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This is the date of the last online exam of the Latin American Perfusion Board open to all practicing perfusionists who don't have a college degree or an academic certificate, but do have training and clinical experience over 5 years. This is a great opportunity that should not pass you by. Passing this exam will induct you into the Board, and you will be granted significant quality credentials that will positively

impact your professional career from now on. This event and the last online exam close the Recruitment Period (2021-2022). Starting next January 2023, only ALAP-accredited schools and other faculty schools that meet the mandatory requirements of the Latin American Perfusion Board will have access to the exam.

RE-CERTIFICATION

Passing the exam will give you full access to the Board. After the Recruitment Period (2021-2022) a sustained effort will be required to achieve our ultimate goal, that is, to reach 45 triannual training credits (TC), and the presentation of 40 annual case reports to remain recertified and updated, both clinical and academically.

ALAP is fully committed to these important goals. Therefore, throughout this year we organized 5 Regional Update Symposia. Just by attending 1 of these symposia attendees are granted a total of 15 TC. Also, by attending courses, congresses, and publishing, among others, in our journal En Bomba. In addition, we'll be stick to the minimum triannual requirement of 45 TC.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Thanks to the very significant achievements made by our Board, and professionalism displayed by its members, we have been able to accomplish significant feats. With enormous pride and satisfaction, we can say that, for the first time, Latin-American perfusionists are known worldwide as qualified expert professionals. Our sister American and European medical societies have been including us for over 3 years now in their academic and societal activities. I wish to share with you two of our most recent accomplishments:

- Our director of the Board of Directors, PCC Brígida Aguerrevere B, represented us in the Texas Heart Institute Congress of 2022. Her lecture “International Perfusion Education in Latin-America: Update on Education” was truly welcome by all attendees. Also, she was congratulated and recognized for the high academic level displayed, as well as for the impeccable process of certification we have been involved with.

- Last June 18 we participated, with a significant delegation of Latin-American perfusionists, in the congress organized by the Spanish Society of Perfusion (AEP) in Oviedo, Spain. I felt truly honored to participate as president of ALAP with my colleagues Roy Rojas Z. (Costa Rica), and Yajaira Ramírez (Dominica Republic). We shared some of our experiences and studies and received affection and support from all of our Spanish and international colleagues at the meeting.

LATIN-AMERICAN CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

To keep consolidating perfusion in our region, ALAP has decided to focus on research and the producing of new scientific evidence in perfusion. Currently, the levels of scientific evidence in our specialty are substandard, and the current clinical practice guidelines have been elaborated and published by the AMSECT (in the United States), and by their European counterpart. This is the reference framework we use in Latin America in our routine clinical practice, and even regarding legal issues. Although they are an excellent framework of reference, in many cases, they have not been produced to specifically match our anthropometric, geographic, cultural, and societal features. Therefore, early this year, at the heart of our Perfusion School, we held our Scientific Research Course on Perfusion twice. Both courses generated significant amount of information, and identified our weaknesses and dig deeper into researching the problems detected, and eventually find safe solutions to improve the clinical practice of perfusion. Therefore, we have created a research team to generate reliable and valid results to eventually design our own Latin-American guidelines. These investigators have our undivided attention, and I hereby give

them my unconditional support to accomplish their mission.

REVELATION

This the Board has achieved has been a game-changing experience that has impacted us in so many different ways. It has become a source of inspiration to be and do better. Also, it has been a revelation of our own professional status as key healthcare providers committed to better healthcare and survival for our patients. It has brought us together around the very essence of being a perfusionist, someone who does his job based on the scientific evidence available.

CALLING ALL STATIONS

I don't want to leave you without asking all my colleagues who still have not taken the Board exam to take this last opportunity and do so the next September 24, 2023. Go ahead and join this group of almost 300 colleagues who have already been certified. Do not hesitate and come to ALAP for support and orientation on any doubts you may have. You have our undivided support!



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