



ABPS Examination Statistics 2010

It is not my intention to be on the negative side of podiatry, but you can't hide the truth.

I recently read some disturbing statistics listed in the ABPS Newsletter. Of 521 candidates taking the Part 1 Certification exam in foot surgery, only 61% passed. Of 314 candidates who took the Part 1 Certification in reconstructive rear-foot and ankle surgery, only 57% passed. Some specialty! Unlike orthopedic surgeons, podiatrists divide the foot, and a large number fail the rear-foot part, and many fail the forefoot part.

We call ourselves podiatric physicians, foot specialists. We say that the MD doesn't know anything about the foot, and yet we have so many failures in our own examinations. And this is to say nothing about those who don't even qualify to take the exams.

I'm sorry; I get no pleasure exposing my own profession's weakness. The ABPS budget shows nearly 5 million dollars in revenue last year, and we have all these failures. Maybe we should throw more money at the problem. Ladies and gentlemen, please take school administrators, specialty boards, and residencies to task.

If we are the specialists, why are so many of us failing in our own specialty, the foot, let alone the ankle or leg! Remember I'm just the messenger. I am not responsible for this reality.

Incompetence and apathy are.

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