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American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine Adopts New Maintenance of Certification Program (Phleb-MOC)

Patterned after Maintenance of Certificate (MOC) programs of member organizations of the American Board of Medical Specialties, the ABVLM has announced its own MOC program to commence in 2012. The guiding principle of MOC is to foster excellence in patient care. Through the MOC program, board-certified phlebologists will advance the standard of the specialty. **The ABVLM is committed to making the program easy and simple to understand, track, and complete.**

Diplomates who wish to maintain certification in phlebology must fulfill the requirements of Phleb-MOC's four components during the course of a 10-year cycle. The four basic components require evidence of:

- Continued Professional Standing
- Commitment to Lifelong Learning and Periodic Self-Assessment
- Cognitive Expertise, and
- Evaluation of Performance in Practice

There will be an annual maintenance fee for the program, and the fee is waived through 2012. There is also a policy to address changes in diplomates' status in their clinical activity, such as sabbaticals, retirement, and other changes.

Diplomates are responsible for understanding and meeting all policies of the ABPh, including the maintenance requirements and the clinical status policy.

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ABVLM 2011 Certification Examination Summary

The results are in ...

- 59 candidates took the exam in 2011
- 45 candidates passed the exam and are now certified, bringing the total number of diplomates to 520
- The psychometric consultants found the exam to have a reliability rating of .91, concluding that "the examination successfully distinguishes among candidate abilities."

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Diplomate Recognition Slated for ACP Annual Congress in Los Angeles Next Month

The American College of Phlebology has graciously offered a 15-minute slot in their Annual Congress program

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FUTURE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

ACP 25th Annual Congress
November 3-6, 2011
Los Angeles, CA
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AVF 24th Annual Meeting
February 8-11, 2012
Orlando, FL
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SIR 37th Annual Scientific Meeting
March 24-29, 2012
San Francisco, CA
[Program Information](#)

SVM 23rd Annual Scientific Sessions
June 14-16, 2012
Minneapolis, MN
[Program Information](#)

ACP 26th Annual Congress
November 15-18, 2012
Hollywood, FL

SIR 38th Annual Scientific Meeting
April 13-18, 2013
New Orleans, LA

UIP XVII World Congress
(in lieu of ACP 27th Annual Congress)
September 9-13, 2013
Boston, MA

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for a presentation from the ABVLM, and to recognize both the newest class of diplomates who just passed the exam in April 2011, as well as all ABVLM diplomates who are in attendance at the Congress.

If you plan to be in Los Angeles for their Annual Congress, get all the details by clicking on the link below.

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ABVLM Moves HQ Office to California

New Executive Director and home...

The American Board of Venous & Lymphatic Medicine has moved their headquarters' office to San Francisco and made a change of Executive Directors. This change was effective September 1, 2011.

As announced to all diplomates via email and hardcopy letter, the new Executive Director is Christopher Freed, formerly with the American College of Phlebology.

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