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## Appendix A: Board Certification

### Board Certification or Board Eligibility Requirements

Board certification or board eligibility refers to certification or eligibility for certification by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPS-C).

Lifetime board certification meets the requirement for board certification or board eligibility.

### Alternate Pathway

Physicians who have trained outside the United States or Canada may participate in the trauma program if approved by the Alternate Pathway.

Surgeons who were inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) prior to January 1, 2017 are exempt from the full AP process but must provide evidence of 36 hours of trauma-related CME during the verification cycle.

The following physicians are eligible to be reviewed by the Alternate Pathway:

- Trauma surgeons
- Neurosurgeons
- Orthopaedic surgeons
- Emergency medicine physicians
- Anesthesiologist liaisons (Note: liaisons only)

Alternate Pathway requirements include:

- Completion of training equivalent to that required by the United States or Canada
- Evidence of 36 hours (12 hours annually prorated for new hires) of trauma-related CME during the verification cycle. For pediatric trauma care, 9 of 36 hours must be pediatric-specific CME.
- Hold current ATLS certification
- Hold active membership in at least one national or regional trauma organization and must have attended at least one meeting during the reporting period
- Trauma multidisciplinary PIPS committee meeting attendance rate of 50 percent or more during the reporting period
- Credentialed to provide trauma care
- Processes and outcomes of care must be comparable to that of other physicians\*

\*There is an expectation that the care provided by the alternate pathway candidate is monitored by the TMD and specialty liaison.

### Previously Approved Alternate Pathway Physicians

The following is applicable to physicians who have previously been approved by the Alternate Pathway process:

- If the physician is at the same institution where they were approved by the Alternate Pathway, they do not need to reapply; however, they must provide evidence of 36 hours of trauma-related CME during the verification cycle.
- If the physician has moved to a new institution (different from where they were approved by the Alternate Pathway), they must reapply at the new institution.
- If the physician is covering multiple institutions and was previously approved by the Alternate Pathway at one of the institutions, they do not need to reapply.