

## AMERICAN BOARD OF COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY RECERTIFICATION & TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATION

### RECERTIFICATION

The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery offers recertification to all certified colon and rectal surgeons. The examination is offered annually, on a voluntary basis, and the next examination will be given **May 11, 1995** in Montreal, Quebec.

The Board endorses the concept of recertification believing that voluntary periodic review of its Diplomates will encourage continuing medical education of physicians and ultimately improve the quality of patient care. This is in the best interest of the specialty and the public, and we urge all our Diplomates to participate.

### TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATION

The ABCRS began issuing Time-Limited Certificates in 1990. All Diplomates certified in 1990 or after must be recertified within eight years of the original certification to maintain their status. Certificates are valid for eight years; therefore, the first certificate renewal examination will be in 1998. These Diplomates may apply for recertification at any time up to one year prior to the eight-year limit.

Time-limited certification will not affect Diplomates holding certificates issued prior to 1990. Additionally, if a Diplomate elects to voluntarily recertify, his/her original undated certificate will not lose its validity regardless of success or failure to become recertified. Upon successful completion of the examination, an additional Recertification Certificate will be issued and will be valid for eight years.

### GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

The fifth recertification cycle has begun, and the Board is mailing application materials for the 1995 examination to be given on May 11 in Montreal. All Diplomates who wish to participate must request application materials from the Board Office and submit the completed documents by **October**

**30, 1994**. The basic requirements state that an applicant must:

- Hold a certificate issued by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.
- Be in the active practice or teaching of surgery; hold a valid license to practice; hold privileges to practice surgery in hospitals accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or other hospitals judged acceptable to the Board.
- Present a statement of professional and moral character from the Chief of Surgery in those hospitals in which practice privileges are exercised.
- Submit a list of memberships in local medical or surgical societies, fellowship in the American College of Surgeons or other regional or national surgical associations.
- Accumulate 100 hours of Category I CME credits during the last two years preceding the date of application.
- Submit an operative experience list consisting of consecutive cases for the past year or more reflecting their experience at each hospital where privileges are held.
- Submit applications, appropriate fees, and all supporting documentation by **October 30** in the year preceding the examination.

A brochure outlining the complete rules and requirements, as well as application materials, is available upon request from the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery. The Board office will answer any questions regarding recertification. Please address your inquiries and requests to:

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