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AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Definition of Dermatopathologist

The following definition of a dermatopathologist has been developed to assist the Membership Committee in determining eligibility for Affiliate membership under Article III, Section 2d (i) of the Academy Bylaws: “Practicing dermatopathologists who are not eligible to be Fellows or Associates of the Academy.”

Dermatopathologists are defined as having a subspecialty certification in Dermatopathology. Subspecialty certification in Dermatopathology is a joint and equal function of the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) and the American Board of Pathology (ABP). In order to be eligible for subspecialty certification in Dermatopathology, an individual must have satisfied the following requirements:

- A. Primary certification by both the American Board of Dermatology and the American Board of Pathology (anatomic pathology or anatomic and clinical pathology) or
- B. Primary certification by either the American Board of Dermatology or the American Board of Pathology (anatomic pathology or anatomic and clinical pathology), and the satisfactory completion of one year of training in dermatopathology in a program accredited for such training by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The dermatologist applicant must spend one-half of the required training time in pathology. The pathologist applicant must spend one-half of the required training time in clinical dermatology.

Dermatopathologists who are certified in Dermatology by the American Board of Dermatology are eligible to be Fellows of the American Academy of Dermatology. Dermatopathologists who are certified in Pathology by the American Board of Pathology or Dermatopathology by the American Board of Dermatology are eligible to be Affiliate members of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Definition of Physician

The following definition of a physician has been developed to assist the Membership Committee in determining eligibility for Affiliate membership under Article III, Section 2d(iii) of the Academy Bylaws: “Physicians who are certified in dermatology by a foreign board or its licensing equivalent or who satisfy educational and professional requirements approximately equivalent to the requirements for certification by the American Board of Dermatology or the requirements for certification in dermatology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and (B) who are now permanently residing in the United States or Canada, and (C) who are not otherwise eligible for certification by the American Board of Dermatology or for certification in dermatology by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.”

For the purpose of qualifying under this category as a physician, an individual physician must provide documentation that they have a current and unrestricted US or Canadian training or medical license.