Update on ACP Efforts toward a Collaborative Maintenance Pathway with ABIM

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ACP has had intensive discussions with the American Board of Internal Medicine over the past several months about developing a Collaborative Maintenance Pathway. These discussions will continue and we hope to ultimately create a pathway that reflects a more continuous process of learning and evaluation and would be an alternative to what ABIM currently offers for maintenance of certification. The feedback we have received from members and many of you about working toward creating a new Collaborative Maintenance Pathway has been helpful and is appreciated.

Additionally, ACP is actively participating in the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) initiative, “Continuing Board Certification: Vision for the Future.” ACP is part of this collaborative process that brings together multiple partners to create a vision for a system of continuing board certification that is meaningful, relevant and of value, while remaining responsive to the patients, hospitals and others who expect that physicians specialists are maintaining their knowledge and skills to provide quality specialty care. The goals of the initiative include providing a set of recommendations about the future of continuing board certification for consideration by ABMS, through a review of literature, testimony, data collection and the perspectives of those affected by physician certification, including practicing physicians and medical societies. A final report will be sent to ABMS in February 2019.

We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward with these efforts.