

**American Board of Thoracic Surgery Report
to the
Thoracic Surgery Directors Association**

Part II (Oral) Examination Update

The American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) administered its first virtual Part II (Oral) Exam to 165 thoracic surgery candidates on September 24-25, 2021. A second virtual Oral Exam was administered by the ABTS on November 12, 2021 to 119 candidates. The pass rate for the exams were 75% and 85% respectfully. The ABTS retained the services of VidCruiter to provide the secured video conferencing platform. The overall feedback from examiners and candidates was positive.

Part I (Written) Examinations Update

The ABTS administered the Part I (Written) Exam for the 2021 certification candidates on December 13-16, 2021. The pass rate for the exam was 85%. The ABTS will give the next Part I (Written) Exam on December 12-16, 2022.

Congenital Cardiac Surgery Subspecialty Examinations

The ABTS administered the CHS Part II (Oral) Exam to eligible CHS candidates on May 14-15, 2021. The pass rate for the exam was 86%. The ABTS will administer the next CHS Part II exam on May 20, 2022.

The ABTS administered the CHS Part I (Written) Exam on December 13-17, 2021. The pass rate has not yet been determined.

SESATS XIII (13)

The ABTS is pleased to announce that SESATS XIII (13) is now available for purchase at www.sesats.org. Similar to previous versions, SESATS 13 is a web-based, self-assessment tool that covers all areas of thoracic surgery, including adult and congenital cardiac, general thoracic and critical care. New features include an enhanced review and search function and graphics. Diplomates can earn up to 70 CME hours for taking SESATS 13.

MOC Update

The ABTS continues to offer its Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Exam in a Mastery Learning format by subspecialty (Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic, Cardiothoracic, and Congenital). For the safety of our Diplomates, the ABTS offers the MOC exam electronically allowing Diplomates to take the exam at their home or office instead of at testing center. The next MOC Exam will be administered on September 1-October 28, 2022.

Board Elections

At the Fall Board Meeting, the ABTS elected the following new Board Directors: David T. Cooke, MD, to represent the American College of Surgeons, Jessica Donington, MD, to represent the American Association of Thoracic Surgery, and Michael J. Moulton, MD, to be an At-Large Director. Each Director will serve a six-year term.