

Fellow Pathway and Exam Information

For those interested in attaining AAOA Fellow status, the Fellow Exam will be held in two parts: an online written exam (May 1- July 31) and a virtual oral exam.

NEW FELLOW PATHWAY: Start the process today and meet the requirements at your own pace within 5 year of your application.

Candidates must meet the criteria to complete the exam process to attain AAOA Fellow status. The following lists the current requirements to sit for the written and oral exam components.

Initiate Candidate Status

- Within 5-yrs of sitting for exam

Initiation Cost

- Registration Payment currently \$950. Move from Associate or Resident member status to Fellow Candidate Status

Pathway Criteria/Flow

- Join AAOA (min 1 yr active member)
- Fellow Exam Application noting projected year they plan to sit for the exam
- Fellow Exam Registration Payment (\$950)
- Move to Fellow Candidate as member status capped at 5 yrs
- Fellow Candidate status earns 5% discount on Basic and Explorers Registration Fees taken post Exam registration/status declaration (i.e, prior courses would not be rebated)
- Complete Basic within 5 yr of exam
- Complete Explorers within 5 yr of exam
- Complete at least 1 Annual within 5 yr of exam
- Complete one additional AAOA CME program (Basic, Explorers, Annual) within 5 yr of exam
- Attestation of primary treatment of 6 immunotherapy patients for at least 6 mo
- Successful completion of written exam (required before sitting for oral)
- Successful completion of oral exam

Confirmation of Fellow

- ABOTOHNS certification (or DO equivalent)
- Successful completion of the above criteria; Order of completion is not as important; This model allows for residents or early career to complete the Fellow pathway while undertaking the new ABOTOHNS certification process

Failure to Complete

- Failure to successfully complete either written or oral exam components requires retake and 50% registration fee for each repeated component
- Failure to successfully complete the Fellow pathway within the 5 yrs would require re-registering to re-start the pathway and 5 yrs timeline

The deadline to submit the above-noted documentation is July 1.

Incomplete applications and those received after July 1 will not be considered.

The AAOA Fellow Exam application can be found on the next page. It can also be downloaded from the AAOA website at: **AAOAllergy.org**.

Contact Kate Chenal at: **kchenal@aaoallergy.org** with any questions.

The AAOA voting membership is comprised of American Board of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (ABOto) certified or eligible physicians who have already demonstrated their competence and qualifications as otolaryngologists through their residency training and certification by the ABOto. Fellows of the AAOA have supplemented their otolaryngology training and expertise by passing the AAOA Fellow Exam. Fellows of the AAOA are Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. As such, a Fellow of the AAOA may define herself or himself as a Fellow of the AAOA with the ABMS-Board Certification in Otolaryngology, the scope of which includes the diagnosis and management of allergy of the upper aerodigestive tract.

Suggested Reference Material

The following resources are suggested in addition to the Basic and Advanced Course and New Explorers Course curricular material to assist the applicant in preparing for the AAOA Fellow Exam.

- **AAOA Basic and Advanced Course content**
- *International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:* Volume 4, Supplement 2, September 2014
- *International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:* Volume 5, Supplement 1, September 2015
- *International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:*
- *The International Consensus Statement on Allergy and Rhinology (ICAR),* Volume 8, Issue 2, February 2018

Fellows of the AAOA

The status of AAOA Fellow will be granted to candidates who meet all the eligibility criteria and who pass both the oral and written parts of the Fellow Exam.

Maintaining AAOA Fellow status requires active membership and is contingent upon attendance at 2 AAOA-sponsored courses or meetings during each subsequent 5-year cycle from the date Fellow status is granted.

Fellow Exam Educational Course Requirements

Fellow Exam Course Requirement	Qualifying Courses to Fulfill Requirement for 2027
Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Basic Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years	• 2022–2027 Basic Course in Allergy & Immunology
Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years or the Explorers Course	• 2022–2024 Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology or Explorers Course 2025-2027
Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Annual Meeting within the past five (5) years	• 2022–2027 AAOA Annual Meeting
Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years	• Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years: choice of Basic, Advanced/Explorers or Annual

***Note that any one course may only be applied to fulfill a single requirement.
AAOA's Educational Stacks do not qualify.***

Applications can be submitted online or email (kchenal@aaoallergy.org)



AAOA Fellow Exam Application

DEADLINE: JULY 1

Full Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone Number

E-mail Address

Year joined AAOA _____

Year certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology _____

**Please list the AAOA Courses/Meetings for which you have documented CME credits.
You must have 1 complete Basic Course, 1 complete Advanced Course/Explorers Course, 1 complete Annual Meeting and
Additional CME Program (1 AAOA-sponsored required) within the 5 years prior to the exam date**

REQUIRED COURSES	YEAR/LOCATION
Full Basic Course	
Full Advanced Course/Explorers Course	
Full Annual Meeting	
Additional Meeting (Stacks do not qualify)	

Fellow Exam Application Fee: \$950

I hereby certify that the information presented on this application is true, correct and complete and that I am the primary allergy treatment provider for at least 6 patients for at least 6 months. I understand that if any information I have submitted on or within this application is untrue, incorrect or incomplete, I may be subject to discipline by the AAOA, which may include being expelled from the organization.

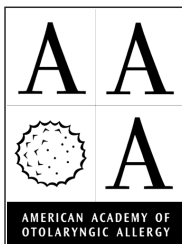
Candidate's Signature

I hereby confirm the above attestation that the candidate has treated with immunotherapy the ten patients as described above.

Signature

Relationship to the Candidate

Please select the year you wish to sit for the exam: 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031



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email (kchenal@aaoallergy.org).



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