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The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) was founded in 1934 as a private, voluntary, nonprofit, independent organization to serve the best interests of the public and the medical profession and to ensure the safe, ethical, and effective practice of orthopaedic surgery. The ABOS mission is achieved through the establishment of standards for education in the field of orthopaedic surgery. The achievement of those standards is evaluated by the ABOS through examinations and practice evaluations.

Orthopaedic residents at all Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited Orthopaedic Surgery Residency Education Programs who plan to participate in the ABOS Board Certification process will be required to participate in the ABOS Knowledge, Skills & Behavior (ABOS KSB) Program starting July 1, 2025.

With this new requirement, the ABOS provides validated assessment tools for orthopaedic knowledge, surgical skills, and professional behavior as competency-based assessments within the time-based residency model. Exact participation requirement levels for these formative assessments have been shared with residency programs.

With participation in this program, residents can now get valuable feedback in these important areas as they develop and attain Orthopaedic Knowledge, Surgical Skills, and Professional Behavior. The ABOS KSB Platform can also be utilized to collect and record resident Milestones information in all required areas. The ABOS KSB platform will produce individual and aggregate reports of the Milestones activity as well.

In addition, the ABOS is the first American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) Member Board to offer a technology platform that integrates the entry of ABOS's KSB requirements with the ACGME's Case Log System requirements, allowing both ACGME Case Log Submission and ABOS KSB Program requests to occur with one platform and one process.

Sincerely,

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