



The Research Priorities of the ABMS Co-Sponsoring Member Boards

Member Board	Research Priorities
American Board of Dermatology	
American Board of Ophthalmology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluates the effectiveness of its programs and activities; • Examines the relationships between certification and physician education, clinical practice, and career-long improvement; • Contributes meaningfully to the literature about physician competence; and • Promotes psychometric equity, excellence, and fairness.
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery	
American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	
American Board of Plastic Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methodologies and strategies for designing unbiased written exam items. • Methodologies and strategies for designing unbiased oral exam items. • Best practices for avoiding unconscious bias in the delivery of oral exams. • Differentiating the design of aesthetic Theory and Practice items be different from reconstructive items • Best practices for cross-training non-aesthetic examiners to perform aesthetic oral exams.
American Board of Radiology - Diagnostic Radiology	



American Board of Radiology - Interventional Radiology	
American Board of Radiology - Medical Physics	
American Board of Radiology - Radiation Oncology	
American Board of Thoracic Surgery	
American Board of Urology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New methods of formative and summative assessments.• Improvement in the Objective Structured Clinical Examinations for Urology• Innovative methods to improve and implement a holistic review and selection process for urology residency applicants