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The American Board of Surgery will offer the Dutch 2016 ABS In-Training Examination (ABSITE<sup>®</sup>) as an online examination with Internet Testing Systems (ITS). The 2016 ABSITE will be given as a single examination to all residents on **Friday, October 14, 2016 from 2-6pm local time**. The exam will be a four-hour exam containing roughly 200 multiple-choice questions. It is furnished solely to program directors as an internal assessment tool and is not available to individual residents. **The cost remains \$100 U.S. dollars per exam.**

The content of the 2016 ABSITE is aligned with the *SCORE<sup>®</sup> Curriculum Outline for General Surgery Residency*. This means the topic areas listed in the ABSITE content outline refer to those categories in the curriculum outline. Both the curriculum outline and the ABSITE content outline are available at [www.absurgery.org](http://www.absurgery.org) > General Surgery > ABSITE.

While the ABSITE is solely online, it is a proctored exam and assigned seating is required for all administrations. Submission of a seating chart for each administration is required by *Friday, October 21, 2016*. Seating Chart Instructions along with the Instruction manual will be emailed later this month. The ABSITE is copyrighted by the American Board of Surgery. The ABS holds program directors and proctors responsible for the security of the examination. Use of exam materials for review before or after the examination's administration is **expressly prohibited**.

### **Trainee Roster and Order Information**

The ordering process for the ABSITE is a two-step-process first, with the submission of a roster of examinees and second, the submission of the order form with number of exams needed and proctor information. Both steps are completed through the "Training Programs" section of the ABS website, [www.absurgery.org](http://www.absurgery.org). You will be prompted to log in using the username and password provided in the email. Please see the following Trainee Roster and Ordering Information Sheet of additional information.

The deadline for placing the **ABSITE order and completing the trainee roster is Monday, October 3, 2016; payment is due no later than Friday, November 4, 2016**. The ABS accepts *only* payment by credit card or check.

The ABS **does not** accept wire transfers. *Wire transfers submitted for the 2016 ABSITE will be applied towards your existing SCORE subscription.*

### **System Check and Secure Browser Download/Launch**

The system requirements and the secure browser are unchanged from last year. However, as various system updates may have occurred at your local computer lab, we strongly recommend completing a system check and downloading the secure browser on each computer used for examinee testing prior to the 2016 ABSITE. You may **begin** the process of completing the system check and downloading the secure browser **now**. For more details on how to perform the system check and the secure browser download/launch, please see the following Computer Information sheet.

If you have any questions with either the ABSITE ordering process or the updating the Trainee Roster, please email Barbara Jalbert-Gerkens at [bjgerkens@absurgery.org](mailto:bjgerkens@absurgery.org). We look forward to working with you toward successful administration of the ABSITE. Thank you.