

Academy e-Letter
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Good Afternoon!

The Academy has been asked from time to time if the use of FACO can be used if the member is not current with dues or has not been a member for some time. The answer is NO, if a doctor uses the FACO on a web site, letterhead, business cards, phone book or any other entity...it must be removed. This is inappropriate and signifies the doctor is a current member in good standing. This has been called inflation of one's credentials. It could be a problem on the witness stand or if a complaint is received by a State Board. It's much easier to keep your membership. This past month we had two calls about the status of 2 doctors from a group asking this very question.

We would like to welcome Cox© Technic Seminars as a sponsor on the Academy web site. For those of you (Over 63% of chiropractors use flexion-distraction technic: NBCE job analysis of chiropractors 2010) that have attended a conference, you know how much "Monday morning" useful information you receive. We are appreciative of their relationship with the Academy. Seminar hours are eligible for Academy re-certification credits. Founded by Dr. James M. Cox, Cox© Technic Flexion-Distraction and Decompression is an established, evidence-based, research-proven protocol to examine, diagnose, and non-surgically relieve low back and leg pain (sciatica) and neck and arm pain due to various spinal pain conditions ranging from disc herniation and stenosis to sprain/strain. Dr. Cox's evidence based material that he presents and the examination process is very compatible with orthopedics. Cox© Technic has done research with NUHS and currently has a cervical spine study with Palmer College, Loyola Stritch School of Medicine and Hines VA Hospital in Chicago. Please go to the website (www.dcothoacademy.com) and click on Cox© Technic Seminars. Schedules of upcoming conferences are available. No better time than now to attend!

Each President's letter will highlight one of the Academy's sponsors. Please visit their websites and support them as this supports the Academy.

We have just about put the finishing touches on the second major significant process that the Academy has been involved with. The first was the psychometrically based and modern orthopedic Diplomate examination. The Academy is now working on developing an updated and practical voluntary re-certification process. It has taken 6 months and a lot of work to bring us into the 21st century! It will soon be on the website with the details. You will be required to obtain 75 credits over a 5 year time frame culminating in an online open book examination of evidence based material. Venues for obtaining the credits have expanded and are Diplomate friendly. A committee is being formed for item writing of the re-certification examination. In addition, a committee is being established to periodically monitor the validity of the venues providing hours used for re-certification and audit the re-certification credits of the doctor. If you have an interest in helping with the process, please contact me via the website. This work will qualify you for earned credits for re-certification. The members of these committees are from the Coalition; there is representation from each group. This is one of the many requirements that the Academy had to follow to meet re-certification criteria for a certifying organization. We are asked frequently why one should want to re-certify.

Here are a few reasons:

- Demonstrate the Diplomate has kept current with new practices, methodologies, equipment, terminology, procedures and evidence based material.
- Demonstrate complying with maintenance of certification (MOC) imposed by governmental agencies, hospitals, managed care groups, employment with medical groups and the public.
- The Institute of Medicine, in their 2003 publication, "Health Professions Education, A Bridge to Quality" published a recommendation that certification bodies, "...require their certificate holders to maintain their competence throughout the course of their careers".
(Demonstrating competency)
- Help position our Diplomates (Fellows) to better position themselves in a competitive marketplace.
- Improve patient care by maintaining re-certification. Obtaining knowledge through the requirements to maintain MOC.
- Medical-legal arena.
- Requirement credits are relevant to chiropractic orthopedics; you do not have to sit through hours that are irrelevant to your practice of orthopedics.

Upcoming President's letters will expand the issue and the program will be put on the website Oct or Nov 2010. It will go into effect 01/01/11. For those of you who are already re-certified, how it works for you into the future will be outlined.

We are continuing to expand the Journal of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedics. Applications have been mailed to prospective Editorial Board members. We are continually looking to expand the Board. If anyone has an interest, please contact me and I will arrange a phone call with you at your convenience.

I have asked in previous President's letters for volunteers to help the Academy in certain areas that we are pursuing to expand the Academy. I again ask for your help. To the new DACO's, this is your chance to participate in the growth of your specialty. For those of us who have been in practice for a number of years, it's our chance to give back to our specialty and profession. Please send an e-mail to the Academy address on the website. It will be forwarded to me and I'll set up a time we can talk on how you can help!

The Academy Board is NOT sitting still; we are continually working to improve and expand the Academy. This group has made my job so much easier. They are focused and ideas are almost always in circulation...once it gets on the table, this group takes the challenge. I can speak for the entire Academy Board; we wish you, your family and friends a safe Labor Day weekend. Thank you again for your membership with the Academy. We will work to continue to earn your support.

The most infectiously joyous men and women are those who forget themselves in thinking about others and serving others....Robert J. McCracken

Thank you for your continued support of the Academy.
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