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The Academy Diplomate test item writers have completed two webinars on the Academy's "Test Maker" software. This is a program that the Academy commissioned it's IT group to complete. It is a remarkable product as it has many functions that an individual or individuals could not accomplish or track in a reasonable period of time. The item writers will be producing new multiple choice questions (MCQ) as well as reviewing and updating our older bank of questions. The current OSCE questions are to be reviewed next. New OSCE questions will be assigned in the near future. Kudos to the Programmatic Chairman, Dr. Ron Evans and the Item Writing Committee Chairman Dr. Steve Baron for their work.

For some time the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists has explored online certification examination scenarios and platforms. In the current widespread online hacking and malware atmosphere, the Academy does not have assurances from online examination platform providers that certification candidate test information is totally safe. The cyber security of a national credentialing examination is not at satisfactory levels for Academy comfort. To this end, the Academy is not offering an online examination in 2012. The Academy will provide a certification examination in Minneapolis, September 29, 2012, to include both MCQ style examinations and OSCE examinations. The Academy continues to monitor the security aspects of online test experiences and looks forward to offering online examinations in the future, in a more secure environment. We are hoping to get this to a satisfactory and safe position by the 2013 examination cycle. When the update to the re-certification requirements are completed, there will be an online MCQ test as well. The Academy credentialing with NCCA and our membership with ICE drives our security and methodology. This is all for the better regarding our specialty as it is viewed from outside of chiropractic. The Academy is aware of problems the specialties have and this is an effort to improve our orthopedic specialty from within as well as outside our group. Patience is a necessary virtue....I am continuing to finding out!

If you have an interesting case you would like to publish, but have reservations about producing the case study, the Academy has mentorship available to help you complete your work. We all learn from one another and not only would you have an article published in JACO, but it could provide help in the care of other members and readers patients. Use the Academy website address and indicate to me you would like to publish an article, but could use some guidance in the project. The Academy will put you in touch with capable mentors. No one will disparage your effort, but will only offer help and wish you success!

I enjoy hearing from you, never hesitate to contact me.

No one succeeds without effort....Those who succeed owe their success to their perseverance....Ramana Maharshi

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