

The American Board of Laser Surgery, Inc. (ABLS) Policies

Information Privacy for Diplomates, Other Members, and Candidates

The ABLS will not share information about any Diplomate or other member, including that maintained on file relative to his/her certification process, with other Diplomates or members of the ABLS, or persons outside of the organization, without that member's consent, except as noted herein. The ABLS will not sell or make available its Diplomates' or other members' information for any commercial purposes. The ABLS reserves the right to provide information about any individual candidate for certification to either a Board Officer and/or a Diplomate-Examiner for the purpose of reviewing that candidate's application for certification, and/or information necessary for evaluation of that candidate for certification. The ABLS also reserves the right for its Board Officers, administrators, and other select senior members as it may designate from time to time, to have access to the files and information on existing Diplomates, and potential and current candidates, for internal perusal and review. The ABLS also reserves the right to maintain a list of its Diplomate, and other members, on its website that will include the name, medical designation (M.D., D.O., etc.) at the time of certification, the ABLS Certificate number, and year of certification. Should the ABLS develop a more extensive Diplomates or member's area on its website, Diplomates or other members will only opt-in by enrollment and consent. If the ABLS is asked by an outside medical source if a Diplomate does in fact hold the ABLS certificate, the ABLS will confirm if it is so, the specialty designated, the certificate number, and date of certification.

ABLS General Disclaimer of Liability

The ABLS Certificate is awarded to medical practitioners who have been accepted for the certification process, received the ABLS Study Guide, and taken and passed the ABLS's Written and Oral Examinations. These examinations are designed to solely promote the understanding of basic laser science, tissue interaction and safety in medicine. The Written Examinations are scored quantitatively with a minimum passing grade of 75.0% or 80.0%, depending on the specific examination. The Oral Examination is a pass-fail evaluation from an ABLS Diplomate examiner (subject to review by senior Board Officers) based on review of a variety of information and references gathered from candidates in advance of the examination, and information obtained during the examination itself. The information is evaluated as is provided, with additional review and confirmation at the Board's discretion, and based upon the evaluation of the candidate.

The ABLS Study Guide, Written and Oral Exams are not intended nor should be construed as specific medical advice or recommendations for specific patients. The Board attempts to provide educational information and examinations that are accurate, however this information is provided "as is" and is subject to change from time to time without notice. The Board, including its officers, directors, employees and any associated contractual service providers, makes no specific medical or legal guaranties relative to the use of this information. Use of this information is entirely up to the decision making of any medical practitioner, or other person, who receives the Board's Certificate. The Board is not responsible for the actions by any medical practitioner, or other persons, resulting from the use of this information, nor assumes any liability for same.

The ABLS will make no guarantees of, nor assume any liability for, the actions of any Diplomates or members in their practice of medicine as the result of earning the ABLS certificate. The certificate in and of itself does not guarantee the efficacy nor safe practice of any medical practitioners in the use of lasers, and the Board makes no guarantee of efficacy of any mode of practice or procedure on the part of its Diplomates or other members. These practitioners are not in any way under the ongoing supervision of the Board. The use of any knowledge gained from the ABLS certification process by ABLS Diplomates or members in their treatment of their patients is entirely within the control of those medical practitioners, and not the ABLS.

Guidelines, and Terms of Use, for the ABLS Name and Logo

The ABLS defines marketing by medical practitioners as any form of communication (printed or broadcast media, on websites and the Internet, and by mail or email) that is designed to inform or attract patients, or prospective patients, about the availability of products or services. The ABLS always encourages and expects from its Diplomates marketing in a truthful manner and that complies with any and all applicable regulations, and professional guidelines, for

marketing/advertising by medical practitioners in the jurisdiction(s) in which they may practice. The following are the guidelines and terms of use for the ABLS name and logo. Any ABLS Diplomates, or other members, who do not adhere to these may be subject to review and sanctions by the ABLS Board of Directors.

- All ABLS Diplomates, or other members, who hold the ABLS Certificate may refer to their certification by the ABLS in their communications and marketing in a professional manner, as they would typically be required to refer to certifications by other medical specialty boards, or memberships in other medical professional societies. The name may be referred to as "The ABLS" or "The American Board of Laser Surgery" (both with or without a "The"). The status may be referred to or conveyed as "certified by", "certificate holder of", "Diplomate of", "member of", or other similar designation that accurately conveys the proper status as a bonafide Diplomate, or other member, and Certificate holder, of the ABLS. This also may be governed by, and should comply with, any country, state/province, or local regulations for medical practitioner advertising.
- The ABLS logo is not available for general use, either as shown on the Board's letterhead, website, or other communications or materials, without the express written permission of the ABLS.
- All advertising and promotional activities by ABLS Diplomates or other members, in conjunction with mention of their ABLS certification, must be both ethical and in accordance with generally accepted professional guidelines and governing statutes, and not misrepresent the integrity of the ABLS or its certification process.

Further Questions

For further questions, please email us at lasers1060@gmail.com; or in writing at The American Board of Laser Surgery, 55 Corporate Drive, 3rd Floor, Trumbull, CT 06611 USA. The Board will seek to reply in a timely manner.