



Your Surgeon is Certified in Orthopaedic Surgery by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

What is Orthopaedic Surgery?

Orthopaedic Surgery is the broad-based medical and surgical specialty dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and injuries of the musculoskeletal system. The frequency and impact of these diseases and injuries, combined with recent advances in their diagnosis and treatment, make orthopaedics a critical part of health care. The areas of orthopaedic surgery include:

Pediatric Orthopaedics: Care of injuries, deformities, and diseases of the bones, joints, muscles, and tendons in children.

Sports Medicine: Treatment and prevention of injuries related to athletic activities.

Adult Reconstructive Surgery: Care of patients with advanced arthritis and other conditions affecting major joints, including medical treatment, joint replacement, and other procedures.

Foot and Ankle: Care of patients with injuries and diseases of the foot and ankle.

Hand Surgery: Surgical and nonsurgical treatment of the hand and wrist.

Shoulder and Elbow: Care of diseases and injuries of the shoulder and elbow.

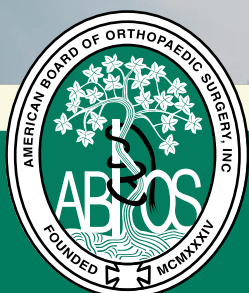
Spine: Surgical and nonsurgical treatment of deformities, injuries, and disorders of the back and neck.

Trauma and Fractures: Treatment of injuries to the bones, joints, muscles, tendons, nerves, and vessels in the arms, legs, back, and neck.

Musculoskeletal Oncology: Treatment of benign and malignant tumors of bones, joints, and muscles.

Rehabilitation: Short- and long-term programs to improve strength and mobility and to optimize recovery.

The orthopaedic surgeon cares for patients in collaboration with many other surgical and medical specialists.



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What is the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery?

The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) was founded in 1934 as a private, voluntary, nonprofit, independent organization to serve the best interests of the public and the medical profession. These interests are achieved by the ABOS through establishing standards for the education of orthopaedic surgeons and providing assessments.

The ABOS is one of 24 certifying boards that have met the educational and organizational requirements necessary for membership in the American Board of Medical Specialties. The Directors of the ABOS are distinguished orthopaedic surgeons who are active in patient care, education, and research, who volunteer their service.

What is Board Certification?

ABOS Board Certification demonstrates a surgeon's exceptional expertise in orthopaedic surgery and includes the following:

Education

- Must have graduated from an accredited medical school and passed all examinations.
- Must have satisfactorily completed a five-year ACGME accredited orthopaedic surgery residency in the United States or Canada. The residency training must include experience with all age groups in operative and non-operative treatment of musculoskeletal injuries, diseases, and deformities.

Examination

After completing residency, orthopaedic surgeons are required to meet the following criteria to become certified by the ABOS:

- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States, its territories, government service, or Canada.
- Pass the comprehensive computer-based ABOS Part I Examination, testing the material taught during residency.
- Have completed 20 months of practice of operative orthopaedic surgery after successfully completing residency, and a fellowship if fellowship follows residency.
- Have demonstrated professional proficiency and ethical practice based on recommendations from physicians familiar with his/her practice.
- Pass the ABOS Part II Oral Examination, based on a surgeon's six-month Case List of operative cases.

Continuing Education

After earning certification, orthopaedic surgeons continue to receive medical education through:

- Continuing medical education activities.
- Practice improvement activities.

Only those who are Board Certified by the ABOS are allowed to display the logo that is shown on the front cover of this brochure.



Mission Statement

To ensure safe, ethical, and effective practice of Orthopaedic Surgery the ABOS maintains the highest standards for education, practice and conduct through examination, certification, and maintenance of certification for the benefit of the public.

Vision

To improve the quality of care and outcomes for patients, the ABOS will establish and maintain high standards for competence and lifelong education of Board Certified Orthopaedic Surgeons.