Title
Leading the Way: American Board of Prosthodontics

Abstract
The American Board of Prosthodontics has over a 70-year history of examining and credentialing prosthodontists in our specialty. The Board was created by the Academy of Prosthodontics (then the Academy of Denture Prosthetics) at the request of the American Dental Association and the original diplomates of the Board were the members of the Academy. This brief discussion will take us through the history of the Board to its current configuration and will summarize the accomplishments of the prosthodontic specialty.

Learning Objectives
1. To understand the history of the ABP.
2. To comprehend the dynamic nature of the certification process.
3. To be able to discuss the value of board certification in the specialty of prosthodontics.

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