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Ortho News This Week

ABOS opens web-based longitudinal assessment questions



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The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) has launched a new Knowledge Assessment option as part of the ABOS Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Instead of sitting for an ABOS computer-based or oral recertification examination, ABOS Diplomates can now complete the assessment via the new Web-based Longitudinal Assessment (ABOS WLA) program. With ABOS WLA, yearly review of Orthopaedic Knowledge Sources and open-book questions are delivered to participating Diplomates' personal computers. Diplomates can begin answering questions for this year's ABOS WLA program as early as April 15. [READ MORE](#)



Getting through the night: Tips for handling trauma on call



AAOS

During the AAOS 2019 Annual Meeting Instructional Course Lecture titled "Top Tips for Your Practice," four clinicians offered pointers and pearls in their practice areas of trauma, hand and wrist, and tumor—geared for orthopaedic surgeons who may not specialize in those areas. Lisa K. Cannada, MD, an orthopaedic trauma surgeon in Jacksonville, Fla., offered practical, perhaps soothing, advice to surgeons outside the Level 1 trauma center environment, including any who take call and may find themselves "alone in the middle of the night" with a seriously injured patient. [READ MORE](#)

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Orthopedic surgeons seek alternatives to opioid prescribing



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The opioid crisis has evolved during the past 2 decades and despite progress made on reducing unnecessary exposure to prescription opioids and preventing the development of opioid use disorder, health care providers wrote 58.5 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons in 2017, according to the CDC. "After the 1990s, there was this cultural expectation of primary opioid pain management in the United States and that contributed to the problems we are seeing now with the inappropriate increases in opioid prescribing. [There is] the large disproportionate usage that we are seeing in the United States as compared to other countries and there are also problems with abuse and overdose deaths that we have seen skyrocket in the past couple of years," Laurel A. Beverley, MD, MPH, at MetroHealth and assistant professor at Case Western University, told Orthopedics Today. [READ MORE](#)

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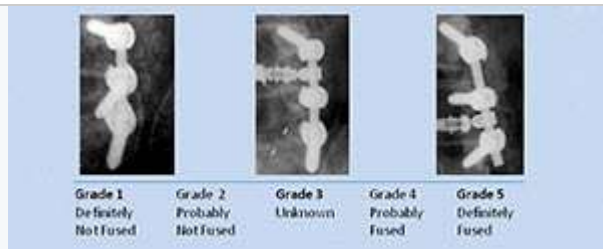
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