EMS Board Certification

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2017 EMS Certification Exam

• Administered September 17, 2017
• 301 physicians took the exam
  – 278 ABEM (92%)
  – 23 Other MB-certified physicians (8%)
• Standard setting: EMS-certified, ABEM diplomates
  – No members of Exam Committee participate
  – Panel recommended passing standard (score) to Exam Committee

2017 EMS Results: Training

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<td>87</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Practice Pathway</td>
<td>102</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>55%</td>
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Chi square: p < 0.001
2017 EMS Results: Historical Comparison

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<td>2013-14</td>
<td>233</td>
<td>174</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>223</td>
<td>109</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>189</td>
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Comparing 2015 to 2017 (Chi square): p = 0.25

Fellowship Matters

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Summary

- Consistent performance for fellowship-trained takers
- Pass rate following a predictable/familiar trend with early specialty certification
- Passing standard (score) proposed within EMS community
- EMS Exam Committee approves final passing standard
- ABEM does not influence passing standard
• Total 655 EMS-certified physicians
  – 625 ABEM-certified (95%)
  – 30 certified by other MBs
  • ABA, ABFM, ABIM, ABP, ABPM, ABS, AOBEM, AOBS
• EMS is largest ABEM subspecialty
• 57 ACGME-accredited fellowships

Thank you!

EMS Exam Committee

Thank you!

• Retiring members
  – Jane H. Brice, M.D.
  – Carol A. Cunningham, M.D.
• New members
  – Alexander P. Isakov, M.D.
  – Douglas F. Kupas, M.D.
EMS MOC Activities

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<td>4 LLSA tests</td>
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<td>25 CME credits (average)</td>
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All LLSA and CME activities count toward requirements of all ABEM MOC programs.

Success with Exam Seating

- Problem with EMS exam proximity to Fall Oral Exam
- Will attempt to accommodate requests
  - Not always possible
- Assignments are random (for test reliability)
- MUST notify ABEM immediately for an adjustment
- Oral exam seating demand exceeds capacity

Subspecialty Board Eligibility

- Effective January 1, 2018
- Starts: Either end of fellowship or practice ends
  - Seven years later OR
  - Four examination cycles (eight years)
- Loss of eligibility requires more training
  - Half of duration of original training
Questions?

Thank you for listening!

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