The President’s Message
Achieving Board Certification: Now Is The Time!
by Dr. Stephen Clark

During the past few years, there have been significant changes in the American Board of Endodontics certification process. The Board reviewed and refined the certification process in order to remove barriers to participation in the process while upholding the standards of excellence that have defined the process in the past. The net result has been an unprecedented increase in the numbers of Candidates participating in the process and progressing to Diplomate status.

This issue of The Diplomate is highlighted by the presentation of 70 (!!!) new Diplomates. On behalf of the ABE, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them for their accomplishment. I am honored that I will have the opportunity to present them with their Diplomate pin in Boston, MA at the Louis I. Grossman Luncheon during the AAE Annual Session on April 19, 2012.

I firmly believe that the number of new Diplomates presented in this publication in 2013 will be even higher. At the November 2011 Oral Examination held in St. Louis, MO, 26 past and current Directors of the ABE examined 102 Candidates and another 72 Candidates are scheduled to sit for the Oral Examination in Boston, MA on April 16-17, 2012. Due to this greatly increased demand, the American Board of Endodontics has also scheduled a special Oral Examination in Chicago, IL on August 10-11, 2012 to examine the 40 Candidates whose names were not drawn in the lottery to assign examination times at the Boston examination.

It is important to point out that the ability of the American Board of Endodontics to significantly increase the number of Candidates participating in the Oral Examinations is only possible due to the generosity and assistance of former Directors of the ABE who have graciously volunteered their time to travel to the examinations and administer them. Without their time and effort, none of this could have been accomplished. I know that I speak for all the current Directors of the ABE in expressing our gratitude and appreciation for them and for their participation.

For the approximately 80% of endodontists who are not Board Certified and who may be reading this newsletter, I would like to offer the following advice: If you’ve been thinking about starting the certification process to attain Diplomate status with the American Board of Endodontics, now is the time to get started. That’s true regardless of whether you recently graduated from your post-graduate program or you have been a practicing endodontist for a number of years.

If you recently completed your residency

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Meet the New Diplomates

The main objective of each issue of The Diplomate newsletter is to recognize the achievement of each of our newly Board Certified members -- the newsletter is even named in their honor! In what has become a rite of passage for each new Diplomate, the ABE asks them to submit a short bio, a photo, and to answer to the following question: What Does It Mean to You to be a Diplomate? Congratulations to them all, and may their enlightening, thoughtful, humorous and inspiring words encourage us in all of our challenges.

William Andrew Adams
Frederick, MD
Practice: Private practice since 2003
Spouse: May-Lin H. Adams
Children: Emma (9); Megan (7); Olivia (5); William (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics is the pinnacle of achievement in our field. After years spent studying hard in college, dental school and our specialty programs, it seemed to follow naturally for me to strive to be Board Certified. I found the process, while challenging, to be very worthwhile and rewarding. It not only strengthens me as a practitioner, it also strengthens our specialty. I am very proud of my Diplomate status.

Amer Zaal AlAnezi
Springfield, NY
Academics: Part time faculty at Kuwait University Dental School, (2009 – Present); Clinical Instructor at Kuwaiti Dental Board Program, (2009 – Present)
Practice: Endodontist at Asnan Tower (Kuwait), (2009 – Present)

F. Charles Arens
Dublin, OH
Education: B.S. Biology, Bowling Green State University, (1989); D.D.S., Case Western Reserve University, (1997); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Detroit Mercy, (2002); M.S., (2002)
Military: Dental Officer, United States Navy (1997-2000)
Practice: GPR, Great Lakes Naval Hospital, (1997-1998); Marion Endodontics, LLC (2002-2010) Central Ohio Endodontics (2002-Present)
Spouse: Marcia
Children: Brody (14), Brandon (12), Brianna (7)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? As a clinical endodontist, I am very relieved, excited and honored to have reached the Diplomate level. I believe it is important for our specialty to have as many Board Certified Endodontists as possible. My path through the Certification process was long and there were times I thought I might not succeed. After my residency, I fully engrossed myself in the clinical practice of endodontics, treating patients and running my practice being my first priority; becoming Board Certified was a goal but always, down the road. I have to say I am very happy I pushed myself

Richard D. Archer
Midlothian, VA
Education: B.A. Biology, Wake Forest University, (1977); D.D.S., University of Maryland, (1982); Certificate in Endodontics, The Ohio State University, (1990); M.S., (1990)
Academics: Adjunct Faculty (1991-2009); Full time Faculty: Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Dentistry (2009 – Present)

Practice: Private Practice, Chesapeake, VA (1993-2009)
Spouse: Lisa
Children: Kristina (26), Ben (24) and Kellie (21)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate has long been a goal of mine. I first took and passed the Written portion of the Board in 1990. However, pursuing Board Certification was not a priority and I let my eligibility lapse. When I retook the Written Board in 2010, the atmosphere of pursuing Board Certification was totally different. I was energized by the positive attitudes and encouragement from members of the Board. Studying for the exam made me realize how lucky I have been to be part of such a great profession. The hard work and special talents of endodontists over the years have made it the incredible specialty it is today. I am proud to be a Diplomate of such a great organization!

Yasmin Alzoubaidy
West Bloomfield, MI
Education: B.D.S., Baghdad University College of Dentistry, (1997); D.M.D., Boston University School of Dental Medicine, (2002); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, (2006)
Spouse: Ali Ibrahim
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? My career aim was always to become an endodontist but becoming a Diplomate has been the most rewarding milestone of my career and the ultimate professional achievement. I have worked very hard to achieve my goal and I am very proud to be part of this elite group.

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Preparing for the Examination kept me up to date with all the new developments in the field of Endodontics. This has improved and enhanced the way I approach each patient.

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Homa Azargoon
Barkley
Boone, NC
Education: B.S., Microbiology, Genetics Minor, North Carolina State University, (2004); D.D.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (2008);
Certificate in Endodontics, Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry, (2010)
Practice: Private Practice
Spouse: Ben Barkley, D.D.S.
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It is a great sense of accomplishment to have achieved the honor of Diplomate status. Becoming a Diplomate reinforces that I am practicing evidence based endodontics on a day to day basis. It also supports the fact that I will continue to stay current with the ever increasing knowledge base of the specialty.

Thomas E. Bianchi
Stockton, CA
Education: B.S., California State University at Sacramento, (1972); D.D.S., University of the Pacific, (1975); Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study, Boston University, (2003)
Practice: Delta Endodontics, Stockton CA
Spouse: Filomena Facha-Bianchi
Children: Robert (36), Edward (34)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate means I have been able to achieve the highest level of recognition offered by my specialty, and to commit to a regimen of life-long learning.

Kendra K. Boda
Farmington, MN
Practice: Twin Cities Endodontic Specialists, PA - Eagan and St. Paul, MN
Spouse: Dennis
Children: Benjamin (8), Eliana (6), Griffin (2), Alessandra (7 months)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It was a very rewarding experience to complete the steps to Board Certification. It has been a journey that started during residency and will continue throughout my practice career.

Carolyn M. Chong
Berkeley, CA
Practice: Private Practice at Berkeley Endodontics
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I am very happy to have accomplished this professional achievement and feel that the process has helped make me a better clinician.

Paul D. Clark
Peoria, AZ
Education: B.S., Business Administration, Utah State University, (2000); D.D.S., University of Iowa, (2004); GPR Certificate, University of Utah, University of Utah and Virginia Commonwealth University, (2005); Certificate in Endodontics and M.S.D., Virginia Commonwealth University, (2007)
Practice: Private Practice, Glendale, AZ
Spouse: Julie Clark
Children: Coleman (3), Lillian (1)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I am honored to be recognized by the ABE as a new Diplomate. To me, being a Diplomate represents having a strong work ethic and a desire for continuous learning. This goal has challenged me to become a better endodontist and given me a solid foundation on which to build my career. The knowledge and experience gained by completing the Board Certification process has enabled me to provide a higher level of endodontic treatment. I am grateful to my many mentors for their assistance and encouragement and I look forward to the future of our profession.

Aneel Belani
Aurora, IL
Academics: Associate Clinical Professor UIC College of Dentistry Department of Endodontics
Practice: Elite Dental Specialists, Aurora, IL
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate means having the drive to achieve the highest standard in academic and clinical excellence.

Jerry Cook
Fargo, ND
Education: B.S. Biology, Idaho State University, (1996); D.M.D., Oregon Health Sciences University, (2000); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Oregon Health Sciences University, (2000)
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Anibal R Diogenes
San Antonio, TX
Education: D.D.S., Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife-Brazil, (1998); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, (2009); PhD Pharmacology, (2006)

Academics: Assistant Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Endodontic Division at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Practice: Private practice limited to Endodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Spouse: Danuza Nunes Diogenes
Children: Lia Nunes Diogenes (4) and Lucas Nunes Diogenes (2)

What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate fulfilled a commitment I made to myself and my mentors. I feel very privileged to be an endodontist and becoming a Diplomate represents my commitment to the profession and my appreciation for this opportunity. The exam process was a challenging and very beneficial experience. It renewed my commitment to remain current in the science, techniques and technology throughout my career.

Glen A Eisenhuth
Albuquerque, NM

Military: I currently work full time with the United States Public Health Service Indian Hospital in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Practice: Part time in private practice in Albuquerque, New Mexico

What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? It means that I have the confidence to give my patients the best treatment possible. Also, it is a privilege and is a humbling experience being a Diplomate. It makes me realize that there is still so much I have yet to learn. I want to especially thank my excellent mentors for all of their help and support, especially Joseph Dovgan, Robert Rhoda and Lester Quan.

Scott L. Doyle
Bloomington, MN


Academics: University of Minnesota, Division of Endodontics, Graduate Program

Practice: Metropolitan Endodontics

Spouse: Patty Doyle
Children: Ashley (7), Hannah (5), Olivia (3), Stella (4 months)

What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate was very rewarding, and helped crystallize both my scientific and clinical training. In addition, I feel a sense of accomplishment and pride for being a representative of our specialty.

Derek Ego-Osuala
Clinton, MD
Education: Certificate in Endodontics, University of Maryland, (2010)

Military: I joined the United States Public Health Service Indian Hospital in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Practice: United States Public Health Service Indian Hospital in Fort Defiance, Arizona

What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? To be a Diplomate is to have embarked on a journey that helps me be the best that I can be. This journey made me dissect the profession that I love; to practice and understand it not only from THE ultimate goal for me to achieve after graduating from my residency in 2003. As I started studying for the oral exam, I quickly realized how “rusty” my knowledge from residency had become. I am now so much more knowledgeable of all the advances in technology and clinical and scientific research in the field of endodontics...it feels great! After months of studying to “catch up,” I am now committed to staying current with literature in the field in the future. I am confident that I am the best endodontist I can possibly be for my patients, and that truly feels awesome!! It is such a relief and a huge honor to be a Diplomate of such a specialized Board.

Saman R. Gharai
Sammamish, WA

Military: Previous Military Experience: Commander United States Navy Dental Corps; Marine Corps Recruit Depot: San Diego, CA; Naval Amphibious Base: Coronado, CA; USS Nimitz, CVN 68; Naval Submarine Base Bangor: Silverdale, WA; Naval Postgraduate Dental School: Bethesda, MD; Naval Recruit Training Command: Great Lakes, IL

Academics: University of Washington, School of Dentistry, Endodontics Department, Affiliate Assistant Professor

Practice: Pacific Endodontics, Seattle, WA

Spouse: Betty Yee Gharai
Children: Carson (7) and Kayla (2)

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Madelyn G. Gambrel
Richmond, VA


Practice: Joined Commonwealth Endodontics in Richmond, VA in the fall of 2005

Spouse: Russ Gambrel
Children: Kelly Jack, (4 ½) and Julian, (2)

What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!!! I feel like this was THE ultimate goal for me to achieve after graduating from my residency in 2003. As I started studying for the oral exam, I quickly realized how “rusty” my knowledge from residency had become. I am now so much more knowledgeable of all the advances in technology and clinical and scientific research in the field of endodontics...it feels great! After months of studying to “catch up,” I am now committed to staying current with literature in the field in the future. I am confident that I am the best endodontist I can possibly be for my patients, and that truly feels awesome!! It is such a relief and a huge honor to be a Diplomate of such a specialized Board.
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Heather Gnaau, CDR
Beaufort, SC
Military: Currently stationed in Beaufort, SC; Dental Department Head of the Marine Corps Air Station Dental Clinic.
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It was the most challenging yet rewarding endeavor I’ve accomplished in my career.

Brad Hajdik
Captain, DC, USNR
Katy, TX
Military: Executive Officer, 4th Dental Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group
Practice: Private Practice, Katy Dental Specialists
Spouse: Crystal
Children: Alexandra (24), Remington (18), Sidney (13), Makayla (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It is a great feeling of both pride and relief to have reached such a milestone. It means I have taken the extra time and effort to show both myself and my patients I have worked and will continue to work to be the best and most knowledgeable endodontist possible. I hope to serve as a mentor and would like to see an increase in those pursuing and obtaining Diplomate status. I feel it is crucial to the overall credibility of our specialty.

Jianing He
Plano, TX
Education: D.M.D., West China University of Medical Sciences, (1996); D.M.D., M.S., West China University of Medical Sciences, (1996); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Connecticut Health Center, (2003); PhD, (2003)
Academics: Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Dentistry (2003 – 2009); Associate Professor, Baylor College of Dentistry (2009 – Present)
Practice: North Dallas Endodontics, Dallas, TX
Spouse: Xiaobin Peng
Children: Alex (7) and Jackson (4)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate means holding yourself to the highest standards of the profession, being an advocate for the specialty, and being a role model for the students. This has been a long and challenging journey. I want to express my deepest gratitude to my program director, Dr. Kamran Safavi, and my chair, Dr. Larz Spangberg, for their inspiration and encouragement. I also want to thank Dr. Jerry Glickman for his guidance and my dear colleagues for their unconditional support.

Scott K. Hetz
Washington, DC
Military: 9 years service in the U.S. Air Force. Assignments included Barksdale AFB, RAF Lakenheath, Nellis AFB, AFIT at ROTC University of Southern California, Offutt AFB.
Practice: Group practice, Washington D.C.
Spouse: Kristin
Children: Jake (7) and Max (5)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Professionally, the process of preparing for the case presentation and oral exam have had a profound and lasting impact on my approach to clinical endodontics. Personally, successfully challenging the endodontic Boards is the preeminent academic achievement of my career. I would be remiss not to recognize several friends and colleagues whom offered advice and encouragement. But specifically, my family Kristin, Jake, and Max endured tremendous sacrifice and time away from Dad to allow me to pursue this goal. Simply put, THANK YOU!

Paul B. Hilfer, Major, USAF
Papillion, NE
Education: B.S. Biology, United States Air Force Academy, (1999); D.D.S., University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, (2003); Certificate in Endodontics, LSU / Keesler Medical Center USAF, (2010)
Military: Chief of Endodontics, Offutt AFB, NE; AEGD-1, Endodontic faculty
Spouse: Julia
Children: Vivian (4), Clara (14 months)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? While the challenges of the Board process demonstrates my commitment to my patients, the endodontic profession, and endodontic education, becoming a Diplomate has laid the foundation for the life long pursuit of continual improvement and excellence.

Maheeb Jaouni
Garland, TX
Practice: Firewheel Center for Dental Specialties and Texas Endodontics
Spouse: Yvette Jouani
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate is a commitment to always practice endodontics with the latest concepts and at the highest level of knowledge and skill. The pursuit of knowledge does not end by achieving the Diplomate status, but only continues in order to provide patients with

a clinical perspective but from a scientific and research standpoint.
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Lars Björn Jönsson
Laguna Hills, CA
Academics: Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Endodontics/Department of Implantology, Loma Linda University, School of Dentistry.
Practice: Partner in Private Practice
Spouse: Nikla
Children: Reed, (14 months as of January 2012)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? To me it is a professional milestone that represents dedication to my profession and to myself, to be the best I can. Becoming a Diplomate is personal validation that I am willing and open to better myself, and better my understanding of Endodontic science and practice. Although I am proud of this achievement, I do not wish it to be an end, but rather a benchmark along the journey.

Corey K. Karimjee
Omaha, NE
Education: B.S., University of Nebraska at Lincoln, (1996); D.D.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, (2002); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, (2004); M.S., (2004)
Practice: Midwest Endodontics, LLC
Spouse: Jada
Children: Aliah (6), Hannah (1)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I feel very content knowing I have been able to attain the highest level of achievement in our specialty.

Daniel D. Kersten
Major US ARMY
Clarksville, TN
Practice: Associates in Endodontics, Fairbanks, AL
Academics: Endodontic Mentor - Advanced General Dentistry Program at Fort Campbell, KY.
Spouse: Gna Kersten
Children: Reed, (14 months as of January 2012)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? As endodontic mentor to recently graduated dentists, I am reminded each day in the importance of endodontic education and the insight gained from the countless hours of studying it requires to become a Diplomate. Most general dentists know how to perform root canals, while endodontists are masters of the endodontic technique. In addition to documenting and displaying a mastery of the endodontic technique to leaders in the profession, Diplomates must prove a mastery of the literature and reasoning behind each step of an endodontic procedure. Becoming a Diplomate has been one of the most challenging and yet rewarding experiences in my life. Through the exhaustive studying process for the oral Boards, I now feel confidently rooted in literature while teaching residents and making chair side treatment decisions.

Jered B. King, Major USAF
Norman, OK
Education: B.S., Brigham Young University, (2001); D.M.D., Nova Southeastern University, (2005); Certificate in Endodontics, LSU / Keesler Medical Center, USAF, (2010)
Military: Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, OK (2010 - Present)
Spouse: Darlene King
Children: Ethan King (9), Camilla King (6)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It means to be thankful for what you have achieved, thankful to all those that have helped you along the way, and to be helpful to others in the future.

Sahng Gyoong Kim
New York, NY
Education: Certificate in preliminary dentistry courses, Seoul National University, College of Natural Sciences, (1997); D.D.S., Seoul National University, College of Dentistry, (2001); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine, (2008); M.S. in Oral Biology, (2009)
Academics: Assistant Professor of Clinical Dental Medicine, Division of Endodontics, College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University, New York
Spouse: Ja Yoon Hur
Children: David (4), Audrey (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? The long journey of Board Certification has encouraged me to strive for excellence in the science and art of endodontics. Being a Diplomate is not the end of the rewarding process but the beginning of a pleasant journey toward a higher level of excellence.

Steven L. Klyn,
Colonel
Colorado Springs, CO
Military: Current: 10th Dental Squadron, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. Past: Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, TX-Endodontic Resident; Travis AFB, Vacaville, CA-Program Director AEGD-1; Deployed to Baghdad, Iraq and Qatar; Scott AFB, Belleville, IL Deputy Program Director AEGD-1; Keesler AFB, Biloxi, M.S.-AEGD-2 Resident; Hickam AFB, Honolulu, HI-General Dentist; Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV-General Dentist
Academics: Current: Chief, Endodontics for AEGD-1 at US Air Force Academy; Clinical Associate Professor at University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine;
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Takashi Komabayashi
Dallas, TX

Education:
D.D.S., Hiroshima University, (1998),
PhD, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, (2002),
D.D.S., UCSF, (2005), Master of Dental Science, Certificate in Endodontics, University of Connecticut,(2008); Masters of Clinical Science, University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas (2011)

Military: Captain, 965th Dental Company, U. S. Army Reserve

Academics: Full time Assistant professor, Texas A & M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry

Practice: Private practice in Carrollton, Texas

Spouse: Mutumi

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Diplomate status is a major milestone, and it opens a new chapter in my academic career. I will keep making my best efforts in teaching, research, and patient care. Through the process to be a Diplomate, I gained an integrated, structured, and systematic foundation for teaching pre-doctoral and graduate students. The process also helped me shape additional research questions with respect to clinical endodontics. Furthermore, it gave me valuable guidance for writing research grants and papers. The knowledge I gained about evidence-based treatment will enhance my approach to patient care. I would like to express my appreciation to my mentors, friends, and the American Board of Endodontics Board members/staff. I would also like to thank the AAE Foundation for choosing me to be one of the recipients of the Endodontic Educator Fellowship and recognizing the critical role that endodontic educators play in strengthening our specialty.

Elena V. Kurtz
Philadelphia, PA


What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I feel honored, proud and personal satisfaction to be a Diplomate. Honored to have joined the ranks of my mentors. Proud that I have achieved my third Board Certification (two in General Dentistry). Personal satisfaction that I accomplished the goal I had made when I was accepted for residency training. Also, being a Diplomate motivates me to continually drink from the “fountain of knowledge” that will allow me to provide the best dental care that I can for my patients.

Stephen J. Langan
East Greenbush, NY


Practice: Private practice in East Greenbush, NY, since August 2004.

Spouse: Sun Ae

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Reaching Diplomate status is a goal that was instilled in me by my mentors in the Army residency training program. I owe them a great deal of thanks. I am very happy to have reached a significant goal in my professional life. I know that the knowledge that I have gained by successfully completing the Board process will allow me to best serve my patients. All of the hard work that I put into achieving Diplomate status was well worth it. I now enjoy being an endodontist more than ever before.

Demetrick W. LeCORN
Ocala, FL

Education: B.S. in Microbiology and Health Science, University of Miami, (1997); D.M.D., University of Florida, (2002); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Florida, (2005); M.S., (2005)

Academics: Adjunct Clinical Faculty at the University of Florida College of Dentistry Department of Endodontics

Practice: Three endodontic private practices in Ocala, FL, The Villages,FL, and Lecanto, FL

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate means being committed to lifelong learning and educating. It means I have reached the highest level of achievement in my profession and for this I am extremely proud.

Colonel Christoph Immo Horst Langer
DuPont, WA


Military: Over 21 years of active duty service in the US Army. Ten years as a general dentist prior to entering the U.S. Army Residency Program at Fort Gordon. Currently assigned as an endodontist at Fort Lewis where I am also the Officer-in-Charge of a 28-chair dental clinic providing dental care to approximately 8,000 soldiers. Previous assignments included Chief of Endodontics in Schweinfurt, Germany (2002-2006) and Vicenza, Italy from (2006-2009)

Practice: Private practice in Eberbach, Germany (1989-1990)

Spouse: Irina

Children: Sofia (2)

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming Board Certified was a long-term goal that I had since entering residency. It is the culmination of years of hard work that continued after residency that required being familiar with the latest treatment techniques, current evidence-based literature, and attending continuing education lectures. It is also a tribute to the wonderful mentors and colleagues that I have associated with throughout my career. Achieving Diplomate status demonstrates that I have acquired and maintained the required skills and knowledge in endodontics to provide the best possible care for my patients.
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Matthew Vaughn Lindemann
Flint, MI
Practice: I have been in practice for over four years with my father, who is also a Diplomate of the ABE. Our practice has served the Flint community for over 35 years. I was a member on the PPAC committee for the AAE as a resident and later as an active member. I am involved with my local dental association, and on the state level, I now serve as an examiner for the endodontic specialty exam for the State of Michigan. Lastly, our practice serves the local community by being Professional Rescuer Instructors for the American Red Cross.
Spouse: Lindsay
What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? It means that I have tried my best to create a comprehensive knowledge base to provide optimal treatment for my patients. It also means that I will continually strive to maintain the accuracy of that knowledge base. Just as important, being a Diplomate also means that it is necessary to handle all situations, inside and outside the clinical environment, in a diplomatic manner.

Margaret Pullman Martin
Seabrook, TX
Education: B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, (1993); D.M.D., University of Kentucky, (2000); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, (2003); M.S., (2003)
Practice: Private practice in Webster, Texas since 2003
Spouse: Mark Martin
Children: Abby (7), Alma (5)
What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? I have always enjoyed the human connection and communication aspect that goes along with the clinical side of practicing endodontics. Becoming a Diplomate, and all that this process entails, has allowed me to become a better clinician and a more informed communicator with my patients.

Kimberly A.D. Lindquist
Duluth, MN
Education: B.S., Biology, Loyola University of Chicago, (1988); D.D.S., University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, (1992); Certificate in Endodontics, Case Western Reserve University, (2005); M.S.D., (2005)
Academics: Part-time Adjunct Assistant Professor: University of Minnesota School of Dentistry; oversee endodontic diagnoses and procedures completed by D4 students at an outreach dental clinic, located at the Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, MN.
Practice: Northern Endodontic Associates in Duluth, MN since 2005
Active privileges at Lakewalk Surgery Center in Duluth, MN (Day Surgery Center)
Spouse: John Lindquist
Children: Lukas (20), Madison (18); Kathryn (16), and Max (11)
What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? There is a great sense of accomplishment in becoming a Diplomate. Becoming a Diplomate means successfully reaching the pinnacle of our profession. I am thankful for all the support from my family, friends and colleagues.

LTC A. John McKissock
Colorado Springs, CO
Military: Officer in Charge, Smith Dental Clinic; Chief, Fort Carson Endodontic Services
Academics: Endodontic Mentor, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency
Practice: Apex Endodontics, Colorado Springs, CO; Evans Army Community Hospital, Fort Carson, CO
Spouse: Jill McKissock
Children: Dean (15), Cole (13) & Luke (10)
What does it mean for you to be a Diplomate? It’s the fulfillment of a goal insidiously placed in my head by Colonels Pete Mines and Mark Sweet on the first day of my residency. They used charged words like “excellence, pinnacle, prestigious, expert”. Although the process was demanding at times, I am very grateful for it. I’m very proud to be a Diplomate and want to thank my family for their support as well as the guidance of my fellow military endodontists like Steve Klyn, Stephanie Sidow, Kim Lindsey and Andy Anderson.

Todd Peter Mellin
Portland, Maine
Education: B.S. Environmental Engineering, Utah State University, (1996); D.M.D., Medical University of South Carolina, (2000); Certificate in Endodontics, Virginia Commonwealth University (MCV), (2005); M.S., (2005)
Practice: Endodontic Associates, Portland, Maine
Spouse: Wellens King
Children: Lela (6), Charlie (4)

Anastasia V. Mischenko
Gaithersburg, MD
Academics: Member of Scientific Advisory Board for JOE; Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry at the University of Maryland Dental School
Practice: Associated with Martin D. Levin, D.M.D., LLC
Spouse: Mikhail
Children: Two little rascals, Michael (8) and Lucas (2)
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What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate is a great honor for me. During my education and my first few years in practice, I have been inspired by my teachers and colleagues who have generously contributed to our profession. I aspire to emulate them and help to further our specialty. Also, I thought that the process of becoming a Diplomate would allow me to advance my academic interests, and in some small way be able to contribute as well.

Angela M. Montellano, Colonel
San Antonio, TX
Education: B.S., Millikin University, (1991); D.M.D., Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine, (1995); Certificate in Endodontics, Wilford Hall Medical Center, (2004)
Military: Resident, AEGD-C Program, 375th Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, IL (1995-1996); General Dentist, 375th Medical Group, Scott Air Force Base, IL (1996-1998); OIC Cheyenne Mountain Dental Clinic, 10 Medical Group, Peterson AFB, CO (1998-2000); Chief Dental Officer, Eskan Village, Riyadh Saudi Arabia (1999); General Dentist, 18th Medical Group, Kadena AB, Japan (2000-2002); Resident, Endodontics, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX (2002-2004); Chief of Endodontics, 2nd Medical Group, Barksdale AFB, LA (2004-2008); Commander, 75th Dental Squadron, Hill AFB, UT (2008-2009); Troop Commander, DENTRETE, New Horizons, Georgetown, Guyana (2009); Commander, 75th Dental Squadron, Hill AFB, UT (2009-2010); Chief, Dental Program Management, AFMOA, San Antonio, Texas (2010-2011); Chief, Clinical Dentistry Division (2011 – Present)
Spouse: Ernest Montellano
Children: Alejandra (age 5), Niko (age 3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate was the last hurdle to clear after residency. It was a challenge, but well worth the effort. I feel like I have achieved the gold standard in my profession thereby allowing me to better treat my patients and their needs.

Mani Moulazadeh Newton, MA
Academics: Director ad interim Post Graduate Educational Program in Endodontics, Boston University; Clinical Assistant Professor of Endodontics, Boston University
Practice: Newton Endodontics, Solo Practice
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? It is a sense of fulfillment and the completion of my professional journey. Also it allows me to make clinical decisions based on science and with more confidence. Lastly it allows me to address Dr. Hutter, just by his first name, Jeff!!

William Nudera Bloomingdale, IL
Military: Active duty United States Air Force (1999 - 2000); (C Trained General Dentist)
Practice: Full time endodontics practice in Bloomingdale, Illinois
Spouse: Farrah Nudera
Children: Bella Nudera (5), Nora Nudera (9 months)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Gaining Diplomate status fulfills a commitment that I made to myself as well as my program at the beginning of my endodontic career. Completing this journey has placed me in a category with other endodontists that have chosen to pursue the pinnacle of their profession. The knowledge gained from this experience will forever change the way I view the treatment process.

Avina Paranjpe Kirkland, WA
Academics: 1) Full time Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics at the University of Washington, Seattle; Assistant Clinical Director for the I.D.D.S. Program, University of Washington, Seattle.
Practice: Practice 1 day a week in the Faculty Practice at the University of Washington.
Spouse: Sachin Phadke

Lauren T. Phan
San Ramon, CA
Education: Pre-dental, Baylor University, D.D.S., University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, (2001); Certificate in Endodontics,
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Omar D. Porras  
**Practice:** Solo private practice in Voorhees, NJ  
**Education:** Odontologist, Universidad Central de Venezuela, (1992); D.M.D., Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University, (2000); Certificate in Endodontontology, Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University, (2005); M.S., (2005)  
**Academics:** Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontology, Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple University.  
**Practice:** Allied Endodontics in Voorhees, NJ  
**Spouse:** Manena Contreras  
**Children:** Natalia and Marco  

**What does it mean for you to be Diplomat?** I followed a set path to becoming a dentist and then an endodontist. Becoming a Diplomate was probably my most challenging academic and clinical obstacle because it truly was from personal motivation. Board Certification does not offer any advantage or privilege like receiving your dental degree and your endodontic certificate. There was no set path in the sense of being in school but rather it was on my own time while running my own practice and building my family. I could have easily walked away from the challenge but I felt a dedication to something higher for myself and my patients. For this reason, I cherish it more than any other academic accomplishment. The process made me more critical of how I deliver evidence based endodontic care. Becoming a Diplomate is my personal conviction to upholding the standards of being a specialist and maintaining the field of Endodontics as a recognized specialty in Dentistry.

Jarom J. Ray  
**Major**  
**AFB, MS, (2005)**  
**Military:** Chief of Endodontics, Royal Airforce, Lakenheath, UK  
**Spouse:** Rochelle Ray  
**Children:** Hampton (14), Hannah (12), and Hayden (9)  

**What does it mean for you to be Diplomat?** Becoming a Diplomate fulfilled an early personal commitment to approach the level of expertise and knowledge possessed by my mentors. I feel a sense of great satisfaction in fulfilling a responsibility to legendary educators who taught me the art and science of endodontics. Becoming a Diplomate means that I can speak with a greater measure of authority in my efforts to advocate the merits of excellent surgical and non-surgical endodontic therapy as compared to other treatment modalities. It means that I have a responsibility to maintain the high ethical, clinical, and personal standards shared by Diplomates. It means that I have a responsibility to encourage others to engage the challenge of Board Certification which guards the pinnacle of our profession.

Karen S. Potter  
**San Clemente, CA**  
**Education:** B.A., University of Southern California, (2003); D.D.S., University of California, Los Angeles, (2007); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Iowa, (2009)  
**Academics:** Guest Lecturer - University of Iowa Department of Endodontics  
**Practice:** Private Practice, San Clemente Endodontics  
**Spouse:** J. Sean Dumm  
**Children:** Expecting our first child in June 2012  

**What does it mean for you to be Diplomat?** Ever since I entered into my residency program at Iowa, I saw how important it was for me to strive to achieve Board Certification. To me it represents that I have achieved the highest level in the field, but this is only a starting point. Studying for oral boards reminded me that our field is ever-changing and the continual advances are remarkable. Now that I have achieved Board Certification, I have made a commitment to the public and to my colleagues that I will continue to learn and grow throughout my career.

Kimberly C. Rudd  
**Salt Lake City, UT**  
**Education:** B.S., University of Utah, (1997); D.D.S., University of the Pacific, (2000); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Southern California, (2003)  
**Practice:** Salt Lake Endodontics PC (2003 - Present)  
**Spouse:** Kimberly C. Rudd  
**Children:** Nathan (12), Kolton (8), and Landon (5)  

**What does it mean for you to be Diplomat?** Being a Diplomate is a great honor and a source of immense pride in myself for what I can accomplish. The numerous after-work and weekend hours that I gave up in Board preparation time were extremely valuable. It was time away from my family, and I thank them for their sacrifices in my behalf and for their love and support. However, the reward I have gained has been increased self-confidence and a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Specialty of Endodontics. The positive effects of this achievement on my career and future life
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Jeffrey L. Ryan
Maple Grove, MN
Academics: Adjunct clinical faculty, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Division of Endodontics.
Practice: Group Private practice: Endodontic Associates Limited, Twin Cities, MN.
Spouse: Sara
Children: Ruby (5), Claire (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? The Board Certification process has been a tremendous learning experience. It allowed me to review and build on the knowledge from my endodontic residency, and the process has taught me to apply evidence in a practical manner to my treatment approach. I’m relieved that the process is over, but it was worth the time and effort. It’s an honor to be a Diplomate of the ABE, and I owe a great deal of thanks to my mentors, colleagues and particularly my family for their support throughout the process.

Robert G. Saylor
State College, PA
Children: Noah (13), Cailin (11), Kelly (10), and Nathan (7)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I consider Board Certification absolutely critical to the long term vitality of our specialty. Everything we do in endodontics is based in evidence and in order to further advance and solidify our specialty, or any specialty for that matter, it is critical to make decisions based primarily in evidence, and secondly on clinical experience. I think that initially this is a difficult concept for many practitioners to grasp - we can tend to treat based on what feels right and not what is actually based in science. What they are teaching in our residencies is truly based in evidence. After years of clinical practice, I think we can sometimes lose sight of this. The entire process behind Board Certification recharges practice by re-familiarizing us with why we actually do things and why they work (or don’t). Endodontics, after all is a healing specialty.

Kent A. Sabey
New Orleans, LA
Education: Program Director, Advanced Education in Endodontics at LSU School of Dentistry
Spouse: Suellen Sabey
Children: Julie, Kristen, Allen, and Kate
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I have enjoyed a wide variety of experiences and accomplishments in my life. I have had amazing support from family, peers, and exemplary educators. Becoming an endodontist and now a dental educator is truly “two dreams come true”. I have never been big on recognition, but being awarded ABE Diplomate status is an honor I take a lot of pride in -- it comes because of help from many dedicated, unselfish people who are smarter and more skilled than I, a lot of study and effort, and a belief in the value of the specialty of endodontics. I am excited now to continue helping patients, and as a teacher, to share what I have with others. A sincere thanks to everyone who helped me along the way.

Christine M. Sedgley
Educator
Oregon Health and Science University, Portland

Yoav Shiloah
Germantown, TN
Education: B.A., University of Maryland, (1993); D.D.S., University of Tennessee, (2007); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Texas Health Science Center, (2010)
Academics: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Endodontics, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX
Practice: Currently employed as an associate and opening a private practice in the coming months.
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? While it can be viewed as the culmination of one’s academic studies, I see it as a demonstration of and commitment to intellectual curiosity and the perpetual pursuit of knowledge and excellence in endodontics. Practicing evidence-based endodontics based on biological principles was the core value of my postdoctoral program and once this logical message is understood, its impact on the level of care we render as clinicians is tremendous. There is no greater compliment that I could pay my mentors than becoming a Diplomate; this is their achievement. Accepting Diplomate status means accepting the responsibility to practice with their wisdom and pass on their lessons to the next generation and it is with humble gratitude with which I accept this challenge.

Adrian Silberman
Murrieta, CA
Education: Accepted to dental school prior to graduation, California State University Long Beach; D.D.S., University of Southern California, (2001); Certificate in Endodontics, University of Southern California, (2005)
Practice: Private practice, Murrieta, California
Spouse: Hillary Silberman
Children: Madison (3) and Savannah (1)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate is an achievement I am proud of. It was...
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a process I began when it was first discussed in my residency program and I completed it with the support of my wife and little girls: my biggest motivators and inspiration. The process was a nice way to evaluate and question the way I do things. Supporting what I do everyday with scientific evidence, classic and current, is something I owe to my patients and expect of myself. All that know me understand that it was something I had to do. I especially want to thank Nestor Cohenca for being a wonderful mentor and friend. The stages took plenty of time to prepare and I am forever grateful for the support I have had.

Anthony T. Tran
Fresno, CA
Education: BA, Biochemistry and Cellular Biology, University California of San Diego, Revelle College, D.D.S., Loyola University of Chicago; Certificate in Endodontics, University of Southern California, (2010)
Academics:  Clinical Assistant Professor of Endodontics, Division of Endodontics, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics at the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC
Practice: Central Valley Endodontics, Fresno, CA
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? To be able to fulfill my ultimate personal goal: the pinnacle of our specialty.

Mindy M. Van
Indianapolis, IN
Education: Certificate in Endodontics, Indiana University, (2008)

Adalí Efraín Vélez
Harlingen, TX
Education: BPhSc (Bachelor’s in Pharmaceutical Sciences), University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR, (1977); D.M.D., University of Puerto Rico Health Campus, San Juan, PR, (1982); University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR, (1993)
Academics: Part-time Instructor, University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy, Health Sciences Campus (1987 – 1990, Third trimester of Academic years)
Practice: General Dentist in own private practice, in San Juan, PR (1985-1995); Endodontics Residency Program at UTHSCSA, San Antonio, TX (1995-1997); Practice limited to Endodontics in partnership with Dr. Iván E. Rodriguez. Lately, in the last 2 years Dr. Ernesto G. Treviño has joined our group as an associate. Harlingen, TX (1987-Present)
Spouse: Ana Inés Delamont-Vélez
Children: Efrain Edgardo Vélez (32)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I worked as a General Dentist for 13 years before obtaining my graduate training at the UTHSCSA Endodontics Department in San Antonio, Texas, from 1995 to 1997. Therefore, my 29 years as a Dentist include 14 years in the field of Endodontics. I finally completed the process of attaining the Certification as Diplomate of the ABE, and enjoy a sense of accomplishment, satisfaction, and fulfillment. My goals have always been to renew and update my knowledge in the latest scientific and clinical techniques and to remain competitive in the art and science of Endodontics. I recognize and acknowledge all my mentors and teachers who have helped me to achieve this goal, in particular Dr. Carlos E. del Río, Dr. William A. Walker, III, and Dr. William G. Schindler.

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Jelani T. Washington
Conyers, GA
Education: Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N), Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge, LA, (1999); D.D.S., Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry, (2004); Certificate in Endodontics, Baylor College of Dentistry, (2010); M.S., (2010)
Practice: East Atlanta Endodontics & Microsurgery, PC
Spouse: Kesra M. Washington
Children: Jelani Jr. (15) and Kacey (7 months)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate culminates the Endodontic education experience. It has provided me a sense of personal as well as professional achievement knowing the time, energy and effort involved in participating in the process. It has also reignited the desire to stay current with literature and technology which ultimately translates to providing a higher quality of care to my patients. I can only be thankful to my program and program director for stressing the importance of the process and my wife for being so supportive during it all! Go Baylor!!
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Sterling Whipple
Major, USAF
North Las Vegas NV
Military: Nellis AFB, Nevada: Dental Logistics Officer, Dental Radiology Officer, Dental Continuing Education Officer
Academics: AEGD-1 Staff Endodontist, Nellis AFB, NV
Spouse: Youngsill
Children: Leanna (10), Joshua (8), Gabrielle (5), Chloe (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate is only the beginning of a lifelong pursuit of excellence in endodontics. I understand that I must continue to devote myself to learning and improving myself each day. To do otherwise would show disrespect to my fellow Diplomates who uphold the standards of our profession.

Stanton D. Widmer
Caldwell, ID
Practice: Treasure Valley Endodontics (2008 – Present)
Spouse: Amanda
Children: Cambry (11), Kailyn (10), Taydon (5), Bryant (3)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Becoming a Diplomate signifies deep commitment to providing the highest quality endodontic treatment based on sound scientific principles. It requires dedication to continually learn and practice according to an ever-growing knowledge base. Achieving Board Certification strengthens not only one’s personal practice but also the specialty of endodontics in the field of dentistry.

University of Missouri-Kansas City, (1988);

Richard C. Wittenauer
Newport Beach, CA
Education: B.S., University of Central Missouri, (1979); D.D.S., University of Missouri - Kansas City, (1988);

Practice: Staff, Hoag Hospital, Newport Beach, California
Spouse: Laura
Children: Sarah (23) and Camden (20)
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? I feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment; reaching the summit of the educational experience we all started out with in our undergraduate degrees and dental school, to completing the residency and now accomplishing Diplomate status. The study and preparation for the Oral Examination refreshed a lot of the science, but also validated what I do in my treatment of my patients. The dedication and sacrifice it took to achieve it makes me appreciate anyone in our profession who has attained their Board Certification.

Karl Woodmansey
Dallas, TX
Academics: Assistant professor, Full-time, Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry, Department of Endodontics.
What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? As a Diplomate, I have now joined my peers with completion of my formal endodontic education. It is an honor...
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to be recognized for my achievement and to be included in a group of endodontists that I have long admired and respected. I owe a debt of gratitude to those who have guided me to this award.

Andrew P. Wright
Madison, WI
Practice: Private Practice, Madison Endodontic Associates, S.C.; Hospital Affiliation: Meriter Hospital GPR residency program, part-time staff

Nozomu Yamauchi
Honolulu, HI
Practice: Private practice in Honolulu, HI
Spouse: Erica Yamauchi

What does it mean for you to be Diplomate? Being a Diplomate means representing your specialty at the highest level, and we should all continue to learn and strive to be the best we can be.

program, the chances are high that you have successfully completed the Written Examination and have established Board eligibility. You have the Case Portfolio Examination and the Oral Examination left. Depending on your choice of Track, the next step would be submission of your Case History Portfolio (Track I) with the requisite ten cases or sitting for the Oral Examination (Track III, if you graduated in 2010 or later). The protocol is laid out for you. Finish it as soon as you can! It will never be easier than it is now!

If you have been in practice for a few (or more) years and regret not pursuing Board Certification, listen to my story: I completed the Written Examination in the late 1970’s and then let the process slide for a few years until “suddenly” my eligibility was gone. Assembling the Case Portfolio seemed like a time-consuming task to me and my practice was very busy. My wife was also a practicing dentist and we had a small child. I thought my life was too busy to take the time to complete the process. After my eligibility expired, I initially rationalized that I didn’t need to be Board Certified to have a successful practice, but as time went on the fact that I was not a Diplomate began to bother me, particularly when I saw the names of new Diplomates who were my contemporaries. I felt that if they could accomplish it then I should be able to accomplish it also. I just didn’t feel complete, but I still didn’t re-start the process.

That changed in 1998 when I decided to begin teaching endodontics and my motivator (and boss), Dr. Paul Eleazer, casually mentioned that “of course” I would be pursuing Board Certification and he pushed me to start studying for the Written Exam. It was basically the equivalent of pushing me off a high diving board into the swimming pool, I could either sink or swim and it was going to be pretty embarrassing to sink. I gradually worked my way through the three examination process and became a Diplomate in 2001, 26 years after I started the process. It was not easy but I finished the process with a satisfaction that I had finally accomplished something I should have done earlier. I’m not telling you this to trumpet my accomplishment. I’m telling you this because I want to encourage anyone reading this who regrets not becoming Board Certified to re-start the process. You can achieve it.

If you have ever passed the Written Examination, you don’t have to take it again. You just need to re-establish eligibility. Then you will need ten cases (a maximum of eight cases require a minimum one year recall) for the Case History Portfolio. Cases 8, 9, 10 can be repeats of one of the case types in Cases 1-7. Start going through the cases in your office and sort them into stacks of the categories that you need. Look for your best and most complex cases. Carefully assemble and review your Portfolio using the criteria furnished by the ABE. Have your Portfolio reviewed by multiple reviewers prior to submission. The Oral Examination will be your final hurdle. Take a Board review course. Participate in a mock Oral Examination (available through the College of Diplomates). Practice having a mentor question you and work through the nervousness. Prepare well and be confident.

When you start this process, leave your ego at the door. Read and review closely the examination preparation material from the American Board of Endodontics. If you fail one of the examinations, study some more or secure some additional cases and take it again. You have three eligibility periods available. Use them. The Directors of the American Board of Endodontics want you to be successful. Many changes have been made over the past few years to remove barriers to you becoming involved in this process.

When you complete the process, it will be a great pleasure for one of my successors as President of the American Board of Endodontics to present you with your pin recognizing your attainment of Diplomate status at the Grossman Luncheon at the Annual Session of the AAE.

You can do it. Now is the time!
The American Board of Endodontics is pleased to announce several special events at this year’s Annual Session in Boston, Massachusetts.

Louis I. Grossman Memorial Luncheon
Sponsored by the College of Diplomates
Thursday, April 19
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Salon E, Marriott Copley Place

Please join us as we celebrate a true milestone in the history of the ABE, the introduction of our 70 new Diplomates. Family members, ABE Directors, Program Directors, the AAE Executive Committee and other Diplomates will gather to honor our 2011 Diplomates. We offer our congratulations for achieving what is considered a pinnacle of their professional careers.

It’s important to remember that the ADA requires all the recognized specialties to have a certifying board. Becoming a Diplomate of the ABE is not just a significant personal achievement; it strengthens our specialty and allows the specialty of endodontics to continue. Diplomate status is one of the best professional investments an endodontist can make. The certifying process involves analyzing current literature, applying evidence-based practices and is a life-time commitment to learning.

Our newest Diplomates demonstrate what the ABE stands for with the desire, effort and commitment required to achieve this professional and public recognition. We offer our gratitude and appreciation for their dedication to endodontics.

ABE Boardwalk
Saturday, April 21
1:45 – 3:15 p.m.
Room 309, Hynes Convention Center

As an endodontist, you have already accepted the challenge of a career grounded in advanced science, enhanced patient care and overall excellence. The desire to refine these skills and knowledge is the driving force in pursuing Board certification. The ABE is always ready to welcome new Diplomates who have accepted our challenges and commitment to excellence. New Candidates gain a deep understanding of the evolution of the field in their preparation for the Board certification examinations. These future Diplomates gain expertise on both classic and current literature, and this education serves as the bedrock for life-long contributions to the specialty.

The Boardwalk presentation is given by the ABE Directors. It is intended to provide valuable information regarding the Certification Process. The Directors will be introduced to the attendees and a detailed explanation of the examination sequence will be provided. Helpful hints for preparation for the Written Examination, the new 10-case format for the Case History Portfolio and the Oral Examination will be outlined. The current timelines for progression through the Certification Process will be detailed, along with Recertification guidelines. At the conclusion of the presentation, the ABE Directors will field questions from the attendees regarding topics pertaining to endodontic Board Certification.

ABE at the Oasis Information Area

Wednesday, April 18
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, April 20
7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Stop by to speak with an ABE representative at the AAE Oasis, located on the 3rd Level, Hynes Convention Center.

For more information about ABE events at this year’s Annual Session, contact Margie Hannen, ABE executive secretary, at 800/872-3636 (North America) or 312/266-7255 (International), ext. 3007, or by sending an e-mail to abe@aae.org.
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