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The Board Certification Process

After attaining Board Qualified status, you can begin the Board Certification process. Board Certification must be achieved within 7 years of Board Qualification.

What does it mean to be Board Certified?

Board Certification in Foot Surgery

Board certification in Foot Surgery indicates that you have demonstrated a cognitive knowledge of foot surgery, including the diagnosis of general medical problems and surgical management of pathologic foot conditions, deformities, and/or trauma, and related structures that affect the foot and ankle.

Board Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle (RRA) Surgery

Board certification in RRA Surgery indicates that you have demonstrated a cognitive knowledge of foot and ankle surgery, including the diagnosis of general medical problems and surgical management of pathologic foot and ankle conditions, deformities, and/or trauma, and related structures that affect the foot, ankle, and leg. **Board Certification in Foot Surgery is a prerequisite for Board Certification in RRA.**

Board Certification is a Two-Part Process

There are two parts to the Board Certification process: (1) Case Review and (2) the Computer-based Patient Simulation Board Certification (CBPS) Examination. The Case Review process has four components: (1) PLS case logging, (2) completion of diverse procedures, (3) facility documentation, and (4) case documentation and review.

Summary of Changes

Those holding ABFAS Board Qualification status are eligible to take the Part II CBPS exam any time after becoming board qualified. They cannot register for Case Review until they have met the procedure diversity requirements (listed below).

Case Review

Documentation

1. Podiatry Logging Service (PLS) Case Logging

Log all post-residency procedures performed in accredited facilities for which you were the surgeon of record, into the <u>Podiatry Logging Service (PLS) for Surgery</u>. ABFAS will request complete documentation for the required number of foot and RRA surgery cases from the PLS log. All surgical procedures must be logged into PLS to obtain ABFAS certification. Procedures you performed during residency are not acceptable for logging in PLS or for case submission. You may log cases performed while in a fellowship program provided you were surgeon of record.

ABFAS recommends that you enter into PLS all post-residency surgical procedures that you performed in accredited facilities. The PLS system will inform you when you have met the quantity and diversity requirements, but you must continue logging all cases until you complete the case review application process.

If you are certified in Foot Surgery and seeking only RRA certification, you may log only post-residency RRA procedures performed.

The PLS system will inform you when you have met the quantity and diversity requirements. ABFAS will lock

cases selected for case review (see below), however please continue logging procedures on PLS until you became board certified. If you do not pass case review, ABFAS will need to select different cases when you reapply. It is therefore necessary that you continue to log all required cases until you pass case review.

PLS Checklist

Ensure that cases are logged with the correct procedure code in PLS.
Note: Failure to correctly log procedure type is a common error.
Ensure that you are listed as Surgeon (not Co-surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, or any other designation) on all
operative reports and all chart materials for every procedure on the list.
Ensure that you are listed as the surgeon of record (not co-surgeon) in the intraoperative anesthesia
record or circulating nurse notes.
List every procedure performed and documented in the operative report.

2. Required Procedures

Candidates must log a minimum of 65 cases in PLS for eligibility to submit cases for review for Foot Surgery certification and/or Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery (RRA) certification (see <u>Appendix C</u>). For Foot Surgery certification, a minimum of 30 cases must include surgery from the First Ray, Other Osseous and Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle categories listed in <u>Appendix A</u>. For RRA Surgery certification, a minimum of 30 RRA cases must be logged. Additionally, the RRA cases must include a minimum of 12 procedures from <u>Appendix B</u>. Candidates repeating the Case Review portion of the examination must ensure they have an adequate volume of cases to meet the requirement. Cases selected for Case Review in previous years will not be used for Case Review in subsequent years.

- RRA procedures consisting of diagnostic operative arthroscopy, subtalar joint arthroereisis, foreign body/hardware removal, or ostectomy **are not counted** toward the required 30 total.
- Open management of fractures must include some type of internal or external fixation.
- Unproven or experimental procedures are not counted toward the required 65 total.
- Removal of internal or external fixation devices or implants is not counted.
- Extracorporeal shock wave therapy (ESWT) procedures and application of biological dressings are not acceptable.

Required Cases for Access to Board Certification

FOOT SURGERY CERTIFICATION	65
First Ray, Other Osseous, RRA Cases ^a	30 ^{b c}
RRA SURGERY CERTIFICATION	30 ^{d, e}
RRA - Elective Osseous	10 ^e
RRA - Nonelective Osseous	2 ^e

- a. See Appendix A for more details.
- b. Of these 30 cases, 27 (90 percent) must have been performed in an accredited healthcare facility.

- c. List procedures involving only the hallux as digital procedures.
- d. All 30 cases must have been performed in an accredited healthcare facility.
- e. See Appendix B for more details.

The procedures within each major category must demonstrate the candidate's range of surgical experience. Inappropriate use or overuse of one procedure type (e.g., chevron bunionectomy) may result in failing scores.

Important to know: Follow all instructions carefully to optimize your chances of successfully passing Case Review.

Mislogging

Mislogging is one of the major reasons why candidates fail case review. Pay close attention to ensure each case is logged accurately. Below is a list of common logging errors that resulted in candidates failing case review:

- 1) A Lisfranc fracture ORIF or arthrodesis is not considered a rearfoot procedure. A lisfranc fracture ORIF should be logged as 4.13 (Open management of tarsometatarsal fracture/dislocation) and a lisfranc joint arthrodesis is logged as 4.15 (tarsometatarsal fusion). Please note: "Midfoot" joint(s) refers to any joint proximal to, and not including, tarsometatarsal/lisfranc joint.
- 2) A Lapidus bunionectomy is a first ray procedure and should only be logged as 2.1.6 (bunionectomy with first metatarsocuneiform fusion) or 2.2.5 (joint salvage with first metatarsocuneiform fusion) or 2.3.3 (metatarsocuneiform fusion, other than for hallux valgus or hallux limitus)
- 3) A Haglund's deformity where the posterior heel exostosis is shaved (without detaching and reattaching a major portion of the Achilles tendon) should be logged as 4.1 (partial ostectomy). Such cases are never used for case review. If logged incorrectly, and the case is pulled for review, a failing score will occur
- 4) Plastic surgery does not include simple wound debridement and synthetic/biological graft application. A synthetic/biological graft application and/or simple double elliptical lesion excision does not meet the criteria for case review and if submitted will result in a failing score.
- 5) A Kidner procedure should be logged either as 5.1.6 (ligament or tendon augmentation/supplementation/restoration) or 3.1 (excision of ossicle). Removal of any ossicle such as os peroneum, os navicularis, os trigonum should only be logged as 3.1. Do not take the risk and log incorrectly as a simple ossicle removal with/without tendon debridement is not a qualified procedure for case review and will result in a failing score.
- 6.) If a joint salvage procedure with cheilectomy only is logged as a joint salvage procedure with distal metatarsal osteotomy, the candidate will receive a low or failing score for that case.
- 7.) Open management of fracture or metatarsophalangeal joint (MTPJ) dislocation cases must include internal or external fixation.

3. Documentation of Facility, Procedures, and Hospital Privileges

Facility Verification Letter

This is advance notice of a new requirement that will start in September 2018. ABFAS will require you to confirm the accreditation status of the facility(ies) in which you performed your cases. ABFAS will notify you of additional details in early 2018.

Accredited healthcare facilities include facilities accredited by The Joint Commission, Joint Commission International, the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. (AAAASF).

Hospital/Surgery Center Audit

ABFAS will select one of the facilities in which you performed surgery to ensure that you have logged all procedures that you performed at that facility into PLS. On <u>December 12, 2017</u>, ABFAS will email you detailed instructions on obtaining and submitting the notarized facility letter to verify the list of procedures that you performed at that facility for a given period. You will have until <u>January 5, 2018</u> to upload the letter into PLS.

Verification of Surgical Privileges

ABFAS requires official documentation of surgical privileges consistent with the area of certification desired (Foot Surgery and/or RRA). Please submit proof via email at privileges@abfas.org, or fax to 415.553.7801. Do NOT upload proof of surgical privileges into PLS.

4. Case Documentation & Case Review

ABFAS will randomly select 13 Foot Surgery and/or 13 RRA cases from your PLS log for detailed documentation of the case. By January 22, 2018, ABFAS will notify you via email that the list of selected cases is available on your PLS site. You will then submit complete documentation, including all images, to ABFAS for review no later than March 9, 2018.

After you submit all required documentation (detailed instructions below), a team of case reviewers (ABFAS board certified foot and ankle surgeons) will evaluate all aspects of the surgical procedures that you submitted. This includes evaluation of preoperative clinical assessment, preoperative radiographic assessment and post-operative care as well as performance of the procedures(s) including technical skills assessment, and outcomes analysis.

Case Documentation Instructions

ABFAS evaluates and scores all procedures based on materials provided by candidates. Provision of incomplete documentation is a common error that may result in a lower score. All documents must be legible. All typed/handwritten materials must be submitted in PDF format.

1. Podiatric History and Physical (H&P)

☐ This is the record of your initial assessment (not that of another physician) when the patient first presented for the condition leading to the surgical procedure performed. Include all pertinent supportive medical assessments generated by another physician. If the records are handwritten, please submit H&P records electronically as both (1) scanned copies of all handwritten material; and (2) typed copies of all handwritten materials. Please convert typed copies to PDF format. Alternatively, you can submit copies of electronic medical records.

2. Operative Report (OP Report)

□ Submit a copy of the typed operative report upon which you are listed as Surgeon (not Co-Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, or any other designation). Procedures listing more than one surgeon of record are not acceptable. *Common error: Another physician listed as surgeon or co-surgeon.*

3. Progress Notes

- □ Submit typed progress notes from the time of first presentation for the condition leading to the procedure(s) performed through final outcome. If a patient undergoes multiple procedures on separate dates, all progress notes must be presented, including any notes related to complications, prior surgery, or surgical revisions.
- ☐ For procedures involving hospital admissions of greater than 24 hours, include:
 - Typed copies of progress notes from the first 3 inpatient days
 - Copies of all inpatient progress notes (including those of consultants)
 - Typed versions of all outpatient follow-up visit progress notes through final outcome
- ☐ Submit progress note records electronically converted to PDF format and in chronological order from oldest to most recent.
- ☐ If you performed a surgery on a patient that you saw at a required free clinic/resident clinic/emergency facility, but were unable to follow the patient postoperatively, please address the reason for the inability for follow-up in the progress notes.

Note: Preprinted or standardized operative reports with blank spaces filled in or using standardized language from a word processor or computer are not acceptable.

Pathology Report (Path Report)

□ Submit copies of any pathology report for softtissue lesions, infections, and other procedures for which a specimen was sent because abnormal pathology was present.

ABFAS Policy for Potential Misrepresentation

- Any incomplete, questionable, modified or falsified case materials submitted may be evaluated further by ABFAS.
- If case review uncovers any suspicion or evidence of falsified records, including altered labeling of medical imaging studies, if substantiated, this may result in, at minimum, forfeiture of the right to sit for the examination and all fees paid, and at maximum, your disqualification for Board Qualification or Certification.
- ABFAS may require that you help verify submitted documents.
- ABFAS reserves the right to pursue further investigation including, but not limited to, sending an ABFAS-appointed representative to the hospital/surgery center to further review documentation.
- Failure to comply with the process and/or discovery of falsified records will result in disqualification and such other action as ABFAS deems appropriate including revocation of Board Qualified status, disqualification for certification, and forfeiture of fees paid.

5. Laboratory Reports (Labs)/Diagnostic Reports

☐ Submit copies of any relevant report of preoperative tests ordered, including laboratory studies, MRI, nuclear medicine, electrodiagnostic studies, etc.

6. Intraoperative Anesthesia Record/Circulating Nurse's Notes

□ Submit copies of the intraoperative anesthesia record or circulating nurse's notes from the facility listing the candidate as the surgeon of record (not the anesthesiology consultation notes).

Appendix E provides examples of proper documentation

Image Submission Requirements

General Requirements

The following general requirements apply to every image presented as part of complete case documentation. Noncompliance with image requirements and instructions may result in rejection of case documentation, with no opportunity to resubmit missing materials. Appendix D provides further information

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☐ Submit all images, regardless of original format, in JPG, JPEG or PNG format.
ABFAS reserves the right to examine, on site, images stored on the imaging equipment hard drive to
determine that submitted images have not been altered. If it is determined that images have been altered
you will forfeit, at minimum, the right to sit for the examination and all fees paid.

2. Image Clarity

All images must be clearly readable.
Ensure that that the reviewer will be able to clearly identify all pathology, fixation, and bone healing within
the image.

Note: Unreadable images may lead to rejection of procedures and/or failing the case.

3. Three Views

For MRIs and computerized tomographic (CT) images, submit individual images of a minimum of	of three
views (see below) clearly demonstrating pathology or findings.	

Required Radiographic Images

Select appropriate views for each procedure, listed below. Identify each image, and label each image with
patient's name and date of imaging. "Best two views" must demonstrate appropriate surgical pathology
and outcome.

	First Ray Surgery	Infection/ Other Osseous Foot Surgery	Foot and Ankle Trauma	RRA Surgery
Preoperative images (weight- bearing not required for trauma)	Weight- bearing AP, Lateral	Best two views	Best two views	Weight- bearing Best two views
Initial postoperative images Within 1 week of surgery Demonstrate operative alignment and fixation, if used (intraoperative images acceptable)	AP, Lateral	Best two views	Best two views	Best two views
Final outcome images At least 4 weeks postoperative Demonstrate removal of provisional/ temporary hardware and radiographic osseous union of osteotomies, fusions, and fractures	Weight- bearing AP, Lateral	Best two views	Best two views	Weight- bearing Best two views

When appropriate, an MRI may substitute for an x-ray.

Common Errors

Lack of preoperative weight-bearing radiographs where required.
Lack of postoperative weight-bearing radiographs demonstrating reduction of deformity, bone healing,
or consolidation.
Final radiographs demonstrating provisional/temporary hardware.
Failure to upload each image in the appropriate category represented by the image (preoperative,
immediate postoperative, and final).

Board Certification Examination

The Board Certification Computer-based Patient Simulation (CBPS) examination evaluates knowledge and skills in obtaining and interpreting clinical information as well as the ability to reason logically and to arrive at a diagnosis or treatment plan for a specific patient presentation.

1. Register

To register for an ABFAS examination, log into the ABFAS website www.ABFAS.org. Click "Register for an Exam" under exam quick links. If you are taking both the Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery CBPS examinations, you may sit for both examinations on the same day.

2. Test Components

The CBPS Examination consists of 12 CBPS questions for the Foot Surgery CBPS and 16 for RRA Surgery CBPS. Similar to the Board Qualification CBPS Examination, the Board Certification CBPS Examination uses case scenarios to evaluate clinical reasoning skills, content knowledge, problem-solving ability, and clinical decision making, i.e., ability to reason logically and arrive at a diagnosis or treatment plan for a specific patient presentation. It measures the clinical knowledge, skills, and judgment associated with your ability to integrate academics with surgical experience.

The case questions cover diagnostic, intraoperative, and perioperative care of the podiatric surgical patient via clinical scenarios, problem-solving in a case-based format, surgical outcomes assessment, perioperative management, and decision-making. The examination represents commonly accepted standards of care (i.e., regionally and individually unbiased).

The examination questions encompass the diagnostic, intraoperative, and perioperative care of the presented patient. The intraoperative content of the Foot examination may include surgical procedures of the entire foot and ankle, except for RRA procedures.

The subject areas covered in the Foot Surgery and RRA Surgery examinations are shown in *Table 2*. The subject area subcategories are listed in *Table 3*.

3. Instructions and Practice Examination

Instructions

Access the CBPS Practice Exam instructions

Practice Exam

Access the CBPS practice exam. During the exam, do not press the [F5] key or the browser back button. This will log you out of the exam.

4. Testing Sites

ABFAS contracts with Pearson VUE to administer examinations. Pearson VUE offers 200 testing sites in the United States and abroad (see http://www.pearsonvue.com/abps/). ABFAS strongly encourages early registration to ensure availability of a convenient testing site.

Failure to Appear

Candidates who fail to appear for their examination(s) without completing the formal withdrawal process forfeit all fees.

5. Scoring

Test Results

ABFAS will email you a notification when your test results have been posted (log in to see your results) to your ABFAS profile page. If you fail an exam, you will be able to download a score report that provides an analysis of your performance. Copies of the test items are not available. If you pass only one component of the Board Certification exams, you will receive credit for that component but will not achieve Board Certification status. CBPS or Case Review credit is valid for 7 years or until your eligibility for ABFAS certification expires, whichever occurs first.

Statute of Limitations

If your Board Qualified status in Foot Surgery expires before your Board Qualified status in RRA Surgery, ABFAS will suspend your RRA status until you have successfully reestablished the required status in Foot Surgery (provided that your RRA status has not expired prior to the reestablishment of Foot Surgery status).

If you do not achieve Board Certification by the close of the seventh year after you achieve Board Qualification status, you will no longer be eligible for ABFAS certification, unless you finished a PMSR or PMSR/RRA residency program prior to 2014.

6. Appeals

ABFAS does not have an appeal process for its examinations. An independent psychometric consultant rescores and reviews all failed examinations. Candidates may write to examconcerns@abfas.org if they have questions about their exam score reports.

7. Confidentiality

ABFAS considers the status of an individual's participation in and the stage of completion of all Certification components, including an individual's certification status and certification history, to be public information. ABFAS reserves the right to publish and share public information in any and all public forums determined by ABFAS to be reasonable, including the posting of public information on the ABFAS website, sharing the public information with medical licensure boards, managed care organizations, third party payers, or others. While ABFAS generally regards all other information about individuals as private and confidential, there are times that ABFAS must release certain information to fulfill its responsibilities as a medical specialty board.

ABFAS specifically regards the results of an individual's Qualification, Certification, or Recertification examination (score and whether the individual passed or failed) as private and confidential.

Diplomate Certificates

After you meet all Board Certification requirements and pass the Board Certification examination, ABFAS will issue you a certificate confirming that you are a:

- Diplomate of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery® with Certification in Foot Surgery
 and (if applicable)
- Diplomate of the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery® with Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery

Period of Certification

Initial certification is for a period of 10 years. Board Certified surgeons may promote their status on ABFAS letterhead, publications, and other advertisements following <u>ABFAS advertising guidelines</u>.

Calendar

A full calendar for all ABFAS examinations and deadlines is at <u>Exam Calendar</u>. The dates that pertain to the Board Certification Examination and Case Documentation are repeated below for convenience.

Board Certification Examination (CBPS)				
	Spring			
Registration opens	November 1, 2017			
Registration closes	April 25, 2018			
Last day to withdraw without penalty	May 2, 2018			
Examination	May 9, 2018			

Case Review	
Registration opens	November 1, 2017
Registration closes	December 8, 2017
ABFAS notifies candidates of hospital	December 12, 2017
audit/surgical privileges needs	
Deadline for ABFAS to receive hospital audit	January 5, 2018
documentation	
ABFAS notifies candidate of case selection	January 22, 2018
Deadline for candidate to upload all case	March 9, 2018
documentation	
Case Reviewers meet	April 12-14, 2018

Examination Fees

You can find a full list of all ABFAS application, examination, and other fees at <u>Exam Fees</u>. The fees that pertain to the Board Certification Examinations are also repeated below for your convenience.

Application Fee (NON-REFUNDABLE). Paid once per calendar year, regardless	\$225
of number of exams.	
Examination	
Board Certification Examination (CBPS)	\$425
Case Review	\$475
Withdrawal*	
On-time	0
Late fees	
One Part	\$150
Two Parts	\$250

Candidates who do not appear for an examination and have not withdrawn before the examination date will forfeit all fees paid.

APPENDIX A

Expanded List of Categories for Foot Certification Case Review

Procedures must be logged correctly on PLS by the candidate. Procedures are evaluated and scored based on the category under which it is categorized. For example, if a joint salvage procedure with cheilectomy only is logged as a joint salvage procedure with distal metatarsal osteotomy, the candidate will receive a low or failing score for that case. Open management of fracture or MTPJ dislocation cases must include internal or external fixation. Procedures are evaluated based on surgical decision-making, preoperative clinical assessment, preoperative radiographic assessment, technical skills assessment, and outcomes analysis.

Each category in "italics" has an allowable maximum of 2 of the 30 required cases. Each category in "non-italics" has an allowable maximum of 15 of the 30 required cases.

Hallux Valgus Surgery

2.1.3 bunionectomy with phalangeal osteotomy

- 2.1.4 bunionectomy with distal first metatarsal osteotomy
- 2.1.5 bunionectomy with first metatarsal base or shaft osteotomy
- 2.1.6 bunionectomy with first metatarsocuneiform fusion
- 2.1.7 MTPJ fusion
- 2.1.8 MTPJ implant

Hallux Limitus Surgery

2.2.1 cheilectomy

2.2.2 joint salvage with phalangeal osteotomy (Kessel- Bonney, enclavement)

- 2.2.3 joint salvage with distal metatarsal osteotomy
- 2.2.4 joint salvage with first metatarsal shaft or base osteotomy
- 2.2.5 joint salvage with first metatarsocuneiform fusion
- 2.2.6 MTPJ fusion
- 2.2.7 MTPJ implant

Other First Ray Surgery

- 2.3.2 osteotomy (e.g., dorsiflexory)
- 2.3.3 metatarsocuneiform fusion (other than for hallux valgus or hallux limitus)

2.3.4 amputation

- 2.3.5 management of osseous tumor/neoplasm (with or without bone graft)
- 2.3.6 management of bone/joint infection (with or without bone graft)
- 2.3.7 open management of fracture or MTPJ dislocation with fixation
- 2.3.8 corticotomy with callus distraction
- 2.3.9 revision/repair of surgical outcome (e.g., nonunion, hallux varus)

Osseous Foot Surgery

- 4.5 lesser MTPJ implant
- 4.6 central metatarsal osteotomy
- 4.7 bunionectomy of the fifth metatarsal with osteotomy

- 4.8 open management of lesser metatarsal fracture(s)
- 4.10 amputation (lesser ray, transmetatarsal amputation (TMA)
- 4.11 management of bone/joint infection distal to the tarsometatarsal joints (with or without bone graft)
- 4.12 management of bone tumor/neoplasm distal to the tarsometatarsal joints (with or without bone graft)
- 4.13 open management of tarsometatarsal fracture/dislocation
- 4.14 multiple osteotomy management of metatarsus adductus
- 4.15 tarsometatarsal fusion
- 4.16 corticotomy/callus distraction of lesser metatarsal

Elective – Soft-tissue

- 5.1.1 plastic surgery techniques involving the midfoot, rearfoot or ankle
- 5.1.2 tendon transfer involving the midfoot, rearfoot, ankle, or leg
- 5.1.4 soft-tissue repair of complex congenital foot/ankle deformity (clubfoot, vertical talus)
- 5.1.5 delayed repair of ligamentous structures
- 5.1.6 ligament or tendon augmentation/supplementation/restoration

Elective - Osseous

- 5.2.2 detachment/reattachment of Achilles tendon with partial ostectomy
- 5.2.4 midfoot, rearfoot, or ankle fusion
- 5.2.5 midfoot, rearfoot, or tibial osteotomy
- 5.2.6 coalition resection
- 5.2.7 open management of talar dome pathology (with or without osteotomy)
- 5.2.8 ankle arthrotomy with removal of loose body or other osteochondral debridement 5.2.9 ankle implant
- 5.2.10 corticotomy or osteotomy with callus distraction/ correction of complex deformity of the midfoot, rearfoot, ankle, or tibia

Nonelective - Soft tissue

- 5.3.1 repair of acute tendon injury
- 5.3.2 repair of acute ligament injury
- 5.3.3 microscopic nerve/vascular repair of the midfoot, rearfoot, or ankle
- 5.3.4 excision of soft-tissue tumor/mass of the foot (with reconstructive surgery)
- 5.3.6 open repair of dislocation (proximal to tarsometatarsal joints)

Nonelective – Osseous

- 5.4.1 open repair of adult midfoot fracture
- 5.4.2 open repair of adult rearfoot fracture
- 5.4.3 open repair of adult ankle fracture
- 5.4.4 open repair of pediatric rearfoot/ankle fracture or dislocation
- 5.4.5 management of bone tumor/neoplasm (with or without bone graft)
- 5.4.6 management of bone/joint infection (with or without bone graft)
- 5.4.7 amputation proximal to the tarsometatarsal joints

APPENDIX B

RRA Surgery Certification requires logging a minimum of 30 RRA procedures. ABFAS requires a minimum of 12 procedures from the following list.

RRA Elective Osseous (minimum 10)

- 5.2.4 midfoot, rearfoot, or ankle fusion
- 5.2.5 midfoot, rearfoot, or tibial osteotomy
- 5.2.9 ankle implant
- 5.2.10 corticotomy or osteotomy with callus distraction/correction of complex deformity of the midfoot, rearfoot, ankle, or tibia

RRA Nonelective Osseous (minimum 2)

- 5.4.2 open repair of adult rearfoot fracture
- 5.4.3 open repair of adult ankle fracture
- 5.4.4 open repair of pediatric rearfoot/ankle fracture or dislocation
- 5.4.5 management of bone tumor/neoplasm (with or without bone graft)

Procedures must be logged correctly on PLS by the candidate. Procedures are evaluated and scored based on the category under which it is categorized. For example, if excision of a fracture fragment is logged as open reduction and internal fixation of a fracture, the candidate will receive a low or failing score for that case. Open management of fracture or dislocation cases must include internal or external fixation. Foot Surgery cases logged as Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle surgery cases will not be scored and no credit will be given for that case. Procedures are evaluated based on surgical decision-making, preoperative clinical assessment, preoperative radiographic assessment, technical skills assessment, and outcomes analysis.

APPENDIX C Table of ABFAS Procedure Categories

1.	<u>Digita</u>	l Surgery category (lesser digit or hallux)		
	1.1	partial ostectomy	1.8	amputation
	1.2	phalangectomy	1.9	management of osseous tumor/neoplasm
	1.3	arthroplasty (interphalangeal joint [IPJ])	1.10	management of bone/joint infection
	1.4	implant (IPJ)	1.11	open management of digital
	1.5	diaphysectomy		fracture/dislocation
	1.6	phalangeal osteotomy	1.12	revision/repair of surgical outcome
	1.7	fusion (IPJ)	1.13	other osseous digital procedure not listed above
2.		Ray Surgery (30 procedures).		
		x Valgus Surgery		
	2.1.1	bunionectomy (partial ostectomy/Silver	2.1.5	bunionectomy with first metatarsal
		procedure)	2.4.6	base or shaft osteotomy
	2.1.2	bunionectomy with capsulotendon	2.1.6	bunionectomy with first
	242	balancing procedure	2.4.7	metatarsocuneiform fusion
		bunionectomy with phalangeal osteotomy		MTPJ fusion
	2.1.4	bunionectomy with distal first metatarsal		MTPJ implant
		osteotomy	2.1.9	MTPJ arthroplasty
		x Limitus Surgery		
		cheilectomy	2.2.5	joint salvage with first metatarso-
	2.2.2	joint salvage with phalangeal osteotomy		cuneiform fusion
		(Kessel- Bonney, enclavement)		MTPJ fusion
	2.2.3	joint salvage with distal metatarsal		MTPJ implant
		osteotomy	2.2.8	MTPJ arthroplasty
	2.2.4	joint salvage with first metatarsal		
		shaft or base osteotomy		
	<u>Other</u>	r First Ray Surgery		
	2.3.1	tendon transfer/lengthening/	2.3.6	management of bone/joint infection
		capsulotendon balancing procedure		(with or without bone graft)
		osteotomy (e.g., dorsiflexory)	2.3.7	open management of fracture or MTPJ
	2.3.3	metatarsocuneiform fusion (other		dislocation with fixation
		than for hallux valgus or hallux	2.3.8	corticotomy with callus distraction
		limitus)	2.3.9	revision/repair of surgical outcome (e.g.,
	2.3.4	amputation		nonunion, hallux varus)
	2.3.5	management of osseous	2.3.10	O other first ray procedure not listed above
		tumor/neoplasm (with or without bone graft)		

3. Other Soft-tissue Foot Surgery

- 3.1 excision of ossicle/sesamoid
- 3.2 excision of neuroma
- 3.3 removal of deep foreign body (excluding hardware removal)
- 3.4 plantar fasciotomy
- 3.5 lesser MTPJ capsulotendon balancing
- 3.6 tendon repair, lengthening, or transfer involving the forefoot (including digital FDL transfer)
- open management of dislocation (MTPJ/tarsometatarsal)
- incision and drainage/wide debridement of soft-tissue infection (including plantar space)

- 3.9 plantar fasciectomy
- 3.10 excision of soft-tissue tumor/mass of the foot (without reconstructive surgery)
- 3.11 external neurolysis/decompression (including tarsal tunnel)
- 3.12 plastic surgery techniques (including skin graft, skin plasty, flaps, syndactylization, desyndactylization, and debulking procedures limited to the forefoot)
- 3.13 microscopic nerve/vascular repair (forefoot only)
- 3.14 other soft-tissue procedures not listed above (limited to the foot).

1. Osseous Foot Surgery

- 4.1 partial ostectomy (metatarsocuneiform exostosis or exostectomy)
- 4.2 lesser MTPJ arthroplasty
- 4.3 bunionectomy of the fifth metatarsal without osteotomy
- 4.4 metatarsal head resection (single or multiple)
- 4.5 lesser MTPJ implant
- 4.6 central metatarsal osteotomy
- 4.7 bunionectomy of the fifth metatarsal with osteotomy
- 4.8 open management of lesser metatarsal fracture(s)
- 4.9 harvesting of bone graft distal to the ankle
- 4.10 amputation (lesser ray, transmetatarsal amputation (TMA))

- 4.11 management of bone/joint infection distal to the tarsometatarsal joints (with or without bone graft)
- 4.12 management of bone tumor/neoplasm distal to the tarsometatarsal joints (with or without bone graft)
- 4.13 open management of tarsometatarsal fracture/dislocation
- 4.14 multiple osteotomy management of metatarsus adductus
- 4.15 tarsometatarsal fusion
- 4.16 corticotomy/callus distraction of lesser metatarsal
- 4.17 revision/repair of surgical outcome in the forefoot
- 4.18 other osseous procedures not listed above (distal to the tarsometatarsal joint)

5. Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery (30 procedures)

	ve –Soft-tissue		
5.1.1	plastic surgery techniques involving the	5.1.5	delayed repair of ligamentous structures
	midfoot, rearfoot or ankle	5.1.6	ligament or tendon
5.1.2	tendon transfer involving the midfoot,		augmentation/supplementation/restoration
	rearfoot, ankle, or leg		on
5.1.3	tendon lengthening involving the	5.1.7	open synovectomy of the rearfoot/ankle
	midfoot, rearfoot, ankle, or leg	5.1.8	other elective reconstructive rearfoot
5.1.4	soft-tissue repair of complex congenital		/ankle soft-tissue surgery not listed above
	foot/ankle deformity (clubfoot, vertical		
	talus)		
	ve –Osseous	5.2. 0	
	operative arthroscopy	5.2.8	ankle arthrotomy with removal of loose
5.2.2	detachment/reattachment of Achilles		body or other osteochondral
	tendon with partial ostectomy		debridement
	subtalar arthroereisis	5.2.9	•
	midfoot, rearfoot, or ankle fusion	5.2.10	•
	midfoot, rearfoot, or tibial osteotomy		distraction/ correction of complex
	coalition resection		deformity of the midfoot, rearfoot, ankle
5.2.7	,		or tibia
	pathology (with or without osteotomy)	5.2.11	
			/ankle osseous surgery not listed above
	lective - Soft tissue	F 2 F	
	repair of acute tendon injury	5.3.5	excision of soft-tissue tumor/mass of the
	repair of acute ligament injury		ankle (with or without reconstructive
5.3.3	microscopic nerve/vascular repair of	5 2 6	surgery)
F 2 4	the midfoot, rearfoot, or ankle	5.3.6	open repair of dislocation (proximal to
5.3.4	excision of soft-tissue tumor/mass of		tarsometatarsal joints)
	the foot (with reconstructive surgery)	5.3.7	other nonelective reconstructive rearfoot
			/ankle soft-tissue surgery not listed
			above.

Nonelective - Osseous

- 5.4.1 open repair of adult midfoot fracture
- 5.4.2 open repair of adult rearfoot fracture
- 5.4.3 open repair of adult ankle fracture
- 5.4.4 open repair of pediatric rearfoot/ankle fracture or dislocation
- 5.4.5 management of bone tumor/neoplasm (with or without bone graft)
- 5.4.6 management of bone/joint infection (with or without bone graft)
- 5.4.7 amputation proximal to the tarsometatarsal joints
- 5.4.8 other nonelective reconstructive rearfoot/ankle osseous surgery not listed above

Appendix D Uploading Images into PLS

One of the major areas of concern for candidates preparing their board certification case documentation is images. Indeed, unreadable or inappropriately uploaded images are frequently cited in the case review process. The following information can assist you in the preparation of suitable images for uploading with your case documentation.

Hard Copy Images (including MRI and CT)

- Use a light box to photograph the image.
- Capture the entire image; do not crop or zoom in. Include patient identifying information if possible.
- Pictures can be taken with a digital camera or good mobile phone camera. Do not scan the x-ray.
- Check the picture carefully. It should be as clear as the original. If it is not, retake until satisfied (a few attempts with different exposures may be necessary).
- Save the pictures to your computer. The preferred format for saving is "jpg". If you do not have that option, you may save it as "jpeg" or "png".

Digital Images

- Download the image from your system to your computer or a flash drive. Save it in "jpg" format. If "jpg" is not an available option, then save it in "jpeg" or "png" format.
- Do not take a picture of the image from a monitor or computer screen.

General Upload instructions

- Follow ABFAS instructions carefully.
- Be sure **all** images are labeled with the patient name and date taken **on the image**. If your EMR deletes this information or it is unreadable on your picture, place a text box in the image and type in the patient name and date the image was taken.
- How do I place a text box?
 - To do this in Microsoft Paint: Click Open With from the menu bar, hit the text button "A" to insert a text box. Save.
 - To do this in Preview on a Mac: Go to the View menu, select "Show Edit Toolbar" then select the text tool to insert a text box. Save.
- Be sure all uploaded images are of the correct patient and procedure.
- Be sure to upload images into the correct section on PLS (pre-op/immediate post-op/final)
- First ray and RRA cases are to include weight-bearing pre-op and weight-bearing final images.
- Trauma cases are not required to have weight-bearing pre-op images.

Appendix E

Sample of Case Documentation to Upload into PLS

Appendix E provides samples of case documentation. Institutions use different types of records, so your institution's reports may differ from these. ABFAS is providing samples to provide guidance as to the types of required reports.

The reports are samples. The contents of these reports are not examples of expectations of a high or low scored case. It is to provide enough information so that you understand the document types.

The samples are in order of the categories you will see when uploading your documents into PLS:

- Pre-op H&P
- Op Report
- Pre-op Documentation
- Post-op Documentation
- Consultations
- Labs
- Pathology Report
- Anesthesia Record/Circular's Notes

Pre-Op H&P

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CHIEF COMPLAINT/REASON FOR VISIT Left foot fractures.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

who presents to my clinic today with complaints of left foot fractures. He sustained this injury on the left foot fractures are sustained this patient notes that he was out when he stepped off a curb wrong rolling his foot. He does note that he was drinking at the time. He wore a friend's boot and crutches until he was seen on where radiographs revealed displaced 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures as well as essentially nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal fracture. He does note today that he has been ambulating on the extremity in the boot. His pain has improved to some extent.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

ALLERGIES

Acetaminophen and aspirin.

MEDICATIONS

Reviewed per EMR.

PAST MEDICAL/SURGICAL HISTORY

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Depression. Generalized anxiety. ADHD.

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: None.

FAMILY HISTORY

Denies.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Patient is single. He does not currently use tobacco products is a former smoker, noting that he quit about 4 months ago. He consumes on an average 6 drinks per day and typically over 30 drinks per week.

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VITAL SIGNS:

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

GENERAL: Patient alert, oriented, and in no apparent distress.

VASCULAR: Dorsalis pedis and posterior tibial pulses are palpable at 2/4. Capillary refill is within normal limits to all digits of the left foot. Pedal hair growth is present to the digits. No areas of necrosis noted.

DERMATOLOGIC: Skin of normal texture and turgor without signs of atrophy or open lesions. No erythema or edema noted. Toenails appear healthy without signs of discoloration or thickening.

NEUROLOGIC: Gross sensation is intact to all digits on the left foot without signs of peripheral neuropathy. MUSCULOSKELETAL: There is edema to the left forefoot, midfoot with palpatory tenderness over the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th metatarsal midshaft fractures. There is no sign of fracture blistering or compartment syndrome. His foot compartments are soft and supple. There is no Lisfranc tenderness. Active and passive dorsiflexion and plantar flexion are intact to the level of the ankle as well as to all digits. There is no skin tenting. The skin lines are present. Remainder of forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and ankle is nontender to palpation. Ankle joint range of motion is smooth and largely within normal limits. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Three views of the left foot and ankle exhibit displaced 3rd and 4th metatarsal midshaft fractures as well as essentially nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal midshaft fracture. There is lateral translation and some degree of shortening appreciated to the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures. Lisfranc complex is well aligned. No other overt fractures are appreciated.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

- 1. Displaced left 3rd and 4th metatarsal diaphyseal fractures.
- 2. Nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal diaphyseal fracture secondary to injury.

PLAN: I did review imaging and discussed findings with today. At times, fractures can be treated conservatively without surgical intervention and at other times require surgical intervention. While his fractures could potentially heal in the current position, they are not in ideal alignment and are also at higher risk for delayed or nonunion, subsequent structural deformities of the foot. As a result, I would recommend surgical open reduction internal fixation of the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures. I discussed with them what this would entail. Patient would need to be nonweightbearing for up to 6 weeks postoperatively and with another month of protected weightbearing in a boot after that. We discussed all risks and potential complications of surgery which include but are not limited to superficial or deep infection, bone infection, nonunion, delayed union, or malunion, hardware complications, wound healing complications, temporary or permanent numbness, painful or unsightly scarring, ongoing pain despite surgical intervention, need for repeat surgical intervention, injury to adjacent structures, blood clot formation, pulmonary embolus that could be life-threatening, or complications with anesthesia that could be life-threatening. I did perform a DVT risk assessment today. Patient has no personal or familial history of thrombosis. He will be nonweightbearing postoperatively. We will have him take aspirin 81 mg 2 times a day postoperatively and perform range-of-motion exercises 5 times a day reps of 20 through all major joints. I did discuss signs and symptoms of blood clot formation or pulmonary embolus and what to do if he experiences these. We also discussed time off work. He will plan to be off work for 3 weeks at then strictly seated nonweightbearing work after that. I dispensed a short boot for him today. Lalso put an order for a Roll-A-Bout scooter as well. We will plan to move forward This can be performed under monitored anesthesia care in the out-patient with surgical intervention on surgical setting. Patient will obtain a preoperative history and physical prior to that time. All questions are answered per his satisfaction. Absolutely no guarantees were given or implied in regard to surgical intervention.



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Op Report

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DATE OF PROCEDURE:		
SURGEON:		
ASSISTANT:		

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES: Left foot fourth and fifth metatarsal open fracture, left foot laceration.

POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES: Left foot fourth and fifth metatarsal open fracture, left foot laceration.

PROCEDURE: Open reduction and internal fixation of left fourth and fifth metatarsal repair of laceration both to the left foot.

PATHOLOGY: None.

ANESTHESIA: General.

ESTIMATED BLOOD LOSS: Less than 50 milliliters.

COMPLICATIONS: None.

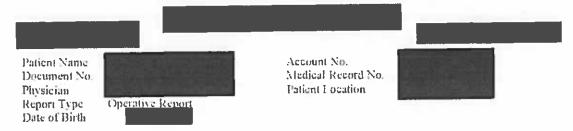
INTRAOPERATIVE FINDINGS: Comminuted fracture to the left fifth metatarsal complete extraarticular displaced and a displaced fracture of the fourth metatarsal extraarticular complete as well as laceration to left foot.

INDICATIONS FOR A PROCEDURE. This is a complete the was seen in the or a left fourth and fifth metatarsat open fracture and laceration. The patient states she was trimming a tree at 1:40 this afternoon, when the patient sustained an injury to her left foot after a branch fell on her foot. The patient immediately came to the emergency room where she was found to have an open fourth and fifth metatarsal fracture. The laceration was also noted to have gross contamination from the environment. The patient was also noted to have significant bleeding at the time of the injury as well as decreased sensation to her fourth and fifth digits. The patient was taken to the OR within the 8-hour mark post-injury. The expected pre, peri and postoperative risks, benefits and potential complications were reviewed. Informed consent was signed freely and the operation took place as follows.

PROCEDURE IN DETAIL: The patient was brought to the operating room, placed in the operating table in supine position. After general endotracheal tube anesthesia, the foot was then OPERATIVE REPORT

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prepped and draped using aseptic technique. Tourniquet was placed above the left ealf, but was not used during the operation. Attention was then directed to the open laceration on the left foot where the laceration was then irrigated extensively and all gross contamination was removed. After irrigating with copious amounts of sterile saline, soft fissue structures were then inspected. The extensor tendons to the lesser digits of both the longus and brevis were found to be intact and of normal working condition. It was noted that 2 cutaneous nerves were found in the operation, the more medial nerve was intact; however, it was significantly injured and devoid of soft tissue coverings. There also was a lateral nerve was found in the laceration. This nerve was severed during the injury. All handling of the soft tissue was done using atraumatic technique with extensive care taken to the distal flap to preserve as much soft tissue and blood supply as possibly be obtained to the flap. Normal healthy bleeding tissue was also experienced throughout the flap. Upon inspection, the area was then again flushed with copious amounts of sterile saline. Intraoperative fluoroscopy was used to confirm fractures to both the fourth and fifth metatarsal.

Next, using 0.062-meh Kirschner wire, the wire was retrograded through the fourth metatarsal head and plantarly exiting the foot proximal to the proximal phalanx. This wire was then retrograded back through the metatarsal shaft and excellent alignment and compression was noted across the fracture site. The same procedure was then done for the fifth metatarsal, taking care to include the comminution in both distal fragments. After adequate reduction of both the fourth and fifth metatarsals using 0.0-inch Kirschner wire, the wires were then bent and cut. The area was then again flushed with copious amounts of sterile saline. At the time of the final irrigation, it was noted that 5 liters of normal saline were used in total for the irrigation. It was also noted at this time that all gross contamination was removed off from the laceration and considering the decrease infection, it also was decided to primarily close the laceration. This was achieved using combination of simple and horizontal mattress of 4-0 nylon sutures. Again, care was taken to use atraumatic technique and to preserve the distal flap as much as possible. Upon completion of the closure, the laceration was then covered with Betadine soaked moistened Owen silk, 4 x 4 gauze and Kerlix. It was noted at this time that the digits were pink and wann to the touch and the laceration margins were viable. Next, a well-padded posterior splint was then applied to the left lower extremity. The patient tolerated the procedure well without complications, was extubated successfully and left the operating room with vital signs stable and vascular status intact to the operative foot. The patient will be admitted for continued IV antibiotic, pain control and will be seen tomorrow morning during rounds.



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CHIEF COMPLAINT/REASON FOR VISIT Left foot fractures.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

who presents to my clinic today with complaints of left foot fractures. He sustained this injury on 08/20/2016. Patient notes that he was out when he stepped off a curb wrong rolling his foot. He does note that he was drinking at the time. He wore a friend's boot and crutches until he was seen on radiographs revealed displaced 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures as well as essentially nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal fracture. He does note today that he has been ambulating on the extremity in the boot. His pain has improved to some extent.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

ALLERGIES

Acetaminophen and aspirin.

MEDICATIONS

Reviewed per EMR.

PAST MEDICAL/SURGICAL HISTORY

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY: Depression. Generalized anxiety. ADHD.

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY: None.

FAMILY HISTORY

Denies.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Patient is single. He does not currently use tobacco products is a former smoker, noting that he quit about 4 months ago. He consumes on an average 6 drinks per day and typically over 30 drinks per week.

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metatarsal midshaft fractures. There is no sign of fracture blistering or compartment syndrome. His foot compartments are soft and supple. There is no Lisfranc tenderness. Active and passive dorsiflexion and plantar flexion are intact to the level of the ankle as well as to all digits. There is no skin tenting. The skin lines are present. Remainder of forefoot, midfoot, rearfoot, and ankle is nontender to palpation. Ankle joint range of motion is smooth and largely within normal limits. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Three views of the left foot and ankle exhibit displaced 3rd and 4th metatarsal midshaft fractures as well as essentially nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal midshaft fracture. There is lateral translation and some degree of shortening appreciated to the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures. Lisfranc complex is well aligned. No other overt fractures are appreciated.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

1. Displaced left 3rd and 4th metatarsal diaphyseal fractures.

Nondisplaced 2nd metatarsal diaphyseal fracture secondary to injury.

PLAN: I did review imaging and discussed findings with today. At times, fractures can be treated conservatively without surgical intervention and at other times require surgical intervention. While his fractures could potentially heal in the current position, they are not in ideal alignment and are also at higher risk for delayed or nonunion, subsequent structural deformities of the foot. As a result, I would recommend surgical open reduction internal fixation of the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures. I discussed with them what this would entail. Patient would need to be nonweightbearing for up to 6 weeks postoperatively and with another month of protected weightbearing in a boot after that. We discussed all risks and potential complications of surgery which include but are not limited to superficial or deep infection, bone infection, nonunion, delayed union, or malunion, hardware complications, wound healing complications, temporary or permanent numbness, painful or unsightly scarring, ongoing pain despite surgical intervention, need for repeat surgical intervention, injury to adjacent structures, blood clot formation, pulmonary embolus that could be life-threatening, or complications with anesthesia that could be life-threatening. I did perform a DVT risk assessment today. Patient has no personal or familial history of thrombosis. He will be nonweightbearing postoperatively. We will have him take aspirin 81 mg 2 times a day postoperatively and perform range-of-motion exercises 5 times a day reps of 20 through all major joints. I did discuss signs and symptoms of blood clot formation or pulmonary embolus and what to do if he experiences these. We also discussed time off work. He will plan to be off work for 3 weeks at then strictly seated nonweightbearing work after that. 1 dispensed a short boot for him today. Lalso put an order for a Roll-A-Bout scooter as well. We will plan to move forward with surgical intervention on This can be performed under monitored anesthesia care in the out-patient surgical setting. Patient will obtain a preoperative history and physical prior to that time. All questions are answered per his satisfaction. Absolutely no guarantees were given or implied in regard to surgical intervention.

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is here today for followup of open reduction internal fixation of left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures. Second metatarsal fracture was treated nonoperatively. He notes that his pain is well controlled at this point. He denies any falls or other issues. I had recommended a Roll-A-Bout, but he has refused this and is using crutches. He denies any other issues.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies nausea, vomiting, fever, chills, calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the left forefoot is well coapted and nearly healed at this point. Sutures are intact. There is no sign of peri-incisional erythema, fluctuance, crepitus, hematoma or dehiscence. There is no peri-incisional paresthesias nor dysesthesias. Calf is soft and nontender. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures are clinically stable.

DIAGNOSTICS

Three views of the left foot exhibit no change in position as compared to previously. There is a reasonable reduction of the 3rd metatarsal fracture and anatomical alignment of the 4th metatarsal fracture. The 2nd remains nondisplaced. No hardware complications.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

One week status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.

PLAN: Derreck is progressing as anticipated at this point. I discussed with him the importance of staying strictly nonweightbearing on this extremity due to the comminuted nature of these fractures. If weightbearing earlier than instructed, this places him at much higher risk for complications, including nonunion hardware issues and need for repeat surgery. I do have some concerns that he will ambulate sooner than he is supposed to. He is to complete 6 weeks of nonweightbearing. I also strongly encouraged that he obtain a Roll-A-Bout scooter, but he is not interested in that at this time. He will continue to use the crutches. I will plan to see him back in 1 week for anticipated suture removal. He will contact me sooner with any acute issues. All questions answered.

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weeks out from surgery and is doing well. He denies putting weight on the foot for the most part. He has not had any falls or other issues. He never did pick up the Roll-A-Bout and has just been using crutches. He denies any constitutional symptoms.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies nausea, vomiting, fever, chills, calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the left dorsal forefoot is well coapted and healed today. Sutures were removed uneventfully. There is no peri-incisional erythema, fluctuance, crepitus, or signs of dehiscence. The 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures are noted to be clinically stable as is the 2nd metatarsal fracture. The metatarsal parabola appears well aligned. Mild edema consistent with typical postoperative course.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

Two-and-half weeks' status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.

PLAN: I discussed findings with the is progressing as anticipated at this point. Sutures were removed uneventfully. He is to remain nonweightbearing. We discussed deep vein thrombosis prophylaxis measures and what to do if he experiences these symptoms. I also did encourage him to obtain a Roll-A-Bout to make nonweightbearing more feasible longer-term for him. He is hesitant about this, but I did once again put an order in case he would like to pick this up. He does feel as though he is ready to return back to work in a nonweightbearing fashion as he does note that they have seated nonweightbearing work for him to do. Thus, I did write a note indicating that he could return to work on 09/26/2016 in a strictly nonweightbearing fashion with seated-work only.

I will plan to see patient back in 1 month with repeat radiographs or they will contact me sooner with any acute issues. All questions are answered. Radiographs can be weightbearing at the next appointment.

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HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

is here today for followup of his left thumb 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation as well as a 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively. He does note that he has been doing well. While he can have some sensations of tightness in his foot, he denies any pain at this time. He did inadvertently stepped down hard on the foot one time, otherwise denies any falls and notes that he has been compliant with nonweightbearing with a Roll-A-Bout. Denies any new issues.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Complete 10-point review of systems was reviewed and is negative other than that discussed in HPI. Denies calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the left foot is well coapted and healed today. There is a small superficial eschar that was left intact with no signs of underlying wound, drainage, fluctuance, crepitus or erythema. There is appreciable palpatory tenderness over the 3rd or 4th metatarsal fracture sites, which are noted to be clinically stable. The 2nd metatarsal fracture does exhibit some mild palpatory tenderness, but was also noted to be clinically stable. The metatarsal parabola distally appears to be in satisfactory alignment. No digital deformity. Mild edema is consistent with typical postoperative course. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Radiographs three views of the left foot exhibit progressive interval healing at the 2nd through 4th metatarsal fracture sites. On the oblique view there is clear callus formation occurring at the 3rd metatarsal fracture site. No hardware complications or change in position as compared to previously.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

Six weeks status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.

PLAN: I discussed findings with and we did review his imaging. At this time, I would like to have him minimally touchdown weightbearing with crutches only for short distances. Otherwise, he will continue to stay off of the foot. In a few weeks he can begin to do some light protected weightbearing for short distances in the boot if it is pain-free for him to do so. Reinforced icing and elevation. He should certainly not be doing any ambulation out of the boot or he has been

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seated work for the next of	nce activity in the boot. I did provide him with a note today indicating that he can continue with nonth where he is unable to accommodate, so he has been off work. All questions are answered plan to see him back in 1 month with repeat radiographs or he will contact me sooner with any
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is here today for followup of left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction and internal fixation. He is currently about 10 weeks out from surgery. He has been back to work for a few weeks essentially doing largely seated work with some ambulation for very short distances in the boot. This has been going well for him. He denies tobacco use but does relate daily cannabis use. He does have some tenderness over the area that he points to as the 2nd metatarsal but no tenderness over the surgical site.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the left foot is well coapted and healed today with appropriate postsurgical scarring. There are no signs of dehiscence or drainage. I am unable to elicit any palpatory tenderness over the 3rd or 4th metatarsal fractures nor other corresponding metatarsal heads, and these areas are noted to be clinically stable. There is some degree of low-grade tenderness over the midshaft of the 2nd metatarsal corresponding with the fracture site. This is also noted to be clinically stable. There is some mild tenderness sub 2nd metatarsophalangeal joint, low-grade edema consistent with typical postoperative course at this stage and continues to improve. No erythema. No peri-incisional paresthesias nor dysesthesias. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Three views the left foot exhibit further interval healing to the left 2nd, 3rd and 4th metatarsal fractures with interval callus formation and further obscurity to the fracture lines. There has been no interval hardware loosening or complication. There remains some mild angular deformity to the distal fragment of the 3rd metatarsal that is unchanged in alignment as compared to previously.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

Ten weeks status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction and internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.

PLAN: I discussed imaging and findings with today. He does continue to progress forward. We discussed cannabis smoking cessation. For the time being, patient is to remain in boot. He is weightbearing in the boot. We will continue with current restrictions at work consisting of mainly seated work with ambulation for short distances, no heavy lifting above 15 pounds. These restrictions have been going well for him. He is to continue to avoid any excessive or

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exacerbating activities with this extremity. I will plan to see him back in 1 month with repeat radiographs or he will contact me sooner with any acute issues. All questions are answered.

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CHIEF COMPLAINT/REASON FOR VISIT

is here today for followup of left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation. He is currently nearly 4 months out from surgery. He does continue to ambulate in the boot and has been doing largely seated work. This has been going well for him. He has tried to get out of the boot and walk barefoot a little bit to "test the foot" as he describes it. He denies any pain in the foot at this time when ambulatory in the boot.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the left foot is well coapted and healed today with appropriate postsurgical scarring and no peri-incisional paresthesias nor dysesthesias. There is some mild persistent palpatory tenderness over the 2nd metatarsal fracture site as well as the right 3rd and 4th metatarsal heads and to a lesser extent over the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture sites. Overall this is improved as compared to previously. Very mild edema consistent with typical postoperative course at this stage. No palpably prominent hardware. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Three views of left foot exhibit interval healing to the 2nd and 4th metatarsal fracture sites. There also does appear to be some degree of increased callus formation to the 3rd metatarsal fracture site more medially, although there is persistent fracture line appreciated. No acute loosening of hardware or interval hardware complications.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

Four months status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.

PLAN: I discussed findings with today. We did review his imaging. He does continue to show signs of healing. The 3rd metatarsal fracture site is relatively slow to heal but does continue to progress forward. We will plan to keep him in the boot at this time and not change his work restrictions. I will plan to see him back in 1 month with repeat radiographs weightbearing of the foot. He is to abstain from any weightbearing out of the boot at this point.

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is here today for followup of left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction internal fixation and 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively. He is nearly 5 months out from surgery. He does continue to wear the boot and is doing mainly seated sedentary work at his job. He does relate "pushing the envelop" and doing more activity up on the foot than has been instructed. He denies any tobacco use or new issues. He experiences no pain in the boot whatsoever.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the dorsal left forefoot is well healed today with appropriate postsurgical scaring and no peri-incisional paresthesias nor dysesthesias. There is no palpably prominent hardware. There is some mild palpatory tenderness over the midshaft of the 2nd metatarsal extending into the second metatarsal, neck region. Otherwise, I am unable to elicit any palpatory tenderness whatsoever to the forefoot or midfoot today. In particular, there is absolutely no palpatory tenderness over the 3rd or 4th metatarsal fracture sites, which are both noted to be clinically stable. The metatarsal distally appears to be clinically well aligned. There is no metatarsal head or interspace pain. Digits are noted to be in satisfactory rectus alignment. Continue to decrease edema as compared to previously. Calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

Radiographs: Three views of the left foot exhibit near complete healing to the 2nd metatarsal and 4th metatarsal midshaft fractures as any discrete obvious linear lucency is not well visualized at this point. This is consistent with near complete fracture healing. The 3rd metatarsal comminuted midshaft fracture remains readily visualized today with no overt interval callus formation as compared to previous radiographs on There is no sign of hardware failure or obvious loosening of hardware as compared to previous radiographs.

IMPRESSION/REPORT/PLAN

- 1. Five months status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction and internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.
- 2. Delayed healing, left 3rd metatarsal midshaft fracture.

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fractures continue to co signs of callus formation options. I would recommend out of it at this point. However, we also discussificate the bone healing would require an out-of this time. We will conting the point or any agging hardware failure, ongoing progression of healing the potential to be covered discussed taking a vital but patient would like to	tings with today. It is important he not push his activity level as he describes he has done, thigher risk of hardware failure and need for revisional surgery. While the 2nd and 4th metatarsal possibilities in and appear to be essentially nearly healed at this point, there have not been obvious nor further healing to the 3rd metatarsal fracture site over the last month. We discussed treatment mend that he remain in the short boot or postop shoe at this point. I did not want him ambulating ewould actually prefer the boot as opposed to the postop shoe at this point and will continue with ed that in the setting of delayed healing, we can consider an external bone stimulator to help and process. I would not anticipate a bone stimulator to be covered by insurance at this point, which pocket cost for the patient if we were to pursue that at this time. Patient is not interested in that at nue with work restrictions to consist of protected weightbearing in the open-toed boot with no lifting in No pushing or pulling maneuvers. Patient is instructed to inform my clinic if he is struggling with any issues with these restrictions. Once again, he is to abstain from any weightbearing out of boot ressive or exacerbating activities even in the boot, both of which could place him at higher risk of any delayed union or nonunion which could require revisional surgery. If we fail to continue to see at the 3rd metatarsal fracture site, we will consider external bone stimulator options once this has ared from an insurance standpoint. We discussed other potential barriers to bone healing. I min D3 supplement on a daily basis. We could also further evaluate with vitamin D lab work today of wait on that. Patient will contact me with any issues prior to being seen back in 1 month with addiographs of the left foot at that time.
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is here today for followup of a left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction, internal fixation and 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively. He is currently 6 months out from surgery. He does continue with postop shoe immobilization and has been tolerating this well. He denies any overt pain to the foot at this point. He continues to wear the boot while at work and has been tolerating this well. He denies tobacco use. No new concerns or issues from the patient's standpoint at this point.

SYSTEMS REVIEW

Denies calf pain, shortness of breath, or chest pain.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The incision site to the dorsal left foot is well coapted and healed today with appropriate postsurgical scarring. There are no appreciable peri-incisional paresthesias nor dysesthesias. There is no appreciable palpatory tenderness over the 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture sites which are noted to be clinically stable. There is no palpably prominent hardware appreciated. There is some mild palpatory tenderness over the midshaft of the 2nd metatarsal. There is also some mild tenderness sub 2nd and 3rd metatarsophalangeal joints although, I do not appreciate palpable deformity at the level of the metatarsophalangeal joints. No intermetatarsal space tenderness appreciated. Very low-grade edema that is near to baseline at this point. The digits are in satisfactory alignment. The calf is soft and nontender.

DIAGNOSTICS

RADIOGRAPHS: Three views of the left foot exhibit no overt sign of obvious linear lucency to the 2nd or 4th metatarsal fracture sites, consistent with healed fractures at this point. There is some callus formation at the 3rd metatarsal midshaft fracture site with no signs of interval hardware loosening or failure as compared to previous radiographs. There may be some increased callous formation as compared to previous radiographs on the oblique view although variation in angulation of radiograph as compared to previous oblique view could account for this difference. Complete osseous union across the third metatarsal fracture site has not yet been achieved, consistent with delayed healing.

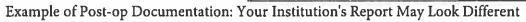
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- 1. Six months, status post left 3rd and 4th metatarsal fracture open reduction and internal fixation, 2nd metatarsal fracture treated conservatively.
- 2. Delayed healing, left 3rd metatarsal midshaft fracture.

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PLAN: I discussed findings with today. There is delayed healing of the 3rd mis not really clinically tender for the patient. The hardware is noted to be clinically inta clinically stable. I discussed with that at times we can consider further imagin healing, but he would like to wait on that at this time. At this point, as there has been fracture healing over the last three months, I would not anticipate an external bone stime the patient does not wish to pursue that at this time, although there is potential this confuture. We did discuss working restrictions which have been going well for the patient consist of lifting no more than 25 pounds at work with no heavy pushing or pulling maindicating these restrictions. He will continue with the postoperative shoe. He will contact us if he is struggling with his work restrictions. We also discussed continuing a daily basis. We will continue to closely follow this. I would like to see the patient be weightbearing radiographs prior, or he will contact us sooner with any acute issues.	nct, and the fracture site is noted ing such as a CT to evaluate existed some progression of third metal imulator to be covered by insurance allator if not covered by insurance and be necessary at some point it. We will plan for work restrict in neuvers. Work note was provious intinue to monitor his progress a to take a vitamin D3 supplementation.	to be ent of tarsal ance. e, and in the ons to ded not on
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	Hgb	15.6 g/dL	(13.5 - 17.5)	l
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	IRBC	4.96 x10(12)/L	(4.32 - 5.72)	
	MCV	91.1 fL	(81.2 - 95.1)	ı
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	Lymph Absolute	2.36 x10(9)/L	(0.90 - 2.90)	
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	Baso Absolute	0.05 x10(9)/L	(0.00 - 0.30)	
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	Sodium Lvl	140 mmol/L	(135 - 145)	
	Potassium Lvl	^ 4.1 mmol/L	(3.5 - 5.1)	
	Chloride	^ 101 mmol/L	(98 - 107)	
	CO2	^ 24 mmol/L	(22 - 29)	
	AGAP	15 mmol/L	(10 - 20)	
	Alkaline Phosphatase	^ L 40 unit/L	(45 - 115)	
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	Calcium Lvl	^ 19 mg/dL		
	Protein Total	^ 9.3 mg/dL	(8.6 - 10.3)	
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	Albumin Lvl	^ 4.5 g/dL	(3.5 - 5.0)	
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	Hgb	14.8 g/dL	(13.5 - 17.5)	
	Hct	43.6 %	(38.8 - 50.0)	
	WBC	8.4 x10(9)/L	(3.5 - 10.5)	
	RBC	4.65 x10(12)/L	(4.32 - 5.72)	
	MCV	93.8 fL	(81.2 - 95.1)	
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	Mono Absolute	0.65 ×10(9)/L	(0.30 - 0.90)	
	Eos Absolute	0.10 ×10(9)/L	(0.05 - 0.50)	
	Baso Absolute	0.05 x10(9)/L	(0.00 - 0.30)	
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	Sodium Lvl	141 mmol/L	(135 - 145)	
	Potassium Lvl	A .	(3.5 - 5.1)	
	Chloride	^ 103 mmol/L	(98 - 107)	
	CO2	^ 26 mmol/L	(22 - 29)	
	AGAP	13 mmol/L	(10 - 20)	

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	BUN	^ 17 mg/dL	(8 - 24)		
İ	Calcium Lvl	^ 8.9 mg/dL	(8.6 - 10.3)		
	Troponin-T	<0.01 ng/mL	(-<=0.01)		

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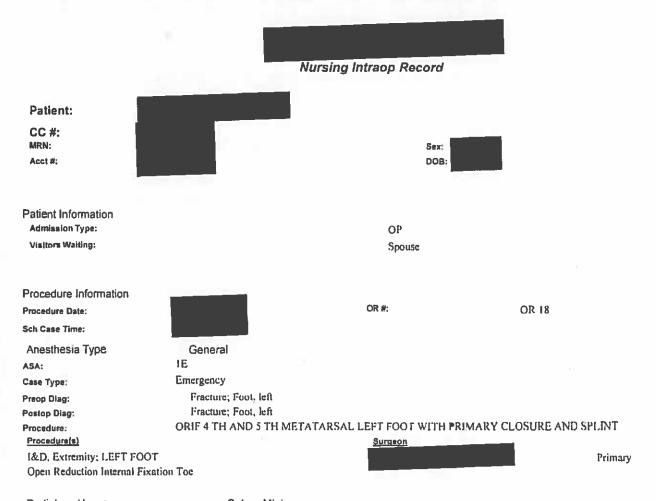
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Patient verification -- ID Band; Name: Age: Verbally Confirmed; Allergy Band, if applicable; Date of Birth