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ABOS Research Style Guide

<u>If mentioning</u>	<u>Terminology</u>
The database by name	ABOS Part II Oral Examination Case List Database
The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery	American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS). Spell out on first reference and place ABOS in parentheses. On second reference, include “the” in front of the abbreviation. The “the” is not capitalized, except at the beginning of a sentence.
Board certification process (this database does not include recertification data)	ABOS Initial Board Certification Examination process
Part II Exam	ABOS Part II Oral Examination, please use roman numerals
Part I Exam	ABOS Part I Written Examination, please use roman numerals
Description of surgeons taking the exam	Early-career orthopaedic surgeons
Exam	Examination
Description of case list collection	Six month case list collection of consecutive surgical cases
Individuals taking the exam	ABOS Examination Candidates
Orthopedics	Orthopaedics (spelling)
Diplomates and Candidates	Always capitalize Diplomat and Candidate
<u>If explaining</u>	<u>ABOS Common Misunderstandings</u>
Recertification Data	ABOS does not provide recertification data for research purposes; your data set does not include recertification data.
Outcomes from Case List Database	Identify specific complications, do not refer to outcomes as it is misleading. Our ABOS Part II Oral Examination Case List database does not provide outcomes data.
Description of cases/complications entered in case list database	Self-reported or surgeon-reported case list data. This is not <u>patient reported</u> .
Examination by subspecialty	Individuals indicate an area of subspecialty practice when applying for the exam. Individuals are not examined on the subspecialty. Their case list is predominately based on a subspecialty.