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ABO Certification and Certification Renewal Is It Essential for Your Future Success in Practice?
Why Should You Go Through This Process?

When a general dentist bills as an orthodontist, is not orthodontist, and the public doesn't know the difference.
Knowledge and Competency

The individual has had so much practice with a skill that it has become "second nature" and can be performed easily…

You know what to do: but you have to work at recognizing you have done it.

You know what needs to be done but you don’t know how to do it…

You don’t know what you don’t know…

The Assessment of Clinical Skills, Competence and Performance

1. This might be an individual who has practiced dentistry for 20 years but has yet to see anyone who suffers from TMD.

2. Or, the orthodontist who doesn’t take final records and proclaims that his/her “finished results are just fine”…

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**Unconscious Incompetence**
Conscious Incompetence

1. With knowledge, one will recognize the solution to the problem but not the skill set to accomplish the task.
2. This might be a first year orthodontic resident who has gained a certain diagnostic recognition and but doesn’t possess the clinical skill set to solve the problem…
3. Ethical general dentist or pediatric dentist
3. This is a practitioner who knows how to recognize the problem, can correct it, but has to continuously work on his/her attentiveness to solve the problem.
4. This could be a Board Certified Orthodontist who:
   a. Takes initial and final records
   b. Does self-assessment evaluation and grading for each of his/her cases
   c. Is doing the best work of which he/she is capable, and in so doing is protecting the public’s interest.
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of Care

To make health care safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable.
The **Essence** of the Mission Statement of American Board Orthodontics is to **Protect the Public**
To Assess Clinical Competency, the American Board of Orthodontics Uses the Following Tools…

- Training
- Testing
What Skills Are Enhanced By this Process?

1. Diagnostic Abilities
2. Case Management Strategies
3. Evaluation of Treatment Outcomes
The ABO Discrepancy Index
A Measure of Case Complexity

https://www.americanboardorthodo.com/media/1189/discrepancy_index_scoring_system.pdf
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American Board of Orthodontics Case
Finishing Evaluation

https://www.americanboardortho.com/media/1191/
grading-system-casts-radiographs.pdf
Why Should You Be Motivated to Assess Your Treatment Outcomes?

1. Your practice environment is pleasant because you, your patients and staff are happy.

2. Because of this you are a consummate professional because you are holding the well-being of your patients first and foremost.

3. Your practice is more efficient and profitable.
Quality Treatment and the Final Records to Assess that Care is Essential

Perform a Self-assessment

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOXJZJwWI0Y
So, I Ask This Question...

How many here have gone through a self assessment I have described?

ABO DI and CR-E Assessment
It is Complicated… So Let’s Get Real!

It’s a Rough Sport Out There
6. There is no evidence that the “corporate over-lords” are interested in anything but the bottom line.

7. The academic environs are not our enemies but the cost of education creates a “hamstrung and debt ridden graduate” who must find work where he or she can in order to support themselves and their families.

8. The AAO accepts that the issues are real and pose a great threat to our Specialty. They are taking the strongest legal stand they can for the orthodontic specialty and they fully support ABO Certification…

9. Therefore, you and only you are your best friend in this sullied market place… It is Complicated… So Let’s Get Real!

It’s a Rough Sport Out There!
Here Are a Few of the Answers?

1. You must show the public that you care!
2. No one wants to know how much you know until they know how much you care!
3. But first, we need to care enough to want to continuously learn and know.
Is Board Certification Necessary for an Orthodontist?

Yes, and this is Why!

1. Allows you to experience an external and independent evaluation of your interest in proving to the public and to your patients you care…
2. Enhances personal skills to evaluate treatment results daily on every patient.
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3. Identifies the areas of treatment shortcomings allowing you improve your quality of care.
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4. Certification renewal provides the best quality care a clinician can deliver to his/her patients.
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5. Documents your efforts to remain knowledgable with the current orthodontic literature
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6. In the final analysis, Board Certification and Certification Renewal are processes that facilitate the protection of the public.
Be Hardworking and Diligent Like Our Friend

Become ABO Certified and Renewed Certification By Continuous Self Assessment and thereby:

Mastering Unconscious Competence…

Thank You