Vascular Surgery Boards: Is it Time to Reinvent the Wheel

How we do it in Orthopaedic Surgery

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Orthopaedic Residency Training Structure

- 5 years
- PGY 1
  - 6 months ortho
- PGY 2-5
  - at least 12 months trauma
  - at least 6 months pediatrics
- Surgical Case Log: 1000–3000 cases

>90% pursue fellowship training
In-Training Assessments
• OITE
• Skills assessment
  - Milestones (summative)
  - OP Tool (formative feedback)
• Professionalism
  - Behavioral Assessment Tool

Accreditation
• Annual Review by RRC
  - ADS
  - ACGME Survey
  - Case Log
  - Board Pass rate
• 10 year Self-Study and Site Visit

Board Certification
• Part I – Written Exam
  - Assessment of knowledge
  - After successful completion of ACGME accredited residency program
• Part II – Oral Exam
  • Surgical Case Based
  • Minimum 20 months in practice
  • Eligible for 5 years
Maintenance of Certification

• 10 year cycle
• Traditional Pathway
  - Years 1-3: 120 CME credits (20 SAE)
  - Years 4-6: 120 CME credits (20 SAE)
  - Years 7-9: Written or Oral case based exam
• Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment
  - Annual time window for 30 question web-based exam
  - Questions based on pre-selected Knowledge Sources, open book
  - Must complete 5 years with minimum passing score in each year

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