

ABTS Update for the TSDA

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ABTS Updates

- PULSE 360 professionalism survey in process-overall response from programs has been very high
- New ABTS Professionalism statement formulated and Candidates (and Diplomates) will need to attest to the statement
- Case log revision for adult cardiac and general thoracic coming soon-pacemakers will be eliminated for example
- Board Certificates are now good for only 5 years and do not have a date of expiration
- Oral exam in Dallas at the ABOG exam center again this year

ABTS Updates

- ABMS has mandated Boards move to Competency Based Education (CBME) and the ABTS has started working on that concept to be led by Steve Yang with EPAs
- Exam blueprint being updated with a Task Analysis concept of what the average graduating CT resident will know how to do
- Oral exam (CE) has eliminated pediatric congenital and replaced that block with adult congenital cases
- The ACGME is beginning a review/updating of Common Program Requirements which will include duty hours review
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- Recent Written exam (QE) had a pass rate of 82%
- There was a SNAFU with the Pearson centers opening late on the East coast that affected 38 Candidates-the ABTS remediated those affected
- Those sitting for the Congenital Boards should pass their exams within 2 years of finishing congenital fellowship. Those who do not pass within 2 years must submit a new case log list confirming they are practicing congenital heart surgery and obtained relevant congenital CMEs