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Certification Examination Resources and References

The following list of resources and references are provided as a guide to the scientific literature and foundational knowledge from which the ABFO Certification Examination is derived. It is provided as a resource for you in preparation to challenge the written and practical portions of the examination.

The rapidly expanding body of knowledge in the forensic sciences implies a professional obligation to keep abreast of the current literature in the field, particularly with respect to forensic odontology. In preparation for this examination, each candidate is encouraged to consult appropriate scientific articles and texts in the discipline. The following list comprises the suggested literature that will be helpful in preparing for the examination. The cited references are also a source of many of the test items on the examination. Not included in this list but of special importance are the vast number of individual articles that appear in such journals as the Journal of Forensic Sciences, Journal of the American Dental Association, Journal of Forensic Odontostomatology, Forensic Science International, American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology, and the International Journal of Legal Medicine. Reprints of many pertinent articles from these sources will be a desirable addition to the forensic odontologist's personal reference library. Questions on ABFO exams are primarily from texts that are still in print but out-of-print texts add knowledge to the candidate preparing for the exam and a career in forensic odontology.

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10. ASFO Manual of Forensic Odontology. Third Revised Edition, Bowers CM, Bell GL (eds). 1997: ASFO Colorado Springs, ISBN 096502234
11. Forensic Odontology. Dental Clinics of North America, Fixott RH (ed). April 2001: WB Saunders, Philadelphia
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