



ABAT UP TO DATE

The American Board of Applied Toxicology establishes and maintains national standards of excellence for clinical toxicologists through a rigorous credentialing examination, and re-credentialing process to board certify its diplomates.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It's hard to believe that this day has finally arrived. If you had asked me a year ago how this transition would occur, I would have never been able to guess "during a pandemic". I sincerely missed connecting with each of you live and in person at NACCT this year. However, I am fortunate to be taking the ABAT helm from Bryan, and envision building upon the progress that has been made so far. This includes embracing technology by:

1. *Implementing the new credentialing document and making it available to be completed and submitted online. Monitoring the pass rate of those under the new criteria to evaluate the success of the revised criteria on an ongoing basis.*
2. *Updating the certification renewal form beyond the excel document to make it submitted online as well.*
3. *Evaluating the ABAT test process and determining online methodology to insure exam availability to applicants this upcoming year.*
4. *Engaging ABATs virtually through the New Member Engagement Committee, kicked off this fall.*
5. *Designing a way for ABAT's to sign up for committees through the AACT website.*

If you have any suggestions or topics that you would like addressed by the ABAT board, please do not hesitate to reach out to me personally at sollee@poison.ufl.edu or any of the other board members.

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful holiday season!
Dawn R. Sollee, PharmD, DABAT, FAACCT

ABAT COMMITTEE REVIEW

Described below are the current ABAT Committees and a brief description of each committee. If you are interested in getting involved with one or more of these committees, please reach out directly to the ABAT committee chair - contact info can be found at <https://www.clintox.org/education/abat>.

The **Certification Renewal Committee** keeps records of the ABAT membership's 5-year certification renewal cycle. The Committee notifies each year's candidates, collects and reviews the renewal documents of the ABAT diplomates who are due, and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding renewal.

Co-Chairs: Rachel Gorodetsky, Natalija Farrell

The **Credentialing Committee's** primary role is to answer questions from potential candidates and help them through the application process then coordinate the review and scoring of their applications in order to determine who is eligible to sit for the ABAT examination.

Co-Chairs: William Eggleston, Ashley Webb

The **Nominating Committee** is responsible for conducting ABAT Elections as defined in ABAT Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. Typically one annual election is held to fill open positions for ABAT Officers and Board of Directors and vote on any changes to ABAT Bylaws. Duties include coordination of recruitment and nominations of qualified candidates, presentation of candidate bio/position statements, producing the ballot and conducting the voting on www.clintox.org. The Committee Chair and members will have activities throughout the year with the busiest time from March through May for finalization of the ballot and conducting the voting

Co-Chair: Howard McKinney Jr., Jill Michels

The **Scientific Affairs Committee** has subcommittees within it (Symposium, Webinar, LLSA).

The Symposium Subcommittee of the ABAT Scientific Affairs Committee is responsible for producing the annual ABAT Scientific Symposium presented at NACCT. The ABAT Scientific Symposium Subcommittee refines suggested topics and speakers to be consistent with the Needs Assessment and collated NACCT attendee responses of requested topics, which are prepared by the NACCT Planners after each NACCT. Selection of topics and speakers is a lively process to produce ABAT Scientific Symposia of current relevant Clinical Toxicology topics that highlight activities of ABAT Diplomates of interest to all attendees of NACCT.

Co-Chairs: Howard McKinney Jr., Rachel Gorodetsky

The Webinar Subcommittee is responsible for determining and arranging the webinar CE activities, dates, topics, and presenters

Chair: Kathi Meier

The LLSA Education Subcommittee is responsible for the selection of sets of articles each year for LLSA and the creation of a self assessment quiz for certification renewal.

Chair: Kathi Meier

ABAT COMMITTEE REVIEW, continued...

The **Examination Committee** is in charge of creating the ABAT exam. This includes selecting topics for the problem solving portion as well as reviewing and updating the multiple choice questions.

Co-Chairs: Bryan Hayes, Stephanie Hon

The **Meeting /Fellows Reception Committee** plans the ABAT business meeting and the fellows reception within the NACCT conference based on a budget. This includes the time slot, location, and selection of food.

Co-Chairs: Kathi Meier, Susan Skolly-Danziger

The **New Member Engagement Committee** was created to assess the current level of individual member involvement in ABAT and to investigate opportunities to improve new member engagement.

Co-Chairs: Ashley Webb, Bryan Hayes



*... To ANN SLATTERY, DrPH, RN, RPH, DABAT, FAACT
the only ABAT member as a newly 2020 AACT Fellow inductee!*

Congratulations!!

Active and involved ABAT members are encouraged to seek AACT Fellow status. For more information, feel free to email ABATpresident@clintox.org.

NEW ABAT CREDENTIALING APPLICATION

The ABAT Board of Directors officially approved a new credentialing application. Over the last year, we have updated the application to clarified criteria. It has been posted to the new clintox.org website. Further updates to the application process continue to be worked on, such as making the application fully submittable online, and offering application and exam fee transactions fully online as well.

Fast-track applications are still due July 1st for applicants that have completed formal training under a current DABAT. Applicants that have NOT completed a formal post-doctoral training in clinical toxicology under the direction of a current DABAT will need to fill out the updated credentialing application and submit by March 1st.

Updates and clarifications made to the credentialing application include:

- **Licensure:** Applicants who are required to be licensed as a health professional must have a valid, unrestricted license. Applicants without a requirement for licensure are exempt from this requirement.
- **Education:** Applicants holding a Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (or equivalent) are not eligible. However, foreign graduate health care professionals who are currently working as Certified Specialists in Poison Information (CSPI), per American Association of Poison Control Centers' requirements, may be eligible.
- **Experience in Clin Tox/ Post Grad Training:** Now considering applicants with:
 - Completion of a formal, fulltime 12-month training program in clinical toxicology under the direction of a DABAT preceded by a one-year formal training program in a related healthcare field (eg, PGY-1 pharmacy residency)
 - Candidates working as poison information specialists must be certified by the AAPCC for a minimum of 3 years
 - Completion of an ASHP accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency other than Emergency Medicine plus the equivalent of 1.5 years of full-time experience in clinical toxicology
- **Community Education:** Candidates must provides evidence of a minimum of 5 presentations (or other educational activity) to the lay public on topics related to clinical toxicology.
- **Didactic:** Provide evidence of teaching topics in clinical toxicology to students or residents on clinical rotations OR an academic course on clinical toxicology.
- **Professional Meetings:** Provide evidence of having given at least 4 presentations on clinical toxicology to other health professionals.

NEW ABAT BOARD MEMBERS

hello

Welcome to the ABAT Board of Directors Jill Michels!

After graduating with my BS Pharm and PharmD from the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy, Dr. Jill Michels completed a pharmacy practice residency at Emory University Hospital and toxicology fellowship at the Georgia Poison Center. After a brief stint at the Texas Panhandle Poison Center, Jill came back to South Carolina to work for the Palmetto Poison Center, which is a department in the College of Pharmacy at the University. Jill had immersed herself in every role at the poison center since returning to SC including serving as the public health educator, working as a SPI, being the primary grant and budget writer, as well as managing communications. In 2006, Jill became the managing director. Dr. Michels is an Associate Professor within the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences. She teaches the toxicology pharmacotherapy module as well as Introduction to Drug Information. Jill loves working in a poison center because according to her "It's never boring! There is always something to learn, and as much as you may plan your day, you know one phone call/one product recall/one news article can change your day."



Welcome to the ABAT Board of Directors Natalija Farrell!



Dr. Natalija Farrell's interest in toxicology has guided her career and is the reason why she became a clinical pharmacist. The ability to complete a B.Sc. Toxicology (2011) in addition to a B.Sc. Pharmacy Studies (2011) and PharmD (2012) was one of Natalija's main reasons for attending Northeastern University. Her clinical training as a PGY1 and PGY2 Emergency Medicine resident (2012-2014) further cemented her interest in toxicology and led to the completion of a clinical toxicology fellowship at the Georgia Poison Center (2014-2015). Attaining DABAT in 2015 fulfilled a lifelong professional goal. As an Adjunct Clinical Professor for several colleges of pharmacy, she has had the pleasure of precepting students on their emergency medicine rotation. Since 2016, Dr. Farrell has served as the Boston Medical Center PGY2 Emergency Medicine residency program director. This has allowed her to create brand new toxicology rotations for the PGY1, PGY2 Emergency Medicine, and PGY2 Critical Care residents. She has been fortunate to build a toxicology consult service in the Emergency Department and incorporate toxicology curriculum into the emergency medicine physicians' educational conferences. Natalija's favorite activities outside of work that keep her grounded are spending time with friends and family, hiking with her dog, Winston, and trying new restaurants.



ABAT MEET N' GREET ZOOM NIGHT

The members of the New Member Engagement and the ABAT BoD hosted it's first "Meet n' Greet" Zoom event on Tues, November 10th that was geared towards our current clinical toxicology fellows, our recent fellow grads, and our newly certified ABATs as an attempt to engage new and future members, as discussed at the September ABAT membership meeting. This virtual event took the place of our typical NACCT reception, in which we would invite the fellows and recent grads for ABAT intros and networking.

It was an impressive turnout, and a great way to meet the incoming fellows, new grads, and *hopefully* engaged and encouraged newly certified ABATs towards involvement within the ABAT community.

The New Member Engagement Committee will be planning another Zoom event in early 2021. If you know of any non-fellowship track PharmD, residents, SPIs that are seriously taking steps toward ABAT credentialing, or if you want to help plan future New Member Engagement events, email Ashley/ Bryan directly.

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021

- ABAT/AACT Webinars, Topics/ Speakers TBA

...don't forget, ABAT LLSA can be found at

<https://www.clintox.org/education/abat/e-learning-llsa>

... go to clintox.org -> Education and Groups -> ABAT -> LLSA

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**2021
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