



# MARK OF MERIT NEWSLETTER

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## President's Perspective

**L**OOKING BACK ON 2015 and my year as ABC President, I further realize how fortunate we are individually and as a profession to have an immediate, positive impact on our patient's lives. I want to thank you, the certified clinicians and facility owners, for living ABC's vision: Setting Standards, Improving Outcomes, Changing Lives.

Be proud of the work you do and the patients you serve—you make it happen each and every day. It is through your commitment to excellence that ABC achieves its vision and leads us through an ever-changing allied health landscape.

This was never more evident than last year during the proposed prosthetic LCD. The unification of our profession, as we spoke with one voice and one message against a ruling that would have been devastating to our patients and their care, was an incredible joint effort to right a wrong. And CMS listened. ABC is proud to have been a part of that effort and to have helped lead the way alongside our sister organizations.

The ABC Board and I are immensely proud and grateful that we have had the ability to give back to the profession in a number of different ways. In 2015, we



**James H. Wynne, CPO, FAAOP**

were able to fund and support two awards for O&P students and residents. With our contribution to OPERF, ABC was able to fund both the OPERF/ABC Student Award for Academic Achievement and the OPERF/ABC Resident Travel Award. Ten students and three residents are the first recipients of these awards.

The residents presented their research to their peers and future colleagues at the March Academy Annual Meeting. The students will use the award funds to support their education expenses. Congrat-

ulations to the award winners and thank you for your efforts to move our profession forward.

ABC has also donated funds to support the Pedorthic Foundation. Our contribution will help further the Foundation's mission of providing research demonstrating the efficacy of pedorthic treatment. For over 35 years, the Pedorthic Foundation has been issuing research grants for projects and studies relating to pedorthics. These funds will help further those research efforts and support ABC's continued commitment to advancing patient care.

To the ABC Board of Directors, thank you for your guidance and support throughout my year as president. It is only through your work, dedication and vision that ABC is able to see the implementation of its strategic plan.

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# Professional Credentialing and Accreditation—The Numbers

## Total Certified Individuals



ABC CONTINUES to be regarded as the gold standard in OP&P credentialing both nationally and internationally. ABC awarded certification to a total of 647 orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic professionals, bringing the overall total of ABC credentialed individuals to 13,802. Of those, almost 6,000 are Certified Prosthetists and Orthotists.

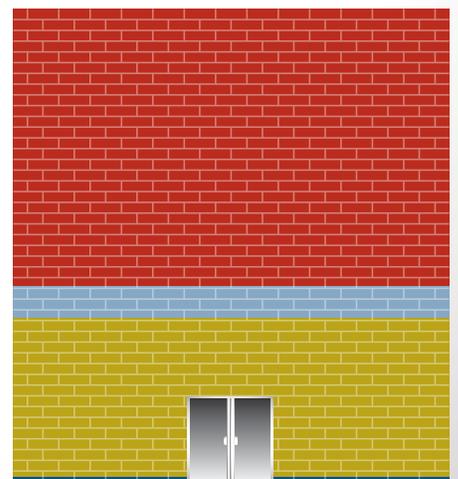
By the end of 2015, there were a total of 4,930 ABC accredited facilities nationwide. More orthotic and prosthetic facility owners choose ABC to achieve or renew their accreditation than any other accrediting organization in the profession. ❖

## Individuals Credentialed in 2015

Certified Practitioners	—300
Certified Assistants	—7
Certified Technicians	—33
Certified Pedorthists	—76
Certified Fitters	—231

## Accredited Facilities Breakdown

Comprehensive Orthotics & Prosthetics	—59%
Mastectomy	—7%
Pharmacy	—34%
Central Fabrication	—1%



# Support of the Profession

## O&P Alliance

2015 WAS THE YEAR of the LCD and this proposed rule was by far the most significant effort mounted by the O&P Alliance last year. In July, the Durable Medical Equipment Medicare Administrative Contractors (DME MACs) released a Local Coverage Determination related to lower extremity prosthetics



that promised to adversely impact care for amputees. The O&P Alliance generated an enormous amount of activity to voice its concerns to the DME MACs and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about the impact the LCD would have on lower limb amputees. ABC's 2015 president James H. Wynne, CPO, FAAOP, as well as other Alliance representatives, testified at the DME MAC open hearing in August alongside patients and other healthcare providers. CMS and the DME MACs decided not to release a final LCD and promised to engage providers and patients before attempting to redraft the rule.

The Alliance worked on several other initiatives throughout 2015, which included fighting a severely restrictive 'one limb per life' policy in New York, submitting testimony for several congressional hearings and providing data on Medicare audits and appeals to the Government Accounting Office.

## Licensure

ABC CONTINUES to provide its certifees online access to an interactive state licensure map, which includes detailed information on licensure requirements for all current licensure states. In addition, ABC continues to monitor state licensure initiatives and changes throughout the year. The information on the ABC website is the most current, all-inclusive resource for the O&P profession. ABC continues to notify ABC credential holders about any licensure issues that may impact their ability to practice in their state. In 2015, this included notifying credential holders in several states of their upcoming license renewal deadlines.

This free resource is available to the public on the ABC website and helps further ABC's mission to promote the highest standards of organizational and clinical performance in the profession. ❖



# Professional Credentialing

**A**BC CONTINUES to be the premier credentialing board for the orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic professions with more individuals choosing ABC each year. ABC certified individuals continue to be regarded as the best educated and most rigorously trained and tested in the profession.

ABC's accreditation of its credentialing programs by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) continues to confirm that its credentialing

programs have met the stringent standards set by the credentialing community. This accreditation is a testament to the quality of the ABC exam process and verifies that the exams for each credential are both contemporary and psychometrically valid.

ABC continued to administer the written and written simulation examinations bimonthly via computer based testing in over 250 locations nationwide. The CPM exams were again administered three times in

2015. ABC's certification programs would not be successful without the dedication of its volunteers who play a vital role in both exam development and administration. These subject-matter experts are the core of ABC's programs and the exams could not be administered without their hard work, dedication and professionalism. ABC is extremely grateful to its volunteers and their devotion.

## Program Enhancements

ABC CONTINUES to focus on providing value and assistance to its exam candidates by further expanding exam preparation resources for all of its credentialing programs. In 2015, ABC created new resources for O&P master's students, residents and residency directors. Using the most significant data relating to contemporary practice from the updated *Practice Analysis of Certified Practitioners in the Disciplines of Orthotics and Prosthetics* (released in 2015), brochures were produced to assist practitioner candidates and residency directors to focus their study and experience on the practice Domains as well as the Knowledge and Skills that a successful candidate must possess. The *Practice Analysis* is the foundation on which the practitioner certification exams are built and these new publications highlight the wealth of information available to help candidates in their exam preparations. The brochures have been distributed to all O&P master's program students, residents and residency directors and are available on the ABC website.

For its pedorthist, assistant, technician and fitter programs, ABC created additional exam resources exclusively for each discipline that include Test Content Outlines, Sample Exam Questions and Recommended Reading Lists. A video

ABC would like to express its sincere appreciation to the faculty and staff of the following Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited institutions for hosting the 2015 CPM exams:

- **University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center—School of Health Professions**
- **St. Petersburg College— Caruth Health Education Center**

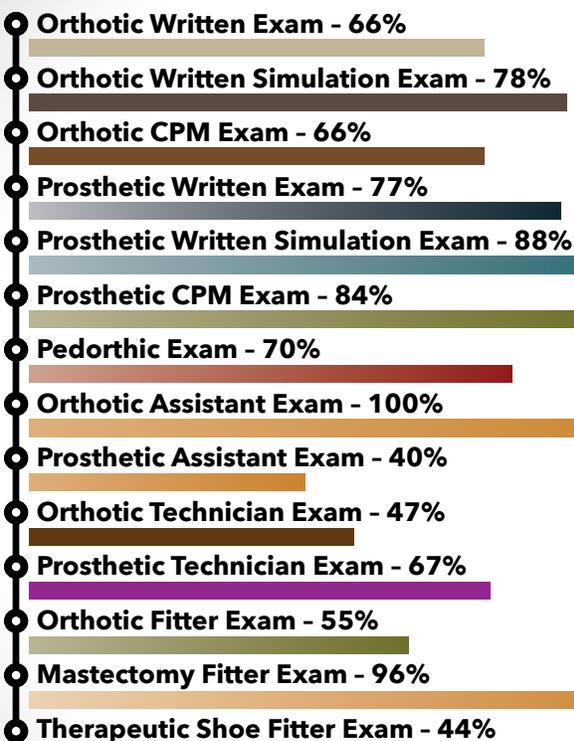
explaining what written and written simulation exam candidates can expect on their test day was also added to the ABC website.

In 2015, the ABC Board of Director made the decision to change the eligibility criteria for both the orthotic and mastectomy fitter programs. Changes to the number of required experiential hours and the expansion of approved appropriately credentialed attestors were

made to both programs. In addition, a second pathway was added for those individuals who are currently certified or licensed in a related allied health profession.

ABC is hopeful that these changes along with the addition of a second pathway will increase access to fitter certification and expand the ability for O&P practitioners to extend their patient care. These pathways were effective January 1, 2016. ❖

## Examination Passing Rates



# Facility Accreditation

## President's Perspective

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**A**BC PRIDES ITSELF not only on its reputation for setting the highest standards for accreditation in the profession but for providing as many resources as possible to help its facility owners and managers achieve those standards. This reputation was further cemented in 2015 with the introduction of two positive changes. Each year ABC strives to improve its resources for facility owners, while continuing efforts to introduce new and exciting tools to keep them informed and abreast of changes in the profession.

First, an easy to use, instant access online application for first time and renewing applicants was launched in September. The new online application was created to be user friendly and streamlined, making the application process easier and more accurate. This new tool will help ensure that the application process is more efficient, ultimately resulting in a quicker internal review and survey scheduling.

Second, the ABC Board of Directors approved a reduction in the number of standards required for mastectomy-only patient care facilities effective March 2016. The 43 mastectomy specific standards are now more relevant to the services provided by mastectomy facilities, helping business owners focus on improved patient care and business efficiency. The 43 standards along with mastectomy specific tips

can be found in the new *Mastectomy Facility Accreditation Guide* now available online.

The Accreditation Compliance Kit, which launched in 2015, provides accredited facilities with many resources to stay in compliance with the standards all year round. The Kit received immensely positive feedback and as such, ABC created a new calendar for 2016 along with two new templates for the Kit's Online Resource Pack. The new templates, the Patient Care

Communication Log and the Patient Acknowledgement form, were created to help facility owners comply with specific ABC standards and are fully customizable for each facility's specific needs and branding.

Internally, 2015 was one of ABC's busiest accreditation renewal years. Close to 2,000 accreditation applications were processed and surveyors conducted over 2,400 onsite surveys.

ABC surveyors traveled tens of thousands of miles to ensure that all facilities were surveyed in a timely manner. As ABC strives each year to provide superior customer service, added value through tools and resources and increased communication of changes in the profession, the results prove that these efforts are not unrecognized. ABC's 2015 retention rate for the Comprehensive Orthotics and Prosthetics program continues to remain at 95%. ❖



I would like to give special recognition to my executive committee, Chris Fairman, CPO, Eric Ramcharran, CPO and Curt Bertram, CPO, FAAOP, for their guidance and leadership this past year. I look forward to working with Chris this year during his presidency.

The board and I are very proud to welcome Debbie Plescia, CPO to the 2016 executive committee, the first female clinician elected to the executive committee. She has contributed greatly to ABC's vision through her years of volunteer service and we look forward to her continued leadership.

In addition, our amazing volunteers deserve to be recognized for their dedication and generosity in volunteering their time and skill to ensure that ABC's high standards are maintained. They truly understand the importance of giving back to the profession and do it so well—thank you for your commitment.

Of course none of this just happens. It is through the leadership of ABC's Executive Director, Cathy Carter and her incredibly dedicated and talented directors and staff that manage the details and ensure the job gets done.

It has been an amazing year and I feel that ABC is stronger than ever. It is our credential holders, volunteers and staff that have given us that strength as we continue to strive for excellence. It has been a pleasure to represent all of you and to work with such talented individuals. I hope that we will all continue to meet the standards that improve outcomes and change lives.

—James H. Wynne, CPO, FAAOP

# Continuing Education

**O**NE MAJOR CHANGE that impacted ABC in 2015 was the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE)'s decision to discontinue accrediting fitter pre-certification courses. Successful completion of a pre-certification course is an eligibility requirement for all ABC fitter credentials. In response, the ABC Board of Directors voted to review and accredit these courses through its Continuing Education program.

ABC created a specific Fitter Pre-Certification Course Providers page on the ABC website for sponsors seeking first time accreditation or for current sponsors wishing to offer new courses. This page includes the course approval standards and applications for each fitter credential.

In addition to providing course approvals, ABC now also provides an enhanced search feature that displays the upcoming course dates for approved fitter courses as they are made available to ABC. This new tool is available under each of the fitter certification pages with links provided in both the Approved Fitter Pre-Cert Courses section and eligibility tabs.

As an extension to its existing Credit Opportunities directory for individuals, ABC added a Business Course Opportunities directory in 2015, allowing individuals the ability to search for courses covering many aspects of business and geared toward improving business function and overall compliance. Both live and web based programs are included.

Distance learning course opportunities and participation reached an all-time high in 2015. The number of available courses rose approximately 16% with over 900 courses to choose from. Participation in online courses also increased an impressive 25%, with over 25,000 courses completed. Participation in national, state and regional events stayed at relatively the same level as 2014, which was down from the previous year.

The ABC website continues to be an invaluable resource for individuals maintaining their ABC credential and satisfying their state licensure continuing education requirements. All individuals can access their current MCE or CEAR statements via their MY ABC account, allowing them to monitor their progress throughout their continuing education cycle. ❖



# Marketing & Public Relations

**A**BC'S MARKETING and public relations efforts for 2015 continued to provide great support for the certification and accreditation programs that are ABC's foundation. There was also a strong focus on student and professional outreach with even more value added services and resources created to aid individuals through all stages of their certification life cycle.

## Advertising

THREE NEW advertisements were introduced in 2015 to highlight ABC's technician and mastectomy programs. A technician advertorial was created to encourage individuals already working as O&P technicians to consider ABC technician certification and appeal to this audience's



preference for a peer-to-peer call to action. The ad showcased one of ABC's certified technicians who provided a first-hand perspective on the benefits of ABC certification.

As part of ABC's commitment to keeping its designs current and relevant, new mastectomy certification and accreditation specific ads were created to further ABC's reach to mastectomy professionals and business owners.

In addition to these full page placements, two new showcase ads were created to remind readers of the many free value added services ABC provides, including extensive and personalized My ABC accounts for credential holders, detailed state licensure resource pages and an interactive licensure map – all available on the ABC website.

## Social Media

ABC CONTINUED to have a strong presence on social media with daily posts to its Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn pages, inform-



ing participants about the latest O&P news along with ABC updates and reminders. In 2015, ABC added Instagram to its social media mix. This fun, photo driven application has been a great vehicle for ABC's *Where's Jim?* campaign. It has helped ABC reach not only current



certifees attending O&P meetings and events, but also students enrolled in O&P master's programs across the country. Before embarking on the certification process, students are now able to interact directly with ABC by building relationships and sharing connections with the organization and its staff.

## Professional Outreach

ABC CONTINUED its support of the profession through attendance at over 30 state, regional and national level meetings and events, providing valuable information about ABC's certification and accreditation programs.

As part of ABC's mission to communicate the value and importance of ABC credentials and help its certified individuals do the same, they partnered with ProExam in 2015 to provide a new digital credentialing service free of charge. Digital badges have emerged as the newest method of electronically communicating and promoting professional achievements. While digital credentials are predominantly used through social media, they can also be valuable



additions to an email signature, company website or electronic resume.

ABC's accredited facility owners and office managers also benefited from many resources in 2015, including the launch of the *ABC Insider Webinar Series* focused on bringing real-time information and Q&A to those involved in the accreditation process. The webinars, hosted in summer and fall, were both focused primarily on the accreditation preparation process. The first webinar was targeted to all accredited facilities and the second was geared specifically toward mastectomy-only facilities. Both webinars were extremely popular, with most attendees registering for the event within hours of receiving their invitation. The mastectomy specific webinar reached its 100-person capacity and an encore presentation was needed to fill the demand. ABC's *Insider Webinar Series* has helped leverage its in-house expertise beyond state and national meetings and further distinguish its leadership in the profession.

The introduction of ABC's Accreditation Compliance Kit in 2015, which included a tips calendar and numerous templates and forms, proved highly successful and garnered extremely positive feedback.



With the release of a new *Practice Analysis of Certified Practitioners in the Disciplines of Orthotics and Prosthetics* in 2015, ABC created companion guides for both students and residency directors explaining how to utilize the Practice Analysis as a valuable certification exam preparation tool.

Thirteen students/residents received ABC funded awards from the Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and Research Foundation (OPERF) in 2015. Ten applicants were selected for the OPERF/ABC Student

in Virginia. Both camps provide children and adolescents with limb loss the opportunity to meet other amputees, share experiences and participate in fun activities. ABC also sponsored the Disabled American Veterans Winter Ski Clinic in April. ABC has been sponsoring this well attended event for several years and feels that this contribution provides a great service to the disabled American veterans who attend.

To further its reach to the public, ABC continued its support of the OPAF First Clinics through donations and sponsorships as well as sponsorship of McKeever's First Ride. The ABC Board of Directors also approved a request from the Pedorthic Foundation for a donation of \$100,000 to help further its mission of assisting in research for the pedorthic profession. The Foundation indicated that the monies will be used to provide pedorthic related research grants that help current and future pedorthists and the community at large.

*"I wanted to thank you for the new Compliance Kit. I've never had a smoother survey. The templates and helpful hints on your website were a God send! Thanks for all you do!"*  
 -Amy McLellan,  
 The Forms Boutique

ABC plans to continue providing an annual tips calendar to its facilities and expanding the forms and templates available in the online Resource Pack.

## School Outreach

THE ABC SCHOOL OUTREACH Program reached over 1,300 students in 2015 through the distribution of certification information packets and live presentations from ABC's Outreach Development Manager. This includes both fitter and pedorthic pre-certification programs as well as O&P technician and practitioner programs.

Achievement and awarded \$1,000 to help pay for direct educational expenses. Additionally, three residents were awarded the OPERF/ABC Resident Travel Award, which covers the cost to travel and present their National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) Directed Study Report or project at the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium.

## Consumer Outreach

ABC ONCE AGAIN participated as a sponsor of two amputee summer youth camps, the Amputee Coalition Paddy Rossbach Youth Camp in Ohio and Adventure Camp



ABC's mission requires communicating the value and importance of ABC credentials to consumers and the general public and feels that these sponsorships and donations help further this endeavor. ❖

# Professional Discipline

**A** BC CONTINUES to support professionalism and ethical conduct through its Professional Discipline program. This is accomplished by enforcement of the *ABC Code of Professional Responsibility*. In 2015, ABC's Professional Discipline Committee reviewed matters alleging violations of the *Code* involving general misconduct and actions taken by other agencies.

In 2015 the committee reviewed the *Code and Rules* to assure that the language and content are contemporary to current practice in the profession. The committee suggested revisions to the ABC Board of Directors, which they approved effective late 2015. While most of the changes involved the *Rules and Procedures* section concerning the way the committee handles ethical complaints, there were some changes to the *Code* sections themselves. Key changes included revisions to the *Diagnosis and Prescription, Confidential Information* and the *Fees and Compensation* sections.

The committee meets monthly to diligently review each matter and render decisions based on the evidence discovered. The following individuals were sanctioned by the committee in 2015:

Debra L. Anderson, *Suspension of CO credential, January*

Amy L. Kurisu, *Suspension of CO credential, January*

Sawtooth Orthotics and Prosthetics, *Revocation of facility's accreditation, January*

Dennis G. Haun, *Suspension of CPO credential, April*

Foot Pain Relief Store, *Suspension of facility's accreditation, July*

Michael J. DiCicco, *Revocation of C.Ped. credential, August*

Christopher Wayne Alexander, *Revocation of CPO and C.Ped. credentials, October*

Erik B. Schaffer, *Suspension of CP credential, October*

JoAnn Manali, *Revocation of CO credential, October*

Keith W. Kallie, *Revocation of COA credential, November*

Frank E. Denton, *Suspension of C.Ped. credential, December*

The committee also placed two individuals on probation.

In addition to reviewing professional discipline cases, ABC actively protects its trademarked credentials. Cease and desist orders were issued to several individuals whom ABC learned were improperly representing ABC certification and/or accreditation titles. ABC encourages all credential holders to report suspected violations of the *Code* by any ABC credential holder as well as any instances of misuse of an ABC credential. ❖

## ABC's Financial Outlook

**A** BC HAD A POSITIVE financial year which included meeting the board's goals for income and expenses. ABC successfully funded board approved projects while exceeding budgeted net operating income, allowing for a contribution to the reserves. ABC continues to strengthen its financial position by remaining committed to the practical expansion of revenues and remaining fiscally responsible with respect to its expenditures.

ABC understands the difficult financial environment facing its certificants and facility owners and is doing everything possible to hold fees at the same low rate that it has maintained for the last several years. ❖

## ABC Mission

**A** BC IS THE comprehensive credentialing organization whose mission is to establish and advocate for the highest patient care and organizational standards in the provision of safe and effective orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic services.

### ABC fulfills this mission by:

- Measuring patient care provider's knowledge and skills through rigorous credentialing programs

- Establishing standards of organizational performance through facility accreditation
- Mandating professional continuing education to maintain competency
- Administering a professional discipline program
- Communicating the value and importance of ABC credentials.

### Vision

ABC's activities are guided by the following vision statement:  
**Setting Standards, Improving Outcomes, Changing Lives**

# 2015 Board and Committees

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### Calendar of Events

For further information on these events, please visit  
[abcop.org](http://abcop.org) or contact us at 703.836.7114.

#### April

Limb Loss Awareness  
Month

**1:** Residency Deadline  
for May Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

**1-3:** Iowa Prosthetic,  
Orthotic & Pedorthic  
Assn. Annual Mtg.  
*Waterloo*

**7-9:** Northwest AAOP  
Chapter Annual  
Meeting  
*Bellevue, Wash.*

**15-16:** Ohio Orthotics  
and Prosthetics Assn.  
& Ohio AAOP Chapter  
Annual Spring Meeting  
*Columbus*

**22-23:** Oklahoma  
Assn. for Orthotics &  
Prosthetics Annual  
Meeting/PrimeFare  
Central  
*Oklahoma City*

**26-28:** AOPA Policy  
Forum  
*Washington, DC*

#### May

**1:** Application Deadline  
for July Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

Application Deadline  
for July and Aug. CPM  
Exams

**9-14:** Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams  
*250 Locations Nationwide*

**12-14:** Western and  
Midwestern Orthotic &  
Prosthetic Association  
Annual Meeting  
*Reno*

**19-21:** PA/MD/VA/DC  
AAOP Chapter Spring  
Conference  
*Washington, Penn.*

#### June

**1:** Residency Deadline  
for July Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

Residency Deadline  
for July and Aug. CPM  
Exams

**2-4:** Louisiana Assn. of  
Orthotists & Prosthetists  
Annual Meeting  
*Baton Rouge*

**9-10:** Michigan  
Orthotic & Prosthetic  
Assn. Continuing  
Education Meeting  
*Bay City*

**9-11:** Amputee  
Coalition National  
Conference  
*Greensboro, N.C.*

**24-25:** PrimeFare East  
Regional Scientific  
Symposium  
*Nashville*

#### July

**1:** Application Deadline  
for Sept. Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

**11-16:** Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams  
*250 Locations Nationwide*

**14-16:** Florida Assn.  
of Orthotists &  
Prosthetists Annual  
Scientific Symposium  
*Orlando*

**21-23:** Alabama  
Prosthetics & Orthotics  
Assn. Annual Meeting  
*Birmingham*

**29-30:** Orthotic CPM  
Exam  
*St. Petersburg College  
Caruth Health Education  
Center, St. Petersburg,  
Fla.*

#### August

**1:** Residency Deadline  
for Sept. Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

**12-13:** Prosthetic CPM  
Exam  
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#### September

**1:** Application Deadline  
for Nov. Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

**12-17:** Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams  
*250 Locations Nationwide*

#### October

**1:** Residency Deadline  
for Nov. Written and  
Written Simulation  
Exams

