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Resolution of ISHRS-ABHRS Differences Accomplished

Report of Vogel Ad Hoc Committee on Certification*



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Last October in Puerto Vallarta, our president, Dr. Bobby Limmer, asked me to chair a special ad hoc committee to evaluate the issues of certification and credentialing in our specialty. A credentials committee was formed and consisted of experienced hair restoration surgeons from diverse backgrounds. Half of the committee consisted of members of the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgery (ABHRS), and the others were current or past members of the ISHRS board of governors or executive officers. Frank discussions were held during the meetings and the committee was quite focused and direct in securing options and alternatives. These included the names for certificates, criteria for different types of

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ABHRS Offers Certificate of Added Qualification in Hair Restoration Surgery

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The ABHRS will begin to offer a Certificate of Added Qualification in Hair Restoration Surgery (CAQ) in 2002. This new certificate is designed for those hair transplant surgeons who do not qualify for ABHRS board certification but would like tangible acknowledgement that they have achieved additional training in hair restoration surgery. The CAQ also could be seen as achieving the first step toward board certification.

The requirements for the CAQ are as follows:

- 1) Attendance at two ISHRS Annual Meetings.
- 2) Attendance at one ISHRS endorsed Live Surgery Workshop.
- 3) Successful passing of the ABHRS written examination. This is the same 200 multiple choice examination taken by those seeking board certification. The ISHRS Review Course for the ABHRS examination will be very helpful for those surgeons taking the written examination.

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