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The Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board's comments on the National Academy of Sciences' report. "Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States"

The Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) applauds the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report. Recognizing national concerns and needs in the forensic sciences, the NAS report provides insight toward the path forward. Its recommendations should be implemented. Many efforts to improve and enhance the forensic sciences have been propounded but have suffered from the lack of uniform provisions, a national mandate, and the resources and funding for effective implementation.

The FSAB was created in 2000 with the support of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences as an oversight board to ensure the quality of the certification of forensic scientists offered by a growing number of organizations and create uniformity in standards for the components of the credentialing process to include proper credentials, validated testing methods, continuing education and periodic recertification and the inclusion of an ethics standard. Eight boards have been approved including ABC, ABFA, ABFDE, ABFO, ABFT, ABMDI, BFDE, and IIFES,

"Individual forensic scientist / examiner certification is an essential component of a credible forensic science service" according to Yale H. Caplan, Ph.D., DABFT, President of the FSAB.

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