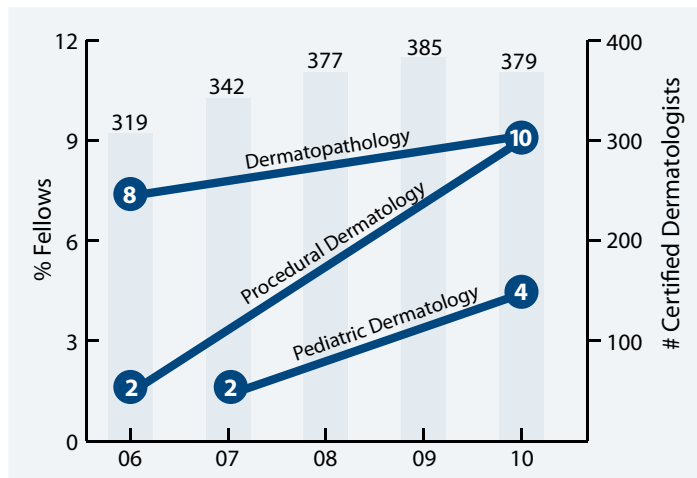




## TRENDS IN POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

In 2010, 24% (93/379) of newly certified dermatologists pursued an ACGME or ABD approved fellowship. An unknown number pursued additional training in other fellowships or in research.



Since 2006, the number of residents entering approved fellowship positions has increased from 31 to 93 per year. At that same time, the number of graduating dermatologists has gone from 319 to 379, offsetting/reducing the net loss of graduates entering general dermatology.

ACGME-approved fellowships comply with regulations established by the ACGME and the respective Review Committee (RC). They are subject to internal institutional reviews and external (RC) reviews

to ensure compliance with established standards. Completion of an ACGME-approved fellowship usually results in eligibility for certification (eg., dermatopathology). When there are a limited number of programs, ACGME approval may prove too costly, and approval and oversight of fellowship programs may be provided by the sponsoring board as in the case of pediatric dermatology. Completion of a Board-approved fellowship may or may not result in eligibility for certification. Issuing certification in any specialty requires approval by the 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

### Pediatric fellowships:

There are currently 23 ABD-approved fellowship programs with 24 available fellow positions. A list of the pediatric fellowship programs can be found on the ABD website

### Procedural dermatology fellowships;

There are 45 ACGME-approved one-year fellowship programs with fellowships being offered by 11 independent sponsors and 34 academic centers.

### Dermatopathology fellowships:

Dermatopathology fellowships are jointly offered by the American Board of Pathology and the American Board of Dermatology. The number of programs has remained relatively stable at 54, offering 104 positions over the past five years. Forty-two (42) dermatologists took the 2010 Dermatopathology subspecialty examination.

## FUTURE EXAMINATION DATES

### In-Training Examination:

**2012: February 23**, US & Canadian dermatology residency training programs

**February 27**, overseas programs

**2013: February 21**, US & Canadian dermatology residency training programs

**February 25**, overseas programs

### Certifying Examination:

**2012: July 16-19 and July 23-26**, Tampa, Florida

## IN-TRAINING EXAMINATION SCHEDULED EARLIER IN FUTURE

*Note that the in-training examination of the Board has been moved to February in 2012 and 2013. Thus, the deadline to register your residents to take the examination is now November 15. Look for an email from the Board early in October notifying you to register.*

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION YOU WANT TO ASK THE BOARD OR AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE FOR A FUTURE NEWSLETTER?**

*Email your questions or ideas to [abderm@hfhs.org](mailto:abderm@hfhs.org).*

## KEEPING UP WITH THE REQUIREMENTS

### DERMATOLOGY RESIDENTS

	TIMING	ABD	ACGME
Updating Resident, Faculty and Program status	July-August	Residents need to be registered with the ABD and complete their personal profile on the ABD website; program directors must verify that the incoming resident completed a PGY-1 year of training in an ACGME program.	Annual Update performed within the ADS at ACGME.org and involves promotion of existing residents, adding new residents and updating all critical features of the program and faculty.
Surgical logs	July: enter residents in system  Mid-year: review case logs with residents  Year End: archive all entries & compare summative report to other programs	End of year evaluations will require attestation that logs have been reviewed and skills are appropriate for level of training.	Logs are stored within the Data Collection System tab under Resident Case Log System at ACGME.org. Residents should enter data in these case logs for all cases in which they are involved. To access the case log, the resident must first be entered into the ADS and then synchronized in the Resident Case Log System under the Program Set up tab by the Program Director. Summary reports for each resident can be generated in the ADS and are to be reviewed during residents' annual review by Program Director. Program directors must archive all resident entries at the end of the year within the Resident Case Log System under the Year End tab. Cumulative reports for a program are available at the ADS for comparison with other programs.
Evaluations	Resident Formative Evaluations: after each rotation  Resident, Faculty and Program Summative Evaluations: annually	PGY2, PGY3. End of year evaluations Review competencies expected at various levels of training. May be helpful to program directors in determining areas of weakness. Annual evaluations should demonstrate "satisfactory" performance, but not all competencies have to be achieved.  PGY4. End of training evaluation requires that program director sign statement verifying that the graduate is competent to practice dermatology without supervision. May be used by institution as end of training documentation.	Residents, faculty and program must be evaluated. Residents are to be evaluated and provided feedback by faculty following each rotation and annually. Annual anonymous evaluations of the program by faculty and residents and of the faculty by residents are required. These evaluations are administered by the program and must be formally reviewed by the program with implementation of documented action plans when appropriate. This data is also used by the local GME office and the Review Committee to direct oversight actions.
		Annual in-training examination is administered online.	Resident/Fellow Surveys are conducted annually by the ACGME via an electronic survey tool. Survey schedules and program survey results are available to Program Directors in the ADS.

### DERMATOPATHOLOGY FELLOWS

	TIMING	ABD	ACGME
Updating Resident, Faculty and Program status	July	Fellows update ABD personal profile.	Annual Update performed within the ADS at ACGME.org and involves promotion of existing residents, adding new residents and updating all critical features of the program and faculty.
Evaluations	Fellow formative evaluation: mid-year  Fellow Summative evaluation, Faculty and Program evaluation: year end	End of year evaluation completed and submitted before fellow can register for the examination.	Timely evaluations of fellow with a minimum of semiannual documented evaluation. Summative fellow evaluation documenting progress and ability to practice independently.  Annual evaluation of faculty contributions and program with regards to fellow performance and faculty development.

## PROCEDURAL DERMATOLOGY FELLOWS

	TIMING	ABD	ACGME
Updating Resident, Faculty and Program status	July	Fellows update ABD personal profile.	Annual Update performed within the ADS at ACGME.org and involves promotion of existing residents, adding new residents and updating all critical features of the program and faculty.
Surgical logs	July: enter residents in system  Mid-year:  review case logs with residents  Year End: archive all entries & compare summative report to other programs	End of year evaluations will require attestation that logs have been reviewed and skills are appropriate for level of training.	Logs are stored within the Data Collection System tab under Resident Case Log System at ACGME.org. Fellows should enter data in these case logs for all cases in which they are involved. To access the case log, the fellow must first be entered into the ADS and then synchronized in the Resident Case Log System under the Program Set up tab by the Program Director. Summary reports for each fellow can be generated in the ADS and are to be reviewed during fellows' annual review by Program Director. Program directors must archive all fellow entries at the end of the year within the Resident Case Log System under the Year End tab. Cumulative reports for a program are available at the ADS for comparison with other programs.
Evaluations	Mid-year  Year end	Mid-year evaluation to be completed but NOT submitted to ABD; end of year evaluation completed and submitted.	Fellows, faculty and program must be evaluated. Fellows are to be evaluated and provided feedback by faculty following each rotation and annually. Annual evaluations of the program by faculty and fellows and of the faculty by fellows are required. These evaluations are administered by the program and must be formally reviewed by the program with implementation of documented action plans when appropriate. This data is also used by the local GME office and the Review Committee to direct oversight actions.

## PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY FELLOWS

	TIMING	ABD	ACGME
Updating Resident, Faculty and Program status	July	Fellows update ABD personal profile.	NA
Evaluations	Year end	End of year evaluation completed and submitted before fellow can register for the examination.	NA

This table was composed with the assistance of Dr. Stan Taylor, Chair, Dermatology RRC.



78th ABD certifying examination, Tampa, FL. July, 2011