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Dear ACP members,

I am writing to update you on the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program and ACP's continuing efforts to advocate on your behalf to encourage ABIM to improve the MOC process.

I want to thank those of you who participated in the survey about MOC that ACP administered to a random sample of members. The survey results confirmed that there are continuing concerns and considerable angst among a notable portion of ACP members regarding the MOC program. Suspension of the performance improvement component of MOC through 2018 has been a positive and welcome change in the program. However, we also recognize that the internal medicine community is experiencing frustration based on a perceived lack of urgency from ABIM to define a plan and implement further changes to the MOC program, specifically the secure examination. It has been approximately 6 months since the release of ABIM's Assessment 2020 Task Force report, and ABIM has not yet communicated decisions or plans about the report's recommendations regarding the future of the secure examination.

Earlier this week, ACP sent a letter to ABIM expressing our concerns and pressing them to act swiftly to develop, implement, and communicate additional changes to the MOC program. We urged ABIM to develop a plan as quickly as possible about the future of knowledge assessment and the secure examination, and to communicate more frequently about timelines and plans. We asked ABIM to meet both of these objectives by July 1, 2016 and expressed the importance of their doing so. ACP also shared a summary of the results of the MOC survey with ABIM to inform them of the feedback we received, and to underscore the need for them to accelerate the momentum for reform and communicate additional changes.

We appreciate the feedback and input we received from ACP members and will continue to represent your interests and concerns in our efforts to further reform the MOC process. We look forward to hearing more details from ABIM before July 1 about the future of knowledge assessment and the secure examination and will continue to keep you informed.

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