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Good Morning Doctor,

The Academy has just completed Diplomate examination number 8 at NWHSU in Bloomington, Minnesota. The process went well and thanks to the Post Graduate Department and the staff at Northwestern, they were just fantastic. I am pleased to tell you that there was approximately a 90% pass rate and we have 10 new orthopedic Diplomates. The successful candidates were from National University of Health Sciences, Northwestern Health Sciences University, Palmer College of Chiropractic and Southern California University of Health Sciences.

This is a large number of candidates to sit for the Board when there were NO classes ending in this cycle. The current examination process and its dynamics have re-kindled interest in orthopedics. I truly believe we are starting to see a renaissance in our specialty. In our discussions with field doctors, candidates, institution post-graduate departments and instructors, we are seeing an attitudinal shift and a positive direction for orthopedics. Credit goes to the Orthopedic Coalition members of the Academy, College and Council for their hard work and focusing on not only short term goals, but the long term goals that will benefit the specialty of orthopedics into the future. I urge all to review the Coalition definitions on the website (<http://www.dorthoacademy.com>). You can see we all have different missions and tasks for the specialty. Having membership in all groups helps the specialty.

The initial work from several Academy Delphi groups, each Coalition member group and selected individuals has been sent back to the 2010 Committee for further review. November 1st marks the half way point for this Academy project. The institutions offering this program will require your Diplomate in orthopedics and a Bachelors of Science degree to continue on for the Master of Science in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation degree (MSc: PM&R). Now is a good time for you to complete your Bachelors hours if you are a few hours short. Many of the Chiropractic institutions have a Bachelors program. Many have distance learning classes. Check the websites of the college and universities for details.

If you know anyone who is interested in completing their orthopedic training, the next Academy Diplomate examination is set for May 5, 2007 on the campus of NUHS in Chicago. Please have them contact the Academy office at (515) 981-9654 and ask for Cheryl. The website gives details about a review class that is being held in December and January. Contact NUHS post-graduate for the details. The telephone number is (630) 889-6620. Review class hours qualify for re-credentialing hours with the Academy.

Many good responses were received from the article in last month's e-letter. Dr. Savoie did a great job and the information is helpful for the demands of the day. Thanks Steve.

The ACCO symposium is being held at the Wigwam Resort in Phoenix, AZ. The dates are April 27-29, 2007. Watch your mail for details from ACCO. Mark the date and looking forward to seeing you there.

Thanks go to the Academy membership. I enjoy hearing from you. Your ideas and suggestions are appreciated. Thank you for your support of the Academy projects.