

American Board of Thoracic Surgery

Update

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ABTS Update

- **Thoracic surgical curriculum**
- **Critical care fellowships**
- **Index case requirements**

ABTS Update

Thoracic Surgical Curriculum

- **Historically, ABTS defined training via index case requirements**
- **Development of I-6 residencies highlighted need to define both cognitive and technical training expectations**
- **Other residency formats (4-3, 5-2, 5-3) also had this need**
- **Curriculum will also serve as framework for electronic LMS**

ABTS Update

Thoracic Surgical Curriculum

- **Discussions re: curriculum initiated in Fall of 2009**
- **Collaborative effort among ABTS, JCTSE, representatives of TSDA, RRC**
- **Ultimately modeled on U.K. curriculum**
- **Final version mapped to 6 competencies**
- **Approved by ABTS March 2011**

ABTS Update

Critical Care Fellowships

- Perceived need to preserve / expand role of CT surgeons in caring for their patients in ICU setting
- ABTS explored potential for subspecialty certificate
- Discussed with ABS and RRC-GS feasibility of modifying existing surgical critical care fellowships to add CT focus

ABTS Update

Critical Care Fellowships

(1 yr. free standing fellowship)

- **Formal approval by ACGME expected in Fall 2011 (PD will be notified)**
- **Would allow 3-4 of 12 mos to focus on CT critical care**
- **Increased flexibility for OR experience**
- **Jointly supervised by GS / CT PD**
- **Lead to ABS Critical Care certificate**
- **Some CT programs already developing fellowships**

ABTS Update

Index case requirements (last 2-3 years)

- **Periodic update to ensure types of cases required reflect evolution of specialty**
(last changed in 2007)
- **Revisions will likely include:**
 - ❖ maintenance of 2 different “pathways” (C and GT)
 - ❖ minor increases in total # cases
 - ❖ new types of cases (e.g. catheter based skills, EBUS)
 - ❖ more granularity in types of cases required
 - ❖ documentation of critical care experience
 - ❖ participation in multidisciplinary conferences

ABTS Update

Index case requirements (last 2-3 years)

- **Case requirements will be linked to CPT codes so residents can record correctly in ACGME case logs**
- **Revisions to be discussed at June 2011 ABTS meeting so that they can be considered at July RRC meeting**
- **Proposed revisions to go to PD for comment during summer of 2011**
- **Final revisions to be reconsidered at ABTS Fall 2011 meeting and implemented July 2012**