

PLASTIC SURGERY CLINICAL EXAMINATION CATEGORIES

1. CRANIOFACIAL - includes facial fractures, maxillofacial
2. HAND - includes upper extremities -- includes wrists, hands, forearm.
3. CONGENITAL - includes cleft lip, cleft palate, otoplasty.
4. BREAST RECONSTRUCTION - includes tissue expansion, TRAM flaps, L.D. flaps, nipple/areola reconstruction, complication of implantable materials, Poland s 'syndrome treatment, etc.
5. BREAST - includes reduction mammoplasty, augmentation mammoplasty, mastopexy, mastectomy with augmentation, etc
6. MUSCLE FLAP RECONSTRUCTION - includes pressure sores, lower extremity reconstruction, chest wall reconstruction, etc.
7. MICROVASCULAR SURGERY
8. OCULOPLASTIC - includes blepharoplasty, canthoplasty, tarsal strips, complex periocular reconstruction, etc.
9. CANCER - includes squamous cell, basal cell, melanoma, sarcoma, and all reconstruction, etc.
10. BURNS - includes any reconstructive surgery to burn injury, etc.
11. RHINOPLASTY - includes aesthetic and functional components; with functional septoplasty and turbino-plasty, etc
12. LASER - includes laser resurfacing, laser treatment for hemangiomas, vascular lakes, etc.
13. AESTHETIC- includes facial aesthetics:
 - a. forehead lift
 - b. face lift
 - c. midfacial lift
 - d. malar augmentation
 - e. chin augmentation
 - f. hair transplantation and/or flaps
 - g. autologous fat transplantation

AESTHETIC - includes body contouring:

 - a. abdominoplasty
 - b. thigh lifts
 - c. lower body fascial suspension
 - d. lipoplasty
 - e. brachioplasty

Plastic surgery is a vast field with many overlapping surgeries, i.e., craniofacial defects may also be congenital. The Board will review each presented case separately, and advise the examinee accordingly.

**FOURTEEN (14) CASES, ALL MORTALITIES AND SELECTED
COMPLICATIONS MUST BE PRESENTED**

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD OF SURGERY
**SPECIFIC PLASTIC SURGERY GUIDELINES IN ADDITION TO THE
AOBS FORMAT FOR CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

STEP ONE – Submission of Segregated Totals and Logs

You must submit ALL your cases segregated into the thirteen (13) categories as noted on the Plastic Surgery Clinical Exam Category Sheet. You MUST include all complications. *The Board recognizes that complications are part of any surgeon's experience. Defending the appropriate treatment paradigms for a complication is extremely important in the practice of surgery, and is reflective of mature, responsible professionalism. Please label complications so the Board can more easily and quickly review your totals.*

Use the provided SEGREGATED TOTALS SHEET FORMAT and LOG SHEET to submit this information. Include the CPT codes you used for each case logged.

STEP TWO – Submission of Selected Cases for Detail Review

After the Board reviews your Totals and Logs they will choose fourteen (14) cases from the categories you submitted. All mortalities and selected complications will also be selected. You will be notified in writing of this selection.

Each case presented must have dated pre-operative and post-operative photos. The post-operative pictures should delineate how many months, years, etc. the photos are post-op. All photos must be 5x7 color or black & white prints. For any facial cases, six (6) views are required: A/P, R-lateral, L-lateral, R-oblique and L-oblique and worms eye. For any breast cases, five views are required: A/P, R-lateral, L-lateral, R-oblique and L-oblique. For all other cases we need A/P, R and L-lateral views where available. The surgeon's name, type of surgery performed, date and surgery and patient initials should be typed and placed in the lower left corner of each photo.

Each case must have appropriate coding included (both diagnostic and billing codes). Please also include a copy of your coding (procedure codes and Dx: ICD-9 codes) invoices.

All cancer cases must have appropriate staging, oncological reports, consults, etc. accompanying the presentation.

Each case must have appropriate hospital records and your office records (history and physical, path report, op report, progress notes, discharge summary, op permits, lab data, etc.).

You MUST send the selected cases in the Plastic Surgery format – refer to the AOBS Format for Track II Clinical Exam for further requirements. You MUST submit the two sets completely separate and the cover of each case is to have your name and the case number on the front cover. You are to submit your completed Business Associate Agreement, Sign-Off form and a check for the fee at this time.

The cases are to be in the AOBS office at least two (2) months prior to the exam date.

You are to have these cases with detailed information submitted to the Board office at least two (2) months in advance of the exam date. Be sure each case has a CASE SUMMARY as the first page.

STEP THREE - Exam

After case submission you will be notified in writing of the location and time of the exam.

You will be responsible for bringing the third set of cases with you to the exam site and presenting and defending the cases with your examiners. If some of the cases reviewed by the examiners are not accepted, the committee will select other cases and the process will be repeated.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE