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Good morning:

On October 9, 2004 the Academy gave a Diplomate Examination in Minneapolis, Minnesota at Northwestern Health Sciences University. The candidates were from CMCC, LACC, National, Northwestern and Western States. The examination ran like clockwork and the feedback from the candidates was very positive.

The examination has been graded and we will be notifying the candidates shortly.

We still have Academy pamphlets (Fellow of the Academy) available. To place an order, contact the Academy at 515-981-9654. Credit card orders are accepted.

The ACCO convention in San Antonio can't get here fast enough. I met so many members in Orlando and I'm really looking forward to meeting many more in San Antonio. Watching Dr. Toon set the examination up the past two times makes me a little nervous because he is such a tough act to follow. But there is comfort in knowing he will be there to help.

I completed my orthopedic program in November of 1983 with Dr. Ron Evans as the principal instructor. I'm reminded how far we've come by being involved in the past two examinations, I vividly recall flying to Boston for my examination and having one examiner (Dr. Poole) call me into his hotel room and asked me to select five index cards, discuss the topics outlined and then review several x-rays. I was in that room for about an hour and probably lost 6 pounds of water.

The examinations put together by Dr. Larry Swank are exceptional. He balances difficulty with fairness emphasizing practical questions and eliminating the obscure.

When you all see me in San Antonio I will have completed bilateral deep brain stimulation for young onset Parkinson's disease. If there's any interest, I would be happy to prepare a short segment on the procedure including video clips of my testing and some of the surgical procedure. I am truly blessed to live in a time when science fiction has become a reality. I'm hoping if you can see how it benefited me you could encourage your patients to consider this procedure for Parkinson's or essential tremors.

Please take a moment while visiting the Academy's web page ([www.dorthoacademy.com](http://www.dorthoacademy.com)) and download an application for membership to the Academy -- in fact, make two copies and give one to a colleague.

Stay well and prosper.

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