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There is a new ABO Scenario-Based Oral Clinical Examination

The scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination is designed to objectively evaluate an orthodontist's knowledge, abilities and critical thinking skills to certify orthodontists based on proficiency and clinical excellence.

Scenario-based testing is utilized by several other medical and dental specialty boards. This format allows for testing of a large amount of material which is consistent for each candidate and allows for questions to be graded objectively.

Scenarios and questions are developed in collaboration with program directors and the ABO.

Eligibility is the same, successful completion of the ABO written exam and graduation from an accredited orthodontic program.

There are 4 equally weighted examination components: Data Gathering and Diagnosis, Treatment Objectives and Planning, Treatment and Critical Analysis and Outcome Assessment

The scenario-based examination will be held in St. Louis, at the AAO Headquarters, in the ABO Examination Center and will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis.

Each examination will be comprised of scenarios from ABO provided patient cases.

Examinees will rotate between several different exam rooms, each with a different pair of examiners who will ask questions pertaining to the patient case in that room.