



## **EBCFPRS Examination and Certification Process**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to focus this newsletter on the EBCFPRS Board Examination and Certification process, and why EBCFPRS Board Certification might be interesting for you. The European Board for Certification in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (EBCFPRS) was established in 2013. Our mission is to improve the quality of Facial Plastic Surgery available to the public in Europe.

Why EBCFPRS Board Certification is important for you.

EBCFPRS Board Certification has become a benchmark in plastic and reconstructive surgery of the face and neck. EBCFPRS Board Certification offers you the opportunity to gain the highest level of knowledge and skills in all aspects of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. EBCFPRS Board Certification will improve your medical care and standards in order to perform the highest quality care for your patients. Furthermore, EBCFPRS Board Certification strengthens your position. It demonstrates a personal investment which is increasingly recognized by governments, national medical boards and patients in Europe.

EBCFPRS Board Certification process.

EBCFPRS Board Certification is available to all individuals with an approved residency program in Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery or Plastic Surgery. There are two possible tracks for EBCFPRS Board Certification.

In the "Fellowship track", Fellows of the European Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery (EAFPS) sit the exam during (or one year after) their fellowship year. The subsequent process of Certification involves submission of 100 consecutive personal operative case records over a two-year period. Submitted cases are subject to Board review.

The "Regular track" is designed for colleagues that already have substantial clinical experience. These individuals are required to submit a total of 100 personal operative case reports over a 2-year period. After review and approval of these cases by the European Board, the candidate may be admitted to sit the European Board examination. Criteria for certification of these individuals include passing both the written and the oral part of the European Board exam.

Since 2013 the European Board exam is sat in London, UK. The candidate has to successfully pass a two-day written and oral examination. The exam has been developed over decades with substantial effort. Questions are field tested and selected only when they have been shown to accurately correlate with expert knowledge. The oral part of the exam is administered by senior examiners from Europe and the United States. A total of 12 case scenarios are presented to the examinees over a 3 hour period.

All examiners themselves have their scoring reviewed to assure an unbiased and highly standardized examination for each examinee. The expected answers and questions are discussed in a full day session, ensuring maximal fairness and reliability of the exam results. Both the written and the oral results are subject to rigorous quality control by an independent educational psychometrician.

When all requirements have been fulfilled, the successful candidate is provided with a certificate which recognizes him or her as an "EBCFPRS Board Certified Facial Plastic Surgeon".

At this time, more than 80 colleagues have been certified by the EBCFPRS. If you are not yet Board Certified, please consider joining the strong and growing group of European Board-Certified Facial Plastic Surgeons.

The deadline for application for the upcoming exam (July 11 - 12, 2020, London, UK) is November 30, 2019. As representative of EBCFPRS, I am gladly available to facilitate the process for you. Please simply send an e-mail to me ([d.j.menger@gmail.com](mailto:d.j.menger@gmail.com)). It would be my pleasure to meet you in London!

Yours truly,



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