Nominations to the Complex General Surgical Oncology Board of the American Board of Surgery (CGSOB-ABS)

The Complex General Surgical Oncology Board (CGSOB) of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) is seeking one nominee to serve a six-year term beginning Sept. 16, 2024. The CGSOB serves as a resource of knowledge, skill, wisdom, and expertise, and is where issues pertinent to the practice of complex surgical oncology are deliberated. It comprises approximately 15 members from across surgical oncology specialties and is responsible for both initial and continued board certification in complex general surgical oncology (CGSO) by the ABS. Accordingly, the CGSOB is responsible for the Complex General Surgical Oncology Qualifying Examination (CGSO QE), the Complex General Surgical Oncology Certifying Examination (CGSO CE) and the Complex General Surgical Oncology Continuous Certification Assessment (CGSO CCA).

Directors will participate in developing the various examinations and administering the annual oral examination (CE), in addition to focusing on the current priorities and initiatives. The time commitment is approximately 10-14 days per year including the oral examination, examination reviews, and biannual retreats, in addition to the various committee responsibilities.

This call is separate and distinct from the annual call for nominations to the ABS Council. This call is also being disseminated broadly, and we are soliciting potential applicants from all relevant surgical societies that may have previously provided nominee information last fall in response to the ABS’s call for nominations.

The CGSOB utilizes a competency-based selection process to optimize its performance. Accordingly, in addition to commitment, availability, loyalty, and ability to keep confidence, individuals with either or both of the following characteristics are sought:

- Expertise in the development and implementation of Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)
- Certification in Complex General Surgical Oncology

Emphasis will be placed on elements of diversity across all dimensions, including race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or age or other elements that bring a different voice to the organization.

Nominees will be accepted from societies, peers, or self-nomination. All nominations require a letter of support and completion of the Nomination/Support Form by either an organization or an ABMS-certified physician. Both the nominator and nominee forms must be completed by 4:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 13, 2024.

- Candidate/Nominee Form (all candidates must fill this out, whether self-nominated or nominated by an organization or another individual)
- Nomination/Support Form (for all nominating organizations, nominating colleagues, or colleagues supporting a self-nomination)

Please direct all questions or queries to Zachary McKenna.