Recording Device and Personal Items Policy

Recording Devices:

The use of tape recorders, digital voice recorders, mobile phones, smartwatches, video recorders, cameras, and other recording devices ("Recording Devices") is prohibited during the Qualifying Examination and the Oral Clinical Examination. Any use of Recording Devices from the time of check-in at the testing center until departure from it at the conclusion of the examination may result in a candidate's examination being invalidated and consequently, loss of the registration fee. Furthermore, if a candidate photographs, records, transmits or otherwise discloses any portion of the examination, the candidate will be dismissed from the testing facility. The allegation of misconduct will be referred to the ABPD Ethics Committee for appropriate action in accordance with the ABPD Procedures for the Enforcement of the Ethical Obligations of Diplomates and Candidates.

Personal Items:

Small personal items including mobile phones, small bags, purses, watches, keys, and Identification cards, may be brought to the testing center and will be stored in lockers after registration. Candidates will not have access to these items until the testing session has concluded. The presence of any unauthorized personal item in the examination room will be cause for immediate dismissal from the examination and referral to the ABPD Ethics Committee.

Candidates for examination who need to have a personal item at the testing center because of a medical condition (e.g., Epi-Pen, blood sugar monitor, hearing aids, etc.) must notify the ABPD at least 90 days in advance of the test and secure written approval to bring the item into the testing center. The candidate may be required to furnish proof of medical necessity to the satisfaction of the ABPD before a personal item exception is granted.