



The American Board for
Certification in Orthotics,
Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Inc.

Annual Report

2010



» Setting Standards

» Improving Outcomes

» Changing Lives



Serving the Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Community since 1948

Mission

The mission of the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Inc. (ABC) is to establish and promote the highest standards of organizational and clinical performance in the delivery of orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic services. The ABC advances the competency of providers, promotes the quality and effectiveness of orthotic, prosthetic and pedorthic care, and maintains the integrity of the profession. The ABC fulfills this mission by:

- » Measuring patient care provider's knowledge and skills through rigorous credentialing programs
- » Establishing standards of organizational performance through facility accreditation
- » Mandating Professional Continuing Education to maintain competency
- » Administering a Professional Discipline program
- » Communicating the value and importance of ABC credentials

Vision

The American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics, Inc. (ABC) is the comprehensive credentialing organization for establishing individual and organizational performance standards for the provision of orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic care and services.



Outgoing 2010 President's Letter

A Look Back to Look Ahead

The year disappeared before I could fully appreciate exactly what was happening. It is not difficult to give credit for our successes this year to those most deserving, the past Presidents of ABC. I learned from Bob Lin, who learned from Mike Allen who learned from Steve Fletcher, they learned from Bill DeToro, Frank Friddle and John Reynolds, as they learned from Bill Barringer, Dennis Clark, and Mike Russell.

There have been many others, too numerous to mention, including Sam Hamontree the Grand Patriarch of ABC Presidents. Each of us continues to build upon the programs of our past leadership and work to advance the dreams of a better profession, just as those before us did. Thank you to each of these leaders whose voluntary efforts continue to mean so much to our profession today!

The fact that ABC continues to grow while maintaining an elevated standard in both its credentialing and accreditation programs should come as no surprise. It may surprise some that we now have over 13,000 credentialed individuals across all disciplines. It may surprise some of our greatest skeptics that the number of our accredited facilities demolished last year's record high by 35%, now numbering over 8,000.

Each and every department within ABC had solid growth; the Continuing Education department has approved more courses and processed more credits for certifees than in any year in ABC's history. Our Marketing



department continues to advance the professional look and information available to the profession, including an updated and more user friendly consumer website OandPCare.org.

In spite of the challenging growth of ABC, major improvements were made throughout the organization in providing customer service. None of this would happen without the leadership of the Executive Director, Cathy Carter and her amazing senior staff: Steve Fletcher, Heather Harris, Debbie Ayres, Samlane Ketevong, Roxanne Bobb-Semple, Chrissy Heckenberg, and Julie McMahon. Thank you to the entire staff for your hard work, innovation, and willingness to work cohesively with the Board of Directors.



A difficult year provided this Board of Directors some new challenges, including the traumatic loss of Executive Committee member and dear friend, Todd Anderson, CP, FAAOP. While we continue to struggle with the loss of Todd, we carry on the work of the board as Todd watches over us and inspires us to expect more from each other. My board members exceeded my expectations and accomplished much, including bringing back a new and improved Certified Assistant credential. New and improved definitions of Supervision and Privileging were created as well to offer greater flexibility to our accredited facilities in meeting contemporary staffing requirements.

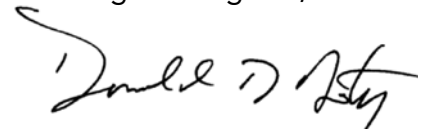
Last and certainly not least, ABC could not exist without its many dedicated volunteers who somehow find the time and energy to offer their heart and soul back to the profession to which they devote themselves. Their sacrifices are rarely acknowledged but most certainly never go unnoticed

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and are greatly appreciated. To our tremendous volunteers, I say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

It has been a pleasure to serve within this organization for over 23 years. As those before me have so eloquently said, Good Bye.

Highest Regards,



D. Deane Doty, Jr., CPO



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Professional Credentialing

For the past 62 years, ABC's professional credentialing program has been the gold standard for the orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professions. More candidates continue to sit for the ABC exams and maintain their credentials over the course of their career than any other credentialing body. ABC credential holders continue to be the most sought after in the profession and enjoy the reputation of being the best educated, most rigorously trained, and tested professionals in the workforce.

ABC is extremely proud of its reputation and works hard throughout the year to maintain the highest examination standards for all of its credentials. This includes annual reviews of each exam as well as continual practice analysis evaluation to ensure that the exams are relevant to the current work environment.

Exciting Program Changes

Two of ABC's credentialing programs saw significant changes in 2010. The Technician exam program underwent changes that reflect the advancements this position has experienced in the profession. In February, the board of directors approved that all ABC Registered Orthotic and Prosthetic Technicians be granted the Certified Orthotic and/or Prosthetic Technician designation for their credential.

Additional changes include moving to a computer-based examination beginning in May 2011. Technician Exam Team Chair Jonathan D. Day, CPO says, "the technician exam team



and many volunteers have worked tirelessly to revise the exams and the eligibility process."

In October, the board of directors announced the reinstatement of ABC's Certified Orthotic/Prosthetic Assistant certification program, which had been on moratorium since January 2004. An ABC certified assistant is an individual educated and trained to participate in comprehensive orthotic and/or prosthetic care under the supervision of an ABC Certified Orthotist or Prosthetist.

Candidate applications were accepted beginning in December and the program will be phased in over a three-year period leading to the creation of a computer-



» ABC believes that the Certified Assistant plays an important role as care extender in current and future business models for the delivery of O&P care and with the encouragement of the profession, we are confident that now is the appropriate time to reinstate this certification program.

D. DEANE DOTY, JR., CPO
ABC President

based certification exam. Additional information about the Certified Assistant program along with the education and experiential requirements are available at abcop.org.

Orthotic Fitter Practice Analysis

In the summer and fall of 2010, ABC conducted a Practice Analysis Survey of the Orthotic Fitter and received overwhelming support from the ABC credentialed orthotic fitter community. With a return rate of 17%, the survey results will help define the certification, education, and training of future fitters; will aid in the development of valid and reliable examinations; and convey to others outside our disciplines the scope of services provided by O&P professionals.

The complete survey results are available at abcop.org.

Additional Exam Dates

In August, ABC announced that it added a new set of dates for administering its certification exams in 2011. The new February exam dates give ABC a total of four exam administrations each year, allowing candidates additional opportunities to take the exams.

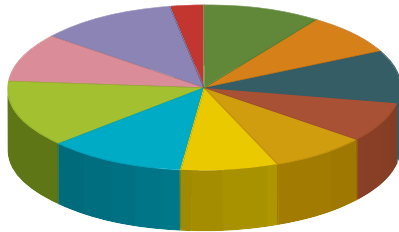
The ABC Board made the decision to add the additional exam administration to increase candidate access to the exam. The change also reflects the changing academic environment where orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic education occurs year round as opposed to the traditional academic year. "This change allows candidates for the ABC board exams more convenient access and gives those students who complete their education at various times throughout the year more opportunity to sit for their exam," said Catherine A. Carter, ABC Executive Director.

Exam Administration

A total of 2,241 examinations for all disciplines were administered via computer-based testing, three times in 2010, at 250 locations nationwide. The orthotic and prosthetic Clinical Patient Management examinations were held bi-annually, in person at a central testing site. In 2010, those exams were held in Dallas and St. Petersburg, Fla. The technician exams were administered at Century College, Minn. and Spokane Falls Community College, Wash.



» Exams Administered in 2010



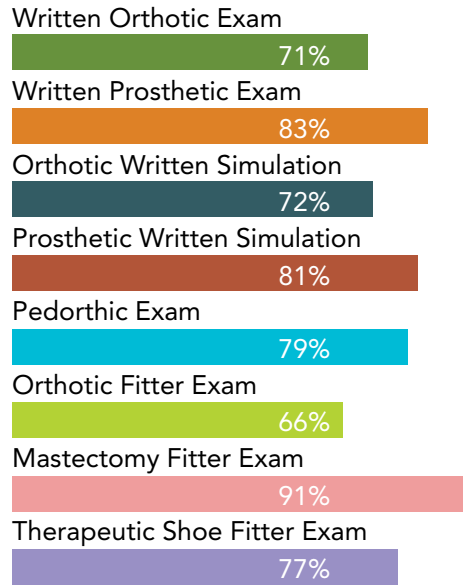
● Orthotic Exam	223
● Prosthetic Exam	180
● Orthotic Written Simulation . .	231
● Prosthetic Written Simulation . .	170
● Orthotic Clinical Patient Management Exam	184
● Prosthetic Clinical Patient Management Exam	178
● Pedorthic Exam	254
● Orthotic Fitter Exam	298
● Mastectomy Fitter Exam	206
● Therapeutic Shoe Fitter Exam . .	258
● Technician Exam	59

ABC would like to thank the following educational institutions for hosting the 2010 Clinical Patient Management and Technician Exams:

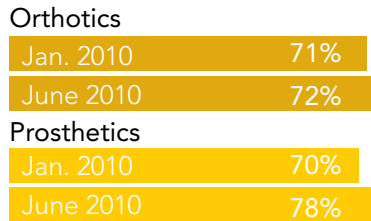
- » **University of Texas—Southwestern School of Health Professions**
- » **St. Petersburg College**
- » **Century College**
- » **Spokane Falls Community College**

» 2010 Examination Passing Rates

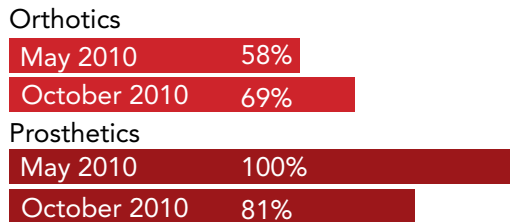
Written and Written Simulation Exams



Clinical Patient Management Exams



Technical Exams



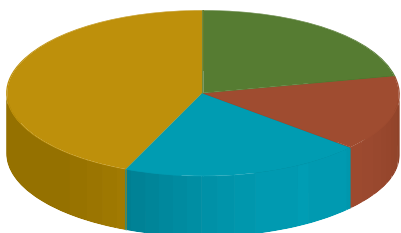
Newly Certified ABC Practitioners, Pedorthists, Fitters and Technicians

ABC continues to attract the majority of candidates seeking credentialing in the orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professions. A total of 2,191 examinations were administered across all disciplines and of those who sat for the exams, 1,170 practitioners, pedorthists, fitters, and technicians attained the ABC credential.

Certified Practitioners and Pedorthists

ABC credential holders continue to be recognized by their peers, regulators, and the healthcare community as the benchmark for minimum standards in the profession. In 2010, a total of 264 individuals successfully completed the requirements to become ABC Certified Orthotists and/or Prosthetists, a slight increase over 2009. The Certified Pedorthist credential was awarded to 203 individuals.

» 2010

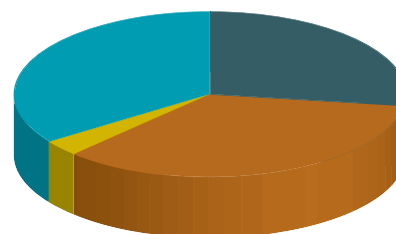


● Certified Orthotist	102
● Certified Prosthetist	69
● Certified Prosthetist/Orthotist . .	93
● Certified Pedorthist.	203
Total.	467

Certified Fitters

ABC continues to be the credentialing board of choice for individuals seeking certification in orthotic, mastectomy, and therapeutic shoe fitting. A total of 762 individuals sat for the fitter certification exams in 2010 and 662 successfully completed the requirements to become ABC Certified Fitters.

» 2010



● Certified Fitter-orthotics	181
● Certified Fitter-mastectomy . .	232
● Certified Fitter-orthotic/mastectomy	20
● Certified Fitter-therapeutic shoes	229
Total.	662

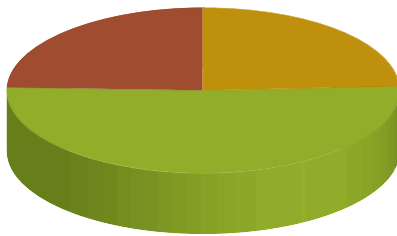


Certified Technicians

There were significant changes to the Registered Technician credential in 2010. The designation was changed to Certified Technician in February and in October the hands-on practical exam was administered for the final time. Beginning in 2011, the exam will be computer-based and administered three times and in 2012, the exam will be given four times a year.

ABC's professional credentialing programs continue to be driven by the dedicated volunteers who make up the 10 committees and exam teams. Behind each credentialing program are numerous ABC certified professionals who devote a significant amount of their time and effort into developing certification policies, program improvements, and the exams themselves. The continued success of ABC's credentialing programs is truly a testament to their dedication.

» Credential 2010



● Certified Technician-Orthotics (CTO)	10
● Certified Technician-Prosthetics (CTP)	21
● Certified Technician-Prosthetics/Orthotics (CTPO) ..	10
Total	41

» I am proud to have been part of the ABC Clinical Practice Management Examination for the past 13 years. The format has changed significantly during this time and has evolved into an exam that not only tests a prospective practitioner's knowledge of the prosthetic and orthotic profession, but tests that knowledge in an environment that best simulates their day-to-day practice. This makes ABC's practical exam unique and the best evaluation of the potential candidate's ability to perform up to ABC standards.

AMY V. YATES, CPO
Application Review Committee
Chair



Facility Accreditation

ABC's facility accreditation program continued to break records in 2010 for the number of facilities who chose ABC as their accrediting organization.

There were many exciting changes in the facility accreditation program last year. In mid March, Chrissy Heckenberg was named the Director of Facility Accreditation. Heckenberg spent her first 90 days identifying opportunities for continued improvement to the accreditation process. ABC's goal is to make the facility accreditation process efficient and effective for applicants. ABC is accomplishing this through education, enhanced communication, improved customer service, and advanced technology.

Communication

A proactive approach has been implemented for facilities whose accreditation is expiring during the calendar year, with positive results. In addition, *The Facilitator* is periodically sent to each accredited facility. This e-newsletter contains important information on CMS changes or updates, insights from surveyors in the field, and other important news and information specific to ABC accredited facilities.

Education

The facility accreditation department now has a designated Standards and Compliance Specialist who works specifically to educate facilities on ABC Standards. The accreditation team created and revised several easy-to-use resources to help facilities prepare for the accreditation process. These include the *Getting Started with Accreditation Guide*, *Accreditation FAQs*, *Top 10 Differences Between Passing & Failing*, and *What to Expect During Your ABC Accreditation Onsite Survey*.

Customer Service

The accreditation department has a renewed commitment to providing exceptional customer service. This is being accomplished through additional staff resources, new customer education tools, and additional resources created specifically for ABC accredited facilities.

Technology

The Accreditation pages of the ABC website have been updated and include enhanced information and resources. The *Getting Started* section includes an overview of the accreditation process, fees, clear eligibility requirements, and detailed information about the onsite survey process. The *Facility Accreditation FAQs* page is frequently updated and contains clear answers



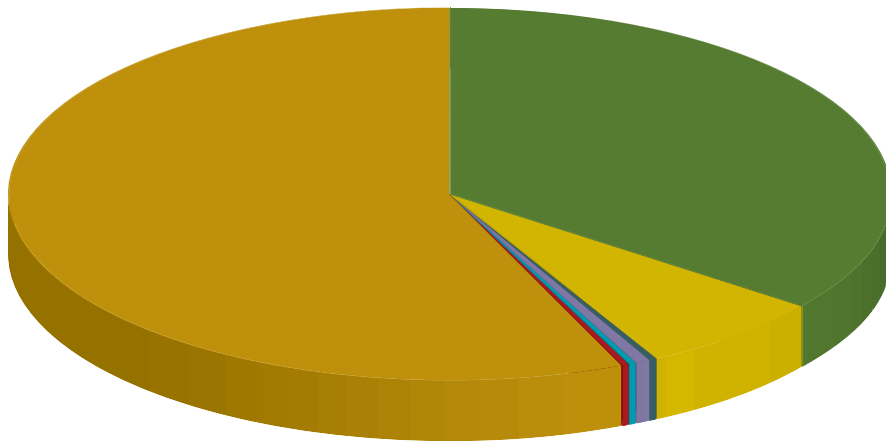
to common accreditation questions. In addition, the *Pre-Application Survey Checklist* can be downloaded by applicants prior to completing their accreditation application.

Again in 2010, ABC's facility accreditation program was the program of choice for those seeking the gold standard in the profession. As the only accrediting organization recognized by many healthcare payers, ABC is proud of its continued commitment to excellence and values having the best reputation in the profession.

» ABC appreciates all of the hard work from our volunteer committees as well as the dedication from the ABC staff. Without those two complimenting each other, the facility accreditation program would not have been able to evolve. ABC draws energy from the support of our volunteers and the ABC family.

MICHAEL J. ALLEN, CPO, FAAOP
*Facility Accreditation Committee
 Chair*

» **Total Accredited Facilities**



● Comprehensive Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics . . .	2,969
● Mastectomy.	571
● Prefab Orthotics	37
● Non-Custom Therapeutic Shoes.	38
● Off-the-Shelf Orthotics	39
● Ocular	10
● Pharmacies with Orthotic Services	4,717



Outreach to the Profession

Throughout 2010, ABC was at the forefront of change and advancement for the orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professions. Many of these activities will have positive implications further down the road for practitioners and facilities alike.

State of the Art Conference

ABC proudly participated in a joint conference sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development and the Department of Defense, March 15-17 in Baltimore, Md. The VA/DoD State of the Art (SOTA) Conference on Orthotics and Prosthetics was convened to assess the state of the science, identify knowledge gaps, and develop recommendations for research directions that will assist the VA and DoD in improving the lives and functioning of Service Members, Veterans and others with limb loss or impairment.

SOTA participants worked to identify both the established body of knowledge and determine what will be necessary in the future to successfully care for patients with prosthetics and orthotics, as well as assist healthcare systems in managing this care.

Approximately 100 participants attended this invitation-only event including managers, policy makers, clinicians, and researchers from the allied healthcare professions. The conference goal of informing and improving orthotics and prosthetics research and practices was facilitated

» This important initiative featuring key stakeholders in O&P research and education was a key first step in setting the foundation for the future of orthotic and prosthetic research. ABC was proud to be included in such an august group.

ROBERT S. LIN, CPO, FAAOP
*Past President of the ABC Board
of Directors*

through work groups that addressed topics specific to orthotics and prosthetics including powered/controlled devices, rehabilitation strategies and standards.

Pedorthic Education Conference

ABC participated in the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) Pedorthic Education Conference in Dallas on April 10 and 11 to critically assess the future of the pedorthic practice and its formal education. Also in attendance were educators from NCOPE approved pedorthic education programs. The 30 attendees were all members of the professional pedorthic community who provided a unique and important perspective on the future of the profession.

The meeting objective was to collectively identify the appropriate



pedorthic education plan that would best teach the skills necessary for the delivery of quality pedorthic care in the coming decade. The group proposed a professional education model that NCOPE will now use as guidance to develop future educational standards for pedorthic education.

Profession Moves to Master's Degree

The National Commission for Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) has revised the orthotic and prosthetic education standards, raising the minimum education level for the profession to a Master's degree. NCOPE received approval of the standards revision at the July 23rd meeting of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

NCOPE's hard work over the last five years to revise the standards has culminated in an exciting move forward for the profession. The new standards were effective in August for any new programs seeking accreditation and all currently accredited programs will transition to the new standards by the end of 2012.

» ABC fully supports this positive step for the O&P profession. We are excited about looking to the future and the evolution of the profession.

CATHERINE A. CARTER
ABC Executive Director



Continuing Education

Continuing education continues to be a basic principle of ABC's mission and vision. ABC ensures that its credential holders stay current with research, trends, and developments through this rigorously monitored program. ABC continually works to refine the continuing education program and its requirements, all in an effort to ensure that credentialed individuals maintain the highest standards in the profession.

To support this statement, the ABC Board of Directors adopted the following policies in 2010:

» **Reinstatement of Credential:** Individuals whose certification has lapsed for two or more years may only become recertified by taking and passing all applicable ABC credentialing exams in the discipline in which they are requesting reinstatement, and by paying current application, examination, and renewal fees.

» **Pre-Certification Courses are no longer eligible for Category I continuing education credits:** ABC will no longer award Category I continuing education credits for NCOPE-approved primary education pre-certification courses. Category II credits may be awarded as applicable to current policies.

» **Minimum Category I Requirement for Certified Fitters:** To ensure that all individuals certified by ABC are complying with the requirement that the majority of their credits must be earned in the discipline in which they are certified, certified fitters are required to earn a minimum number of Category I Scientific credits.

THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE:

	Minimum # of Cat I Scientific	Maximum # of Cat II and/or Business
Certified Fitter in Orthotics	34	16
Certified Fitter in Orthotics/ Mastectomy	40	20
Certified Fitter of Therapeutic Shoes	17	8

» **Minimum on Discipline-Specific Content Required for Category I Approval:** A course must contain a minimum of 50% content that is specific to a certain discipline to receive Category I credit toward that credential.

» **Credit Limits for Product Demonstrations:** In-house vendor product demonstrations will receive a maximum of two Category II credits per year.



In June, the document formerly known as the *MCE Book of Rules* was updated, redesigned, renamed, and made available on the ABC website. The new *Guide to Maintaining Your Certification* contains all of the new policies stated above.

The following chart indicates credential status as of January 1, 2010 by credential type for:

- » Certifications in **Good Standing** for which Annual Fees were submitted in 2010
- » Certifications **Renewed** at the end of the five-year cycle
- » Certifications **Suspended**
- » Certifications **Revoked** for failure to satisfy the five-year continuing education cycle requirements (original MCE expiration date of December 31, 2008)

» ABC has the strongest credentialing programs in the orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professions. ABC supports those programs by ensuring that its credential holders are also meeting the highest standards in continuing education. The MCE Committee consistently reviews the policies governing this program and works hard to make sure we are administering a program that meets and exceeds the public's expectations.

DEANNA J. FISH, CPO, FAAOP
Continuing Education Committee
Chair

Credential Type	In Good Standing	Renewed	Suspended	Revoked
Practitioner (CO, CP or CPO)	5,539	2,223	179	9
Certified Pedorthist (C.Ped.)	2,694	381	75	32
Certified Technician (CTP, CTO or CTPO)	632	65	7	11
Certified Assistant (CPA, COA or CPOA)	125	35	7	0
Certified Fitter—Orthotics (CFo)	1,563	307	200	120
Certified Fitter—Mastectomy (CFm)	1,406	242	57	19
Certified Fitter—Orthotics/ Mastectomy (CFom)	385	83	42	33
Certified Fitter—Therapeutic Shoes (CFts)	761	0	0	0
Total	13,105	3,336	567	224



Marketing & Public Relations

ABC's marketing and public relations efforts for 2010 continued to grow in support of the certification and accreditation programs that are ABC's foundation. There was a continued focus on consumer outreach and the momentum of updating the look and message of the ABC brand continues.

- » AAOP New England Chapter—October
- » AAOP NC/SC Chapter—November
- » AAOP New Jersey Chapter—November

For the first time, ABC participated along with AOPA, NCOPE, and the Academy in the ISPO International Conference in Leipzig, Germany. This was a great opportunity for us to talk with potential certifees and those wishing to come to the U.S. to study orthotics and prosthetics.

Our combined presence was also a great addition to the U.S. Pavilion and many exhibitors were supporters of ABC.

ABC's outreach to the pedorthic community was expanded in 2010 with the sponsorship of a professional speaker at the Pedorthic Footwear Association Annual Conference in November. Patrick Astre was hired

Advertising

Many of ABC's advertisements, seen in orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic publications, were given a fresh new look—specifically in the pedorthic and mastectomy markets. New ads were also created for the revised Certified Technician program and the newly reinstated Certified Assistant program.

Professional Outreach

ABC participated in numerous annual meetings, trade shows, and state association and chapter meetings in 2010. ABC exhibited at and/or presented facility accreditation sessions at:

- » OPGA Conference—January
- » AAOP Annual Meeting—February
- » Essentially Women Annual Conference—April
- » AAOP Northern Plains Chapter—September
- » AOPA National Assembly—September

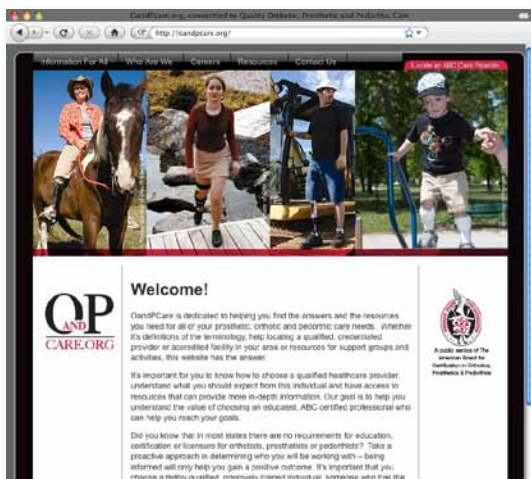


by ABC to speak to the group about succession planning and the importance of bringing new individuals into the profession. The session was very well attended, over 150 participants, and ABC was prominently recognized as the sponsor of the session.

In addition, ABC changed the format of the Update to the Certified Pedorthist session at this meeting by sponsoring a Happy Hour event that had an overwhelmingly positive response!

Consumer Outreach

In 2010, ABC redesigned and relaunched OandPCare.org, its new consumer website. The new look of the site brings a more modern aesthetic and includes more extensive sections on each of the disciplines and how consumers can expect to interact with practitioners, pedorthists, and fitters. The new site also includes the same search features that the ABC website enjoys. Each section of the new site



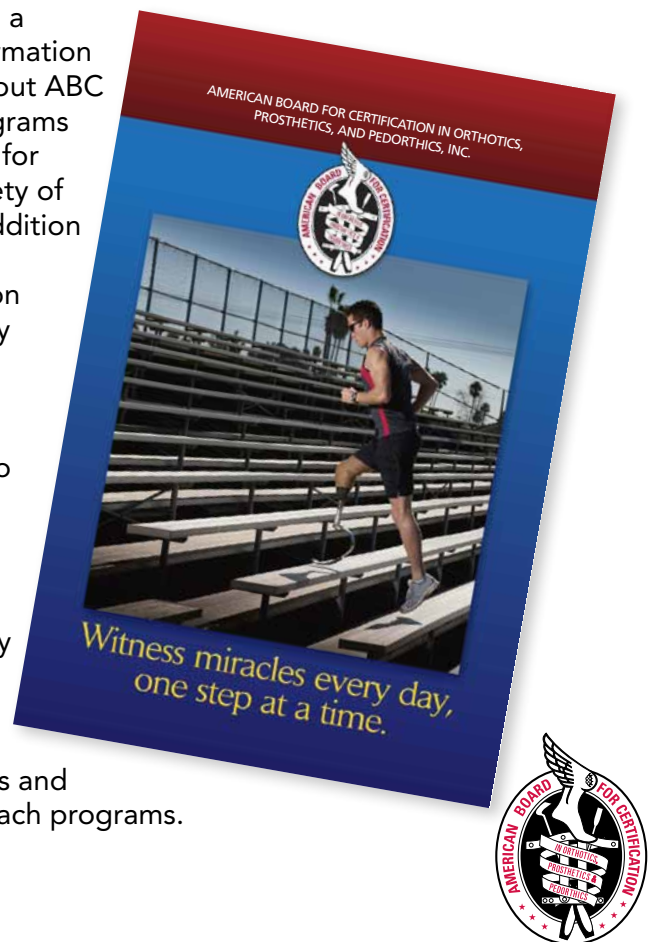
includes FAQs and a Glossary.

Additional consumer focused sponsorship and exhibit activities included:

- » Disabled American Veterans Winter Sports Clinic
- » Disabled Sports USA
- » Amputee Coalition of America Youth Camp
- » Amputee Coalition of America Annual Meeting

New Publications

ABC created a general information brochure about ABC and our programs and services for use in a variety of forums. In addition to informing the profession about exactly what types of programs we have, the brochure also serves to inform the public and has even been used by practitioners for health career opportunities and school outreach programs.



ABC also created two new customizable brochures for use by accredited facilities. One brochure is for O&P, while the other speaks directly to the mastectomy audience. The brochures are intended to be used by ABC accredited facilities in their patient waiting areas, for referral sources or insurance contacts, and to explain the significance and advantage of being ABC accredited. Each facility has the ability to order the brochures online, customize the back panel with their contact information and have the brochures shipped directly to them. The brochures have been a huge success with over 3,500 brochures ordered since they were introduced in September.



» It was an exciting year and I am glad to have been a part of the new direction of the marketing effort at ABC. Many new projects are already underway with more to come. The profession should be proud of the efforts that ABC is initiating on their behalf, the results of which will be increased recognition of their credential, their profession, and their commitment to excellent patient care.

DON CUMMINGS, CP
Public Relations and Marketing
Committee Chair



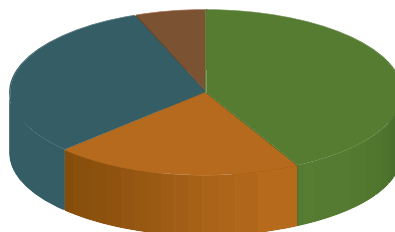
ABC 2010 Credentialing and Accreditation by the Numbers

2010 was a great year for ABC, with significant increases in individual certification. The number of individuals attaining ABC certification has increased every year – a sure sign that ABC is the preferred credentialing board in the profession. ABC credentials were awarded to another record-breaking number of individuals and those who are already certified maintained their credentials in record numbers.

ABC awarded certification status to a total of 1,170 orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic professionals in 2010. With these new certifees, there are a total of 13,105 ABC credentialed individuals. This number includes 5,539 Certified Practitioners.

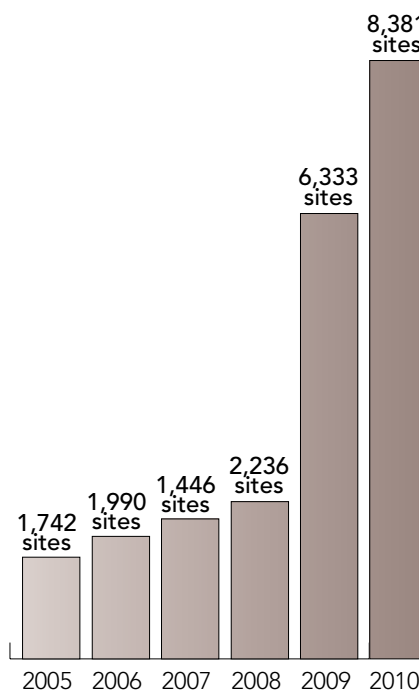
At the end of 2010, there were a total of 8,381 ABC accredited facilities. Even with the drop off in mandatory pedorthic and mastectomy accreditation deadlines, ABC facility accreditation demand has remained high. This increase in accreditations is unprecedented.

» ABC Individual Credentials



● Certified Practitioners	5,539
● Certified Pedorthists	2,694
● Certified Fitters	4,115
● Certified Technicians and Assistants	757

» Facility Accreditation Growth



Professional Discipline

ABC's Professional Discipline Committee promotes professionalism and ethical conduct through enforcement of the *ABC Code of Professional Responsibility & Rules and Procedures*. In 2010 the committee implemented the revisions to the *Code* that were made by the ABC Board of Directors in 2009. Most of the revisions pertained to the definitions for supervision and privileging, as well as the rules that apply to the appeal of a Professional Discipline Committee decision.

In fulfilling its central responsibilities, the committee reviews matters alleging violations of the *Code* involving general misconduct, criminal convictions, and patient dissatisfaction. The committee diligently reviews each matter and renders decisions based on the facts discovered.

The following individuals were sanctioned by the Committee in 2010:

Edith James, *Suspension of C.Ped. credential, October*

Robert Hoskins, *Revocation of CP credential, November*

Brian Lee, *Revocation of certification eligibility (NCOPE Resident), December*

In addition, ABC actively promotes and protects its trademarked credentials. Cease and desist orders were issued to several individuals and organizations whom ABC learned were improperly representing ABC certification and/or accreditation titles.

» By requiring our credential holders to adhere to the *ABC Code of Professional Responsibility*, and by enforcing that adherence through a committee of their peers, ABC assures consumers that ABC credential holders maintain the highest professional and ethical standards in the profession.

CATHERINE A. CARTER
ABC Executive Director



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Statements of Financial Position

As of November 30, 2010 and 2009

	Current Year	Prior Year
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,619,134	7,002,086
Accounts receivable, net	60,225	33,860
Due from affiliate organizations	5,626	15,227
Prepaid expenses and other assets	247,634	43,820
Property and equipment, net	146,892	250,080
Reserve fund investments	6,778,672	5,904,901
Total assets	13,858,183	13,249,974
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	529,780	297,757
Accrued payroll and related benefits	96,886	74,088
Deferred rent	14,917	42,827
Deferred Credit (Goodwill)	446,671	459,050
Deferred fees	2,932,882	2,425,781
Deferred exams and accreditation	2,218,124	3,093,225
Total liabilities	6,239,260	6,392,729
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	7,618,923	6,857,245
Total liabilities and net assets	13,858,183	13,249,974





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