

# THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY, INC.

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## 2010 ABA INFORMATION SESSIONS

The following special programs will be held to provide information and answer questions about the ABA programs for initial certification and Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA). MOCA is the program that the ABA developed so diplomates with a time-limited anesthesiology certificate could maintain uninterrupted certification status. ABA directors will conduct information sessions in 2010, in conjunction with annual meetings of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists and the International Anesthesia Research Society.

These three sites were chosen to provide access to as many interested individuals as possible. The below dates are subject to change. No fee will be charged for any of the ABA Information Sessions, no pre-registration is required, and attendance will be limited only by safe occupancy designated by the hotel. Please note, however, you will have to register with the other organizations if you plan to attend its general meeting.

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DATE & LOCATION: **Sunday, March 21, 2010**, in conjunction with the 84<sup>th</sup> Clinical and Scientific Congress of the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS) in **Honolulu, Hawaii** at the **Hilton Hawaiian Village**.

TIME: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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DATE & LOCATION: **Saturday, October 16, 2010**, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) in **San Diego, California** at the **San Diego Convention Center**.

TIME: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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DATE & LOCATION: **Saturday, December 11, 2010**, in conjunction with the 64<sup>th</sup> Post Graduate Assembly in Anesthesiology of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA) in **New York, New York** at the **Marriott Marquis**.

TIME: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

At each session prepared remarks by ABA Directors will focus on topics such as:

### INITIAL CERTIFICATION

- Comparison of the Part 1 and Part 2 examinations, what each is designed to test.
- Specific areas evaluated in the Part 2 examination.
- The mechanics of the Part 2 examination.
- Common problems encountered by candidates in the examination system.
- Common reasons for failure in the Part 2 examination process.

### MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOCA)

- The components of the MOCA program.
- Life-Long Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA) requirements and CME activities that would be acceptable to the ABA.
- Assessments of Professional Standing and Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement.
- Cognitive Examination and the prerequisites for examination.
- Internet-based processes developed by the ABA to facilitate diplomate registration and participation.
- MOCA-SUBS, for maintenance of subspecialty certification.

The ABA will be exhibiting at the ASA Annual Meeting and the Post Graduate Assembly in Anesthesiology of the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA). Stop by the ABA Booths to get details about Primary and Subspecialty Certification as well as Maintenance of Certification. ABA staff can also guide you through the ABA website and your online personal portal account.

The Board hopes you will be able to attend one of these sessions if you have questions or are seeking information about the examination process for initial certification, the Part 2 examination format or content, or the MOCA program. For those who cannot attend, a copy of the presentation is available on the ABA website at [www.theABA.org](http://www.theABA.org) under the Important Notices section.