



## ABOS Knowledge, Skills, and Behavior

### FAQs for AOA/CORD Community

- Can the system send regular reminders to the residents who are not on track to meet their requirements?
  - **Yes**, in addition to a real-time participation tracker available to all residents in ABOS KSB +, residents will receive automated emails bimonthly (e.g.-September, November, January, March, May) if they do not meet a certain minimum of completed assessments. In addition, programs can track residents' progress towards the requirement. Programs will receive several email reminders throughout the year to login to [www.abos.org/ksb](http://www.abos.org/ksb) and check compliance.
- Is there thought in the future to use ABOS KSB to set minimum benchmarks for surgical skill assessment scores need prior to board certification?
  - **Not anticipated at this time.**
- Is there an upper limit to the number of procedures a resident can request?
  - **No.**
- May PGY-1 residents request assessments while on non-orthopaedic rotations?
  - **No.** At this time, it is best if PGY-1 residents focus their assessments during their 6 months of orthopaedics. If a resident is logging a case with a faculty/attending, then the resident can request an ABOS KSB assessment.
- If a resident does not meet new ACGME case minimums, that will be actionable against the program, not the resident.
  - **Yes, correct, but not for at least two years.** Please check with the ACGME for details regarding the procedure minimums.
- If a resident does not meet new ABOS KSB requirements, that will be actionable against the resident, and not the program.
  - **Yes, correct.**
- Will there be educational material for faculty?
  - **Yes**, in summer of 2025, the ABOS will release an ABOS KSB Learning Module for Faculty/ Attendings. If Faculty/Attendings, complete the module and respond to at least 10 assessments from residents, they will receive 10 SAE Credits within a 5 year cycle for

the ABOS MOC process.

- Are the ABOS KSB Behavior assessments that count towards the ABOS KSB requirement resident chosen End-of-Rotation professional behavior assessments?
  - **Yes.** The End-of-Rotation assessment is what counts towards the resident's individual requirement. The ABOS KSB 360 is another professional behavior assessment sent out on the program's behalf, by the ABOS, once a year, with the same set of questions as the End-of-Rotation assessment. This once a year 360 is sent in the Fall and is sent to all residents, all faculty/attendings, and all "other" evaluators a program populates in the ABOS KSB system.
- Does the ABOS KSB Program information export directly into MedHub or New Innovations?
  - **No.** The ABOS is not collaborating with external residency management system organizations. However, the assessments in ABOS KSB are downloadable and exportable as any residency program needs.
- Is there any evidence that we need 11 questions per surgical skill assessment?
  - **Yes.** The published study on the creation of the O/P Surgical Skills tool found all questions had value, in addition to a question about complexity of case and an open-ended feedback text box. Over time the ABOS will analyze the O/P Surgical Skills tool and if there is proof that we can shorten it, we will consider it.
- Will I be able to track a resident's progress towards meeting the ABOS KSB requirement?
  - **Yes.** Not only can that be done by using the ABOS KSB Reports or the ABOS KSB Resident List view, we are working towards a central progress indicator that will show a Program Director/Program Coordinator the ABOS KSB RRA requirements, ABOS KSB requirements, and Case Minimum requirements via the ABOS KSB Resident List.
- Will I be able to track faculty compliance?
  - **Yes.** Use the ABOS KSB Reports, specifically Assessment Activity by Faculty to view Faculty compliance for both Surgical Skills and Professional Behavior, for any given date range
- Do Faculty receive reminders?
  - **Yes.** Depending on a faculty member's contact preference (Text or Email) they will receive an initial request. They will receive another reminder around 48-72 hours after the initial request via EMAIL only, and a second reminder closer to a 2 week deadline. Assessments for both Surgical Skills and Professional Behavior close 2 weeks after the initial request and cannot be reopened.
- Can residents use their completed assessments to help them better prepare for future cases?
  - **Yes.** Residents may wish to login to [www.abos.org/ksb](http://www.abos.org/ksb) and click Assessments and filter by the available columns.
- Will the ABOS KSB 360 Professional Behavior Assessment be offered more than once a year?

- **No.** At this time it is once a year in October and closes in November. Residents are able to continuously request End-of-Rotation Professional Behavior Assessments at the end of each rotation throughout the year.
- Will my program coordinator need to continue to enter resident and faculty/attending names in both ADS and ABOS KSB Portals?
  - **No.** The ABOS has worked with ACGME to reduce administrative burden. As of academic year 2025-2026, the ABOS KSB Portal will pull resident and faculty/attending names and status directly from ADS. As you enter new interns in ADS in the new academic year and you enter Faculty/Attendings as needed in ADS, the ABOS KSB system will be informed. **However**, a program coordinator will still need to enter vital contact and profile information in ABOS KSB for both residents and faculty/attendings for the assessments to be sent out appropriately.
- Will my Associate Program Director have access to the ABOS KSB Portal?
  - **Yes**, however, you must provide ABOS Staff with their First Name, Last Name, Email and Cell Phone number and an account will be provided to them.