Helpful Tips for Applicants

Below are answers to questions pertaining to incorrect documentation submissions that may delay your application proceeding through the approval process in a timely and efficient manner.

**What language can I submit my documentation in?**
The only acceptable language is English.

**Can I submit my Medical Degree instead of my Medical License?**
NO. You must submit a current and valid Medical License from the appropriate authority in the jurisdiction of your practice.

**What if my country does not offer a Basic Life Support with external defibrillator?**
You should be able to take a course on line. Please see the following link as an example:
https://www.nationalcprfoundation.com/#courses.

**Can a Colleague be a witness on the Affidavits that are required?**
YES, a colleague can be a witness.

**How should my reference letters be written?**
Sometimes applicants will obtain letters of recommendation from two physicians where their letter of recommendations are identically worded to each other. Each letter of recommendation needs to have personalized thoughts from each physician, not copied from what the applicant provided them. The reference letters need to be from ISHRS/ABHRS/ASHRS members. Form letters will not be accepted.

**Is there date parameters for case log submission?**
For Experience Route: Case logs of 150 cases must include cases performed in the preceding three (3) years of the date of the application approximately 4-5 cases per month over 36 months. (Example: application date is August 20, 2020 case log dates included *August 2017-July 2020). *if you were unable to perform cases due to COVID-19 for 4 months (from March 2020 thru June 2020) the case log listing can start April 2017 (instead of August 2017) thru February 2020 and then start again July 2020 for a total of 36 months / 150 cases.

For Lifetime Achievement Route: Case logs of 400 cases must include cases performed in the preceding eight (8) years of the date of the application approximately 4-5 cases per month over 96 months. (Example: application date is August 20, 2020 case log dates included **August 2012-July 2020). **if you were unable to perform cases due to COVID-19 for 4 months (from March 2020 thru June 2020) the case log listing can start April 2012 (instead of August 2012) thru February 2020 and then start again July 2020 for a total of 96 months / 400 cases.

**What is the protocol for submitting before and after photos?**
Please be sure to include the operative note with the photos and be sure your after photos indicate how long after the procedure the photos were taken.

O:\ABHRS\Website\Board Certification\Preparing your application\Helpful Tips for Applicants.docx