Education

AO Spine Global Diploma Exam 2022

Call for examiners
AO Spine Global Diploma Exam

As the popularity of the Global Diploma Exam rises, so does the number of candidates. Therefore, we are seeking more examiners to support the case discussions of the part II virtual exam.

The AO Spine Global Diploma Exam is designed for experienced spine surgeons worldwide who want to certify their knowledge and advance their career. It is not a compulsory or regulatory certificate of competence or excellence, and is not intended to certify technical skill.

The diploma will be granted once the candidate has successfully passed both parts of the exam:
Part I: written exam based on multiple choice questions
Part II: virtual oral exam based on case discussions

1. Eligibility criteria for examiners
   - AO Spine member, and
   - Current or former examiner for a surgical college or equivalent certifying organization for surgical specialty recognition in their country.

2. The examiner's role
   As an examiner you will:
   - Create multiple-choice questions for the part I exam each year
   - Support content development by creating cases for each year's part II exam
   - Be responsible for the examination of a group of candidates in July of each year
   - Commit time and effort into the exam preparation and conduct
   - Recognize the potential for bias and be aware of the principles of diversity and equity
   - Treat each candidate with respect and consideration for their level of anxiety and stress
   - Maintain confidentiality with respect to the content of the exam and the performance of the candidates
   - Refrain from coaching or mentoring registered exam candidates
   - Act as an observer if required, to provide feedback on the conduct of the exam with respect to fairness, bias, time keeping, etc.

3. Remuneration
   - AO Spine will pay CHF 500 to remunerate your time. This amount covers all exams you are allocated to.
   - AO Spine will organize training to prepare the examiners for their tasks (currently organized virtually). The purpose of examiner training is to familiarize the examiners with their role and responsibilities.

4. Application process
   If you are interested in becoming an AO Spine Examiner for the Global Diploma Exam, please send the following documentation by email to globalspinediploma@aospine.org
   - CV
   - Application form
   - Summary of your experience as examiner

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