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 surgeons, and the goals for certification.

*Committee members included: Chairman: James Vogel, M.D.; members: Michael Beehner, M.D.; Robert Bernstein, M.D.; Paul Cotterill, M.D.; Shelly Friedman, D.O.; Robert Haber, M.D.; Sheldon Kabaker, M.D.; Russell Knudson, M.B.B.S.; Robert Leonard, D.O.; Antonio Murgabat, M.D.; Daniel Russo, M.D.; Donald Stough, M.D.; Bradley Wolf, M.D.

ABHRS Offers Certificate of Added Qualification in Hair Restoration Surgery

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