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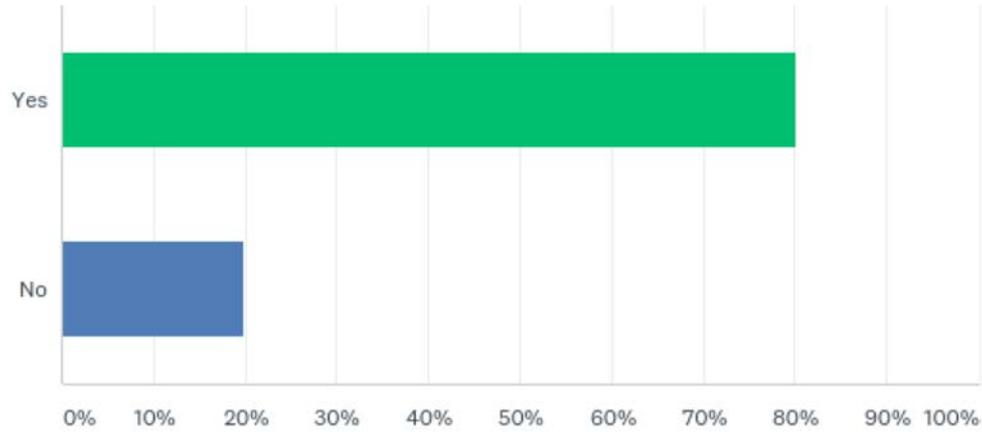
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Teresa Fraker, MS, RN Program Administrator, MBSAQIP, American College of Surgeons sent a survey on behalf of the ABOM to 1,168 participating MBSAQIP programs.

The intent of the survey was to determine how bariatric surgeons are currently working in partnership with obesity medicine physicians.

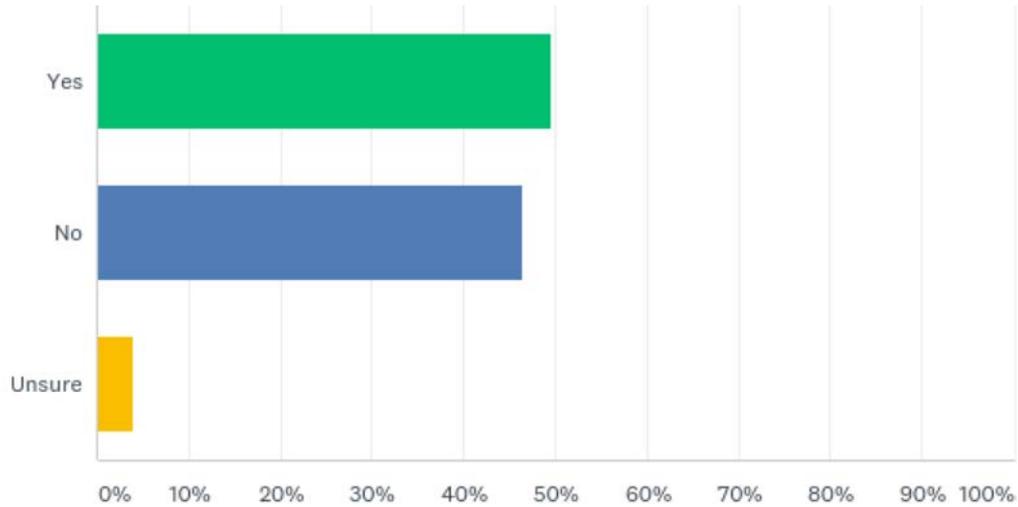
123 responses were collected.

Have you heard of the American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM)?



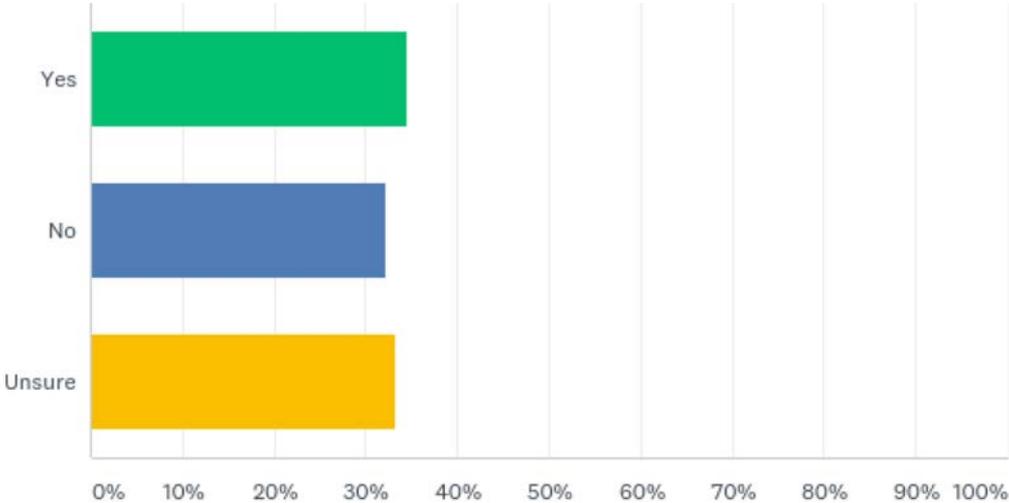
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.17%	97
No	19.83%	24
TOTAL		121

Does your center currently work with a non-surgical obesity medicine physician?



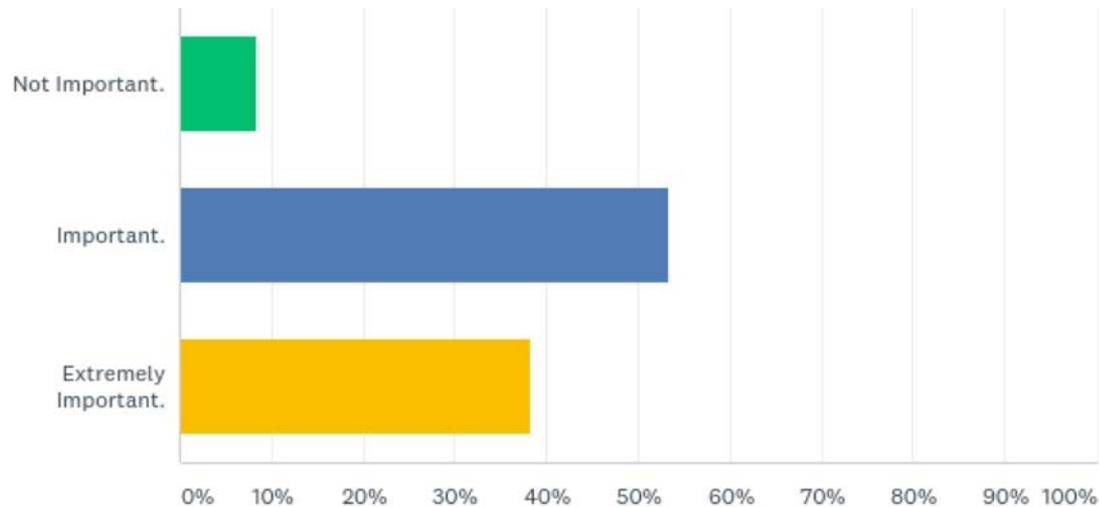
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.59%	61
No	46.34%	57
Unsure	4.07%	5
TOTAL		123

If so, is this non-surgical obesity medicine physician certified by the ABOM?



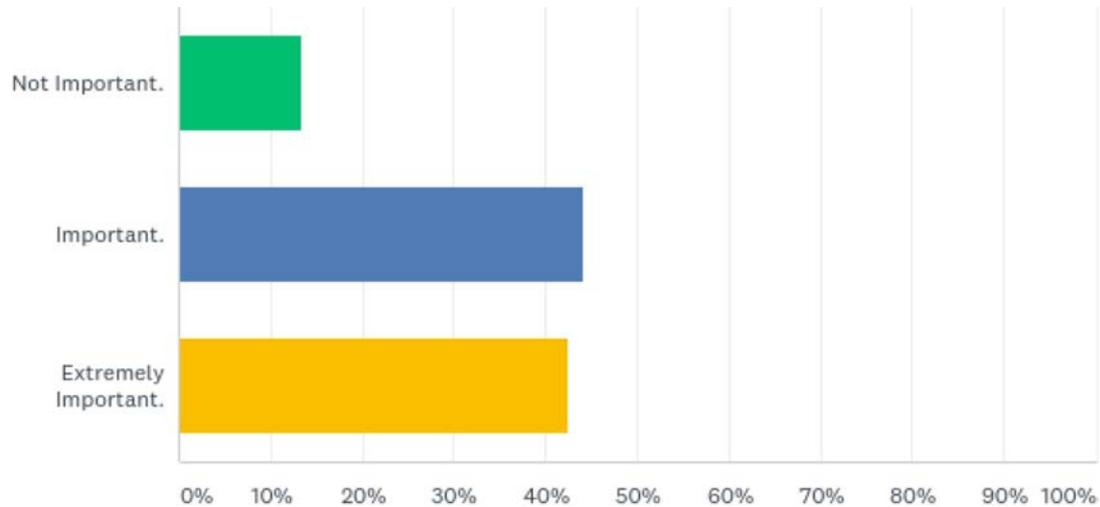
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.44%	31
No	32.22%	29
Unsure	33.33%	30
TOTAL		90

Rank the importance of a non-surgical obesity medicine physician for **pre-operative** weight management.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not Important.	8.33%	10
Important.	53.33%	64
Extremely Important.	38.33%	46
TOTAL		120

Rank the importance of a non-surgical obesity medicine physician for **post-operative** weight management



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not Important.	13.33%	16
Important.	44.17%	53
Extremely Important.	42.50%	51
TOTAL		120

Survey Summary

- 80% of respondents have heard of the ABOM; however, only half work with a non-surgical obesity medicine physician.
- Most surgeons felt that working with an obesity medicine physician is important or extremely important for both pre and post-operative obesity management.



Integrating Obesity Medicine Physicians into Bariatric Surgery Programs

Learning Objectives:

- Define obesity as a chronic disease continuum where surgery is one treatment option.
- Describe the value of obtaining ABOM certification.
- Discuss the role of the obesity medicine physician - bariatric surgeon team approach.

To be presented from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 13th at Obesity Week.



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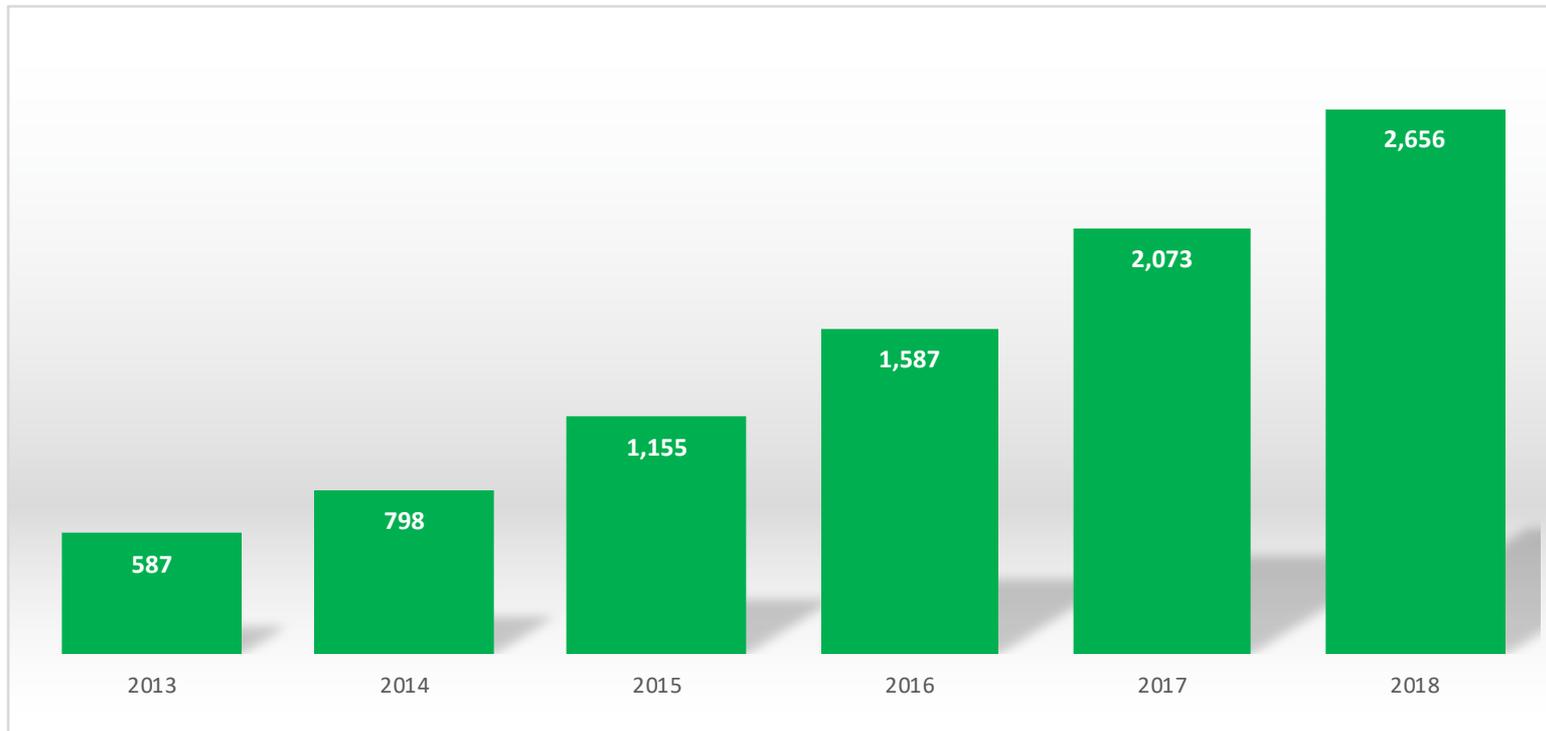
Obesity is a chronic disease that requires comprehensive and integrated treatment – lifestyle, pharmacotherapy and bariatric surgery. Being trained in the complexities of obesity enhances patient care. We will be focusing on the medical- bariatric surgery interface in this symposium. Approximately 4% of ABOM diplomates are practicing bariatric surgeons. There are opportunities for bariatric surgeons to increase their own scope of practice through certification and there is also the opportunity to create a comprehensive bariatric surgery program with a bariatric surgeon working together with an obesity medicine physician. **Bariatric surgeons who do not wish to seek certification themselves have several options when it comes to working with an obesity medicine physician: look to hire an ABOM diplomate directly or help guide a local primary care physician through the certification process.**

Chair, **Dr. Robert Kushner**

- The integrated nature of obesity – treatment of a chronic disease **Dr. Rekha Kumar**
- The Role of the Obesity Medicine physician within a Surgical Practice. **Dr. Christopher Still**
- A bariatric surgeon who is an ABOM diplomate (how does this perspective change patient care?). **Dr. John Morton**
- Case Studies: A bariatric surgeon working in partnership with an Obesity Medicine Physician. **Drs. Wayne English & John Cleek**



Growth of American Board of Obesity Medicine Diplomates 2013-2018



Qualifications for Certification

Minimum Requirements

- Proof of an active medical license in the U.S. or Canada.
- Proof of completion of a residency in the U.S. or Canada.
- Active board certification in an American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board or osteopathic medicine equivalent.



Qualifications for Certification CME Pathway

- 60 CME credit hours on the topic of obesity are required for certification.
- At least 30 CME credit hours must be obtained by attendance at designated GROUP ONE conference.
- The other 30 CME credit hours may be obtained through at-home CME activity.
- The sixty (60) credit hours must be completed within the thirty-six (36) months preceding the final application deadline.



Qualifications for Certification Fellowship Pathway

- Successful completion of an on-site clinical fellowship with an obesity component where the fellowship director attests to at least 500 hours on the topic of obesity.



Important Dates

Early Application Deadline

October 15, 2018

Application Deadline

November 15, 2018

ABOM Certification Exam at Prometric Computer Centers

February 25 – 28, 2019



Vision of ABOM Recertification

- The American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM) aims to refine the ABOM recertification process with a goal of creating a recertification pathway that is **relevant, engaging, and efficient** for physicians.
- The new Journal Article Review Recertification Pathway (JARRP) requires diplomates to complete ongoing journal article reviews over the 10-year certification period **in lieu of taking the recertification exam.**
- 2,258 ABOM Diplomates are eligible for JARRP. 555 ABOM Diplomates have registered for JARRP as of September 1, 2018. This is approximately 25%.



How does the Journal Article Review Recertification Pathway work?

In order to recertify through the Journal Article Review Recertification Pathway, eligible diplomates must:

- Earn 60 Journal Article Review points by reading a minimum of 60 articles on the topic of obesity designated by the MOC committee during the 10-year certification period, including at least 12 articles every two years, and responding correctly to 75% of the post-article questions for each article. Each article is worth one Journal Article Review point.
- If a diplomate does not answer 75% of the questions correctly the first time, the diplomate will be provided with an opportunity to try a second time to answer the questions correctly.
- At the end of the 10-year certification period, diplomates earning the required Journal Article Review points will need to show proof of an active medical license and active certification in an ABMS board in order to be eligible for recertification.
- Diplomates successfully earning the required Journal Article Review points and providing proof of active medical license and active ABMS board certification will be exempt from the recertification exam. These diplomates will be granted another 10-year certification term.





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