



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ABMS Approves Focused Practice Designation in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery

The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) is pleased to announce that the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recently approved a Focused Practice Designation in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (MIGS) within the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

It is still early in the process of the program development, and there is a significant amount of work to be done before ABOG is ready to offer the Focused Practice Designation in MIGS. We anticipate that the requirements, applications, and first written examination for the MIGS designation will be available by 2021.

A Focused Practice Designation enables ABMS Member Boards to recognize areas of specific expertise of diplomates and allows those physicians to concentrate their continuing certification efforts in the area in which much of their professional practice is based. These designations are developed mainly for specialists certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and completion of a MIGS fellowship is not required. Many ABOG-certified subspecialists already focus their practice in MIGS as part of the scope of their expertise.

A Focused Practice Designation in MIGS will allow ABOG to provide obstetricians and gynecologists who dedicate a significant percentage of their clinical practice to MIGS to have more relevant and valuable continuous professional development. These Diplomates will have access to journal articles focused on new and important advancements in MIGS through the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process which they can then apply to their clinical practice.

Please direct any questions regarding the MIGS Focused Practice Designation to moc@abog.org. We will do our best to respond to any inquiries within 48-72 hours.