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AABIP Launches New and Improved Website

The AABIP launched its new and improved website on June 17th! It has been several years since the last full update and the new site includes many new features including:

- Information on the 2014 Board Certification Exam, including an on-line application.
- Capability for on-line voting. This will greatly enhance the participation of our general membership in important AABIP decisions.
- Updated content, including the most recent copy of the Bylaws, committees and Journal information.

4th Scientific Symposium

Under the leadership of Drs. Gaetane Michaud and Scot Ferguson, the AABIP hosted more than 100 members in a standing room only scientific symposium at the ATS meeting in San Diego. Presentations included ongoing research from both junior and senior investigators. Keynote speakers included Dr. Gary Lee discussing how to become a pleural researcher, Dr. Charlie Strange discussing mentoring in the field of IP and Dr. Dan Sterman sharing his research on immunotherapy in lung cancer.

This bi-annual event is coordinated to occur at the ATS and ACCP international conferences. Please think about presenting at the next symposium at CHEST in Austin, Tx.

1st Annual AABIP EBUS Course

- The AABIP will be hosting its 1st Annual EBUS Course in conjunction with The Ohio State University on July 11th.
- This course will include both didactics as well as hands-on training on live-animal models.
- Please visit <http://internalmedicine.osu.edu/pulmonary/> for more information





Town Hall Meetings

Dr. Feller-Kopman hosted two live 'town hall meetings' via the website GoToMeeting on June 9th and 10th. Each meeting was attended by more than 15 AABIP members including members from as far away as Australia.

Topics included:

- The Board Exam
- The IP Fellowship Match
- The relationship between the AABIP and the AIPPD
- IP Fellowship Accreditation
- AABIP advocacy for CMS & other insurance carriers regarding bronchoscopic procedures
- Improving mentorship for fellows & junior faculty
- The AABIP taking the lead on developing guidelines and 'best practice protocols' (perhaps with other societies such as the BTS, ESIP, ACCP, ATS and WABIP)
- Ways that our general membership can get involved in AABIP committees
- Development of regional AABIP chapters
- Increasing opportunities for collaborative research
- Increasing on-line content

Please contact any members of the AABIP Board of Directors or Committee Chairs if you'd like to become involved!

AABIP Board Examination

The 1st AABIP Board Examination was given last December and 67 physicians received a passing grade!

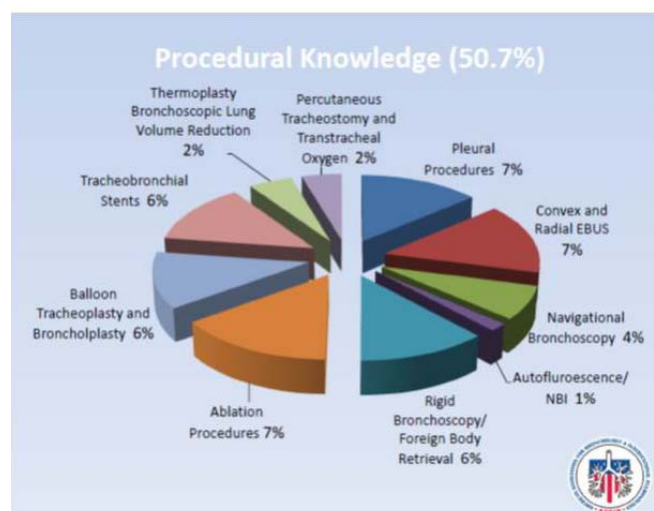
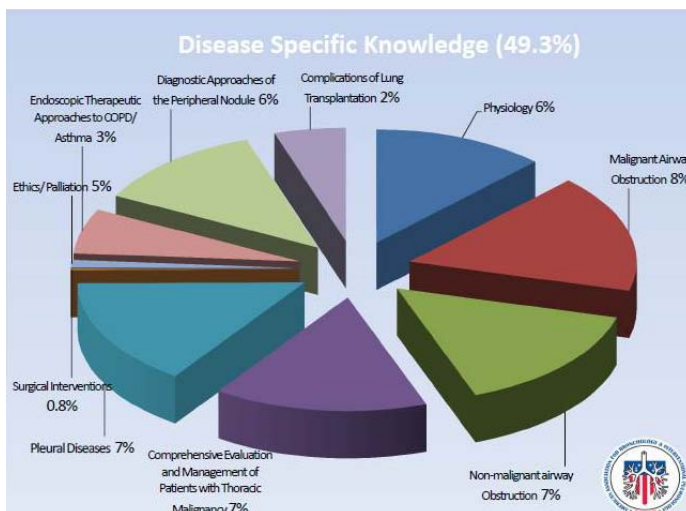
This corresponds to an 89% pass rate, which is equivalent to many of the ABIM sub-specialty recertification exams.

We hope to acknowledge this 1st group of Diplomates of the AABIP at CHEST

The test performed extremely well from a statistical standpoint (i.e. 'difficult' questions were missed by more takers than 'easier' questions).

The 2nd AABIP Board Examination will be given on December 1, 2014.

Registration information can be found on our website.



AABIP Board Review Course

The 2nd Annual AABIP Board Review Course will be held on October 24, 2014 at the Blanton Museum in Austin, Tx.

This will be a comprehensive review of IP and will certainly be a great review for those taking the board exam as well as anyone who wants to learn more about the field.

Please be sure to check in on our website for more information on how to register.



"In teaching the medical student, the primary requisite is to keep him awake",

[The Life of Chevalier Jackson, an Autobiography \(1938\)](#)

2nd Annual IP Fellows Boot Camp

The 2nd Annual IP Fellows Boot Camp will be held on July 10th and will include didactics, hands-on stations and provide ample time for social and research collaboration. We are thrilled to be able to sponsor this event and build the collaboration of this year's IP fellows.

Research Awards

The AABIP will be funding two awards up to \$10,000 per year, with the possibility of renewal up to \$25,00 for the 2nd year.

Please refer to the AABIP website for details.

McLennan Award

For the past three years, the AABIP has awarded the Geoffrey McLennan Memorial Award for Advances in Interventional Pulmonology. Nominations for the 2014 award are currently being solicited, and the cut-off is June 30th, so please visit the AABIP website for details and get your nominations in.

Dr. Kazuhiro Yasufuku, was the 2013 recipient.

More AABIP Activities at CHEST

The AABIP is exploring hosting a "Business of Pulmonary Procedures" session at CHEST. This off-site session will cover issues related to starting specific programs (i.e. EBUS, thermoplasty, navigational bronchoscopy), as well as proper ways to code for specific procedures and the necessary required documentation.



Board of Directors Elections

At the completion of the AABIP Business Meeting at CHEST on October 26th, 2014 two BOD seats will become available. After much consideration and discussion, the Nominating Committee limited over twenty applications down to four:

- Tom Gildea
-Cleveland Clinic
- Shaheen Islam
-The Ohio State Univ.
- Adnan Majid
-Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Nick Pastis
-Medical University of South Carolina

Voting for the two open seats will occur electronically and all AABIP members in good standing will receive an e-mail requesting you to cast a vote for each open seat. The two candidates with the most votes will be announced at the Business Meeting on October 26th.

We're on the Web!

www.aabronchology.org



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