

Notice to Candidates for Certification

The requirements for certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery are as follows.

Qualifications of Candidates

General qualifications and requirements:

All candidates shall comply with the following regulations:

1. A candidate shall possess moral, ethical and professional qualifications acceptable to the Board.
2. He shall possess full citizenship in the country where he practices.
3. He shall limit his practice to colon and rectal surgery, shall appear personally before the Board and shall submit to the required examinations.
4. He shall deliver to the Board upon request an official record of patients hospitalized by him during the year prior to the date of submission of the application.
5. He shall submit a bibliography of papers and books published by him.

Professional qualifications:

1. He shall be a graduate of a medical school approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.
2. He shall possess a license to practice medicine in the country of his residence.
3. He shall have completed an internship, preferably of the general rotating type, of not less than 12 months in a hospital approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association.

Special professional qualifications:

1. The candidate shall have completed three years of an approved general surgical residency and two years of an approved residency in colon and rectal surgery, or;
2. He shall have passed Part I of the examinations of the American Board of Surgery, and shall have completed one year of an approved residency in colon and rectal surgery.
3. Applicants who have passed the Part I examinations of the American Board of Surgery, upon special application and subsequent approval by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, may be admitted to examination after completing two years of an approved preceptorship in colon and rectal surgery.

Applications

Each candidate for examination shall submit an application prepared upon the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board. It shall contain a record of the candidate's premedical and medical training, internships, residencies, preceptorships, other postgraduate study, hospital and dispensary appointments, teaching positions, service in the Armed Forces, service in federal, state or local government, membership in medical societies and any additional information considered valuable by the Board.

The application shall be signed by two specialists in colon and rectal surgery. It shall be accompanied by two unmounted autographed recent photographs of the candidate, letters of endorsement from appropriate sources and the application fee. It shall be filed with the Secretary not less than 90 days prior to the date of examination.

Examinations

Examinations are conducted at times and places determined by the Board and are announced in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Seventy-five per cent is the passing grade on all examinations.

Examination papers are identified only by numbers and the examiners do not know the identity of the examinees.

Part I: This consists of a comprehensive written examination in the basic sciences, including anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology and biochemistry. The examination is held in the fall of the year

Upon approval of The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, candidates who have been certified by The American Board of Surgery and who have completed the required training in colon and rectal surgery may not be required to take Part I of the examinations of The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Part II: This is a practical examination which is held in the community in which the candidate conducts his professional activities. (It may be omitted at the discretion of the Board, in which case the candidate will be notified by the Secretary.) It is endeavored to arrange the examination at a time suitable both to the candidate and the examiner. The examination includes inspection of: 1. Surgical operations; 2. Hospital rounds; 3. Hospital and office records; 4. Office practice.

Part III: This consists of comprehensive written and oral examinations on the theory and practice of colon and rectal surgery, and includes roentgenologic interpretation. The examination is usually held in the fall of the year in one designated city of the United States. The candidate is not admitted to Part III examinations until he has completed the requirements of Part II.

The oral portion of the examination is conducted by members of the Board or its designated examiners. An attempt is made to ascertain the candidate's knowledge of current proctologic literature, his knowledge of the basic sciences, and the extent of his clinical experience and other qualifications.

Approved Residencies in Colon and Rectal Surgery

Location	Address application to:
California Queen of Angels	George J. Hugo, M.D. 1930 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90057
Louisiana Ochsner Foundation	Patrick H. Hanley, M.D. 1514 Jefferson Highway New Orleans, Louisiana 70121.
Massachusetts Lahey Clinic	Neil W. Swinton, M.D. 605 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, Massachusetts 02215
Michigan Ferguson Clinic	James P. Mukloon, M.D. 72 Sheldon Avenue, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502
Minnesota Mayo Clinic	John R. Hill, M.D. Mayo Clinic Rochester, Minnesota 55901
Minnesota U. of Minnesota Hospitals	William C. Bernstein, M.D. 934 Lowry Medical Arts Bldg. St. Paul, Minnesota 55102
New York Buffalo Gen'l Hospital	J. Edwin Alford, M.D. 50 High Street Buffalo, New York 14203
Pennsylvania Allentown Hospital	Guy L. Kratzer, M.D. 1447 Hamilton Street Allentown, Pennsylvania 18102
Pennsylvania Temple University	Harry E. Bacon, M.D. 255 South 17th Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
Texas Baylor U. Medical Center	Alvin Baldwin, M.D. 3707 Gaston Avenue Dallas, Texas 75246
Texas Hermann Hospital	J. Wade Harris, M.D. Hermann Professional Building Houston, Texas 77025
Texas Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas	Robert J. Rowe, M.D. 3434 Swiss Avenue Dallas, Texas 75204

Additional information concerning certification can be obtained from the Secretary of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery, Stuart T. Ross, M.D., 520 Franklin Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530.