

Dear ACP Members,

ACP continues to advocate for continuing certification programs that meet the needs of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists. Earlier this week ACP submitted [comments](#) on the draft report of the Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future Commission, convened by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to review the framework and purpose of continuing certification (maintenance of certification).

Based on our professional accountability principles, ACP conveyed strong support for:

- the value of continuing certification programs to diplomates and the public when designed to support lifelong learning;
- a new model of continuing certification that is relevant, less burdensome, less costly, and consistent with principles of adult learning;
- longitudinal, learning-focused assessment models that are less burdensome than highly secure examinations, and that support lifelong learning.

ACP agrees with the Commission that an emphasis on high-stakes, high security, summative examination is counter-productive to fostering high-quality lifelong learning. ACP does not support the use of data requiring quality measures for individual diplomate certification status or the incorporation of practice assessment into current certification models.

The College applauds the Commission's efforts to develop an improved model for continuing certification and will continue to advocate strongly for continuing certification programs that meet the needs of internal medicine specialists and subspecialists as well as the patients they serve.

- [ACP Comments on ABMS Vision for the Future Draft Report](#)

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