
  - We must have your official transcript before you sit for your exam.
Future ABC Applicants

2020 Written and Simulation Exam Dates and Deadlines

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Apply Online at ABCop.org -- 24/7!

- Upload documents directly to your online dashboard or email to certification@abcop.org
- Check your status by logging into your My ABC account at ABCop.org
- Allow 4 weeks for application processing
- Make sure your contact information is up to date!
Thank You for Attending!

- Contact: NCOPE Staff at residency@ncope.org
- Continue to monitor NCOPE.org for updates on COVID-19

- Contact ABC at certification@abcop.org
- Check your email for exam updates
- Continue to monitor ABCop.org for updates on COVID-19

View the roundtable discussion at your convenience at ncope.org