ABIM's Maintenance of Certification Program

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- No exam questions will be disclosed in my presentation.

Specialty Certification: A Unique Strength of US Medical Professionalism

- Created by but independent of membership societies
- Voluntary, independent, non-governmental
- American Board of Medical Specialties: 24 approved medical specialty boards
"ABIM’s mission is … to enhance the quality of health care by certifying internists and subspecialists who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for excellent patient care.*"

“We are… Of the profession, for the public.”*

*ABIM strategic plan adopted by the Board of Directors on June 5, 2007

ABIM’s Governance Structure

- Boards are comprised of 6-8 members, of which there are:
  - Physicians
    - Participating in MOC in his/her specialty
    - At least one in community based non-academic practice
    - Diverse expertise in performance measurement, health care delivery, medical society leadership
  - Two public members
    - Inter-professional health care team member
    - Patient/caregiver perspective
Across the 11 Specialty Boards...

- 47% are in active clinical practice
- 30% are in full-time community practice
- 62% hold time-limited certificates

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Specialty Board – Authority and Responsibility

- Empowered to address content changes between the Certification and MOC exams
- Medical Knowledge and Practice Assessment
- Ensure a robust portfolio of relevant assessment tools
- Society Relations
- Training
- Establish specialty-specific advancement and training criteria
- Secure Exam
Our Shared Purpose

Physicians apply knowledge and improve care throughout their careers.
- Committed to keeping up with changes in medical knowledge and practice.
- Incorporate the values and preferences of patients in our clinical decisions.
- Measure and improve our performance and delivery of care.
- Ensure that the care we deliver is safe.
- Incorporate the values and preferences of patients in our clinical decisions.

ABIM’s Design Principles

- Short, aspirational and informative guidelines that give ABIM a framework for staying aligned with community value.

- Shared purpose and impact first.
- Patients are the North Star.
- Simplicity and relevancy.
- Think internal and external.
- Always include the WHY, the HOW, and the WHO.
- Balance community-centered design with ABIM’s expertise and research.
- Participation, not just communication.
- Transparent decisions.
Why Did ABIM Change MOC

Every 10 Years is not enough

“The growing knowledge base requires that training and ongoing licensure and certification reflect the need for lifelong learning and evaluation of competencies.”


Participating in MOC – A New Credential

• Prior to 2014 diplomats had to earn 100 MOC points every 10 years.
• Participation in MOC is now a more continuous process.
• We will honor time left on all certifications, and those who received certificates prior to 1990 (grandfathers) will not lose their certifications.
• Now publicly reporting – FOR EVERYONE – if diplomates are “Participating in MOC”

Maintenance of Certification Components

• Maintain a Medical License
• Maintenance of Certification Exam
• Self-Evaluation of Medical Knowledge
• Self-Evaluation of Practice Assessment*
  • Patient Voice
  • Patient Safety

*Suspended for at least two years; however, physicians can still earn MOC points by completing Practice Assessment activities.
What Are the Current Requirements?

- Every two years:
  - Complete an MOC activity, either offered by ABIM or another organization, to earn ABIM MOC points.
    - There is no point total associated with this milestone; just complete an MOC activity.
    - These activities count toward the 100-point five-year total. Of which 20 must be Medical Knowledge points.
  - Every five years:
    - Earn 100 MOC points:
      - Of which 20 must be Medical Knowledge points.
      - All points earned count toward multiple certifications.

Impact on Grandfathers/mothers?

- ABIM will honor certifications that are valid indefinitely (assuming you hold a current and valid license).
- Grandfathers will need to meet two & five-year milestones and be required to pass an MOC exam by 12/31/23 in order to be reported as “Participating in MOC.”
- Grandfathers who miss any of the MOC program requirements will be reported as “Certified, Not Participating.”
- They will NOT be reported as “Not Certified” for failing to meet MOC requirements.

Earning Points

- Go to www.abim.org/moc and click “Earning Points” to find an MOC activity, either offered by ABIM or another organization, to earn MOC points.
12/31/2015 Milestone

For many, an MOC activity must be completed by 12/31/2015 to continue to be reported as “Participating in MOC.”

Recent Changes to the MOC Program

- ABIM expanded the types of CME that count for MOC.
- ABIM and ACCME
  - ABIM partnered with ACCME to create list of activities that count for CME and MOC.
  - Go to <ACCME Link>.

Recent Changes to the MOC Program

- Suspended the Practice Assessment, Patient Safety and Patient Voice requirements.
  - Will not reinstate requirements until a better, more valuable experience for diplomates is available.
- MOC-enrollment fees frozen through at least 2017.
- Changed public web reporting from “meeting MOC requirements” to “participating in MOC”
Recent Changes to the MOC Program (cont.)

- Diplomates will not need to maintain an underlying certification to stay certified in an overlying certification.
  - Underlying certification requirements for initial subspecialty certification have not changed.

- ABIM has updated the Internal Medicine MOC exam blueprint to ensure the exam reflects what physicians in practice are doing. Specialty examinations will follow.

Updated IM MOC Exam Blueprint

- Developed with physician input, the updated blueprint provides a greater level of detail than prior blueprints.

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- Go to [http://www.abim.org/pdf/blueprint/im_moc.pdf](http://www.abim.org/pdf/blueprint/im_moc.pdf) to view the updated blueprint online.

New Score Report

- New score report was redesigned with diplomate feedback.

- Go to [http://tinyurl.com/abimscorereport](http://tinyurl.com/abimscorereport) to view a video about the new score report.
Learn About Your MOC Requirements

- Login to [www.abim.org](http://www.abim.org) to view your MOC Status Report.

**myMOCStatus**

A resource for maintaining your Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Check the status of your specialty.

**MOC Status for Roger Wade Bush**

**Requirements & Deadlines**

- [View the reporting requirements for your profession on the myMOC Status page.](http://www.abim.org)

**Public Reporting Page**

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Internal Medicine with Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine. Certified.

Participating in Maintenance of Certification: Yes.

**In-Hospital Certification:**

- Internal Medicine
- Internal Medicine with Focused Practice in Hospital Medicine

Check a provider's ABIM Board Certification status by searching one of the following websites:

- [myMOC Status](http://www.abim.org)
- [www.abim.org](http://www.abim.org)

Important Information regarding the physician certification tool:

- The physician certification tool is not part of the MOC program but is being integrated into the ABIM physician certification process.
- The information provided is for informational purposes only and should not be considered as a substitute for professional medical advice.
- The physician certification tool is being piloted by the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- For more information, visit [www.abim.org](http://www.abim.org).
- Always verify the latest information on maintenance of certification, clinical competence, and certification requirements by contacting the ABIM or another board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
The Secure Exam

• Constructed and developed with similar approach as initial certification exams.

• Focus is on diagnosis, prognosis, therapeutic goals and not so much on basic science and emerging therapies.

  > Eventual pass rate 96%¹

• Very few recall questions

¹ABIM MOC exam pass rates 1997-2014

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First-Time Taker* MOC 2014 Exam Pass Rates
*candidates who have valid, time-limited certificates.

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Current Internal Medicine MOC Examination Blueprint

For additional information on the Internal Medicine MOC blueprint visit: https://www.abim.org/pdf/blueprint/im_moc.pdf
Calculating the Fee

- **Internal Medicine**
  - Annual = $194
  - 10 Year = $1,940

- **Subspecialty Certificate**
  - Annual = $254
  - 10 Year = $2,540

- **Internal Medicine + Subspecialty certificate**
  - Annual = $353
  - 10 Year fee = $3,530

Where Does the Money Go?

All our financial statements are on our web site (www.abim.org/finances)

- Recognize the anger, frustration, concern and questions raised by the physician community regarding MOC.

- We are listening closely to this feedback and agree changes to our MOC program are needed.
What does ABIM mean by they’re listening?

- ABIM’s leadership wants to hear from the community.
- We have heard loud and clear that doctors want to avoid redundancy and be recognized for the hard high value work they do.

What does ABIM mean by they’re listening? (cont.)

- This is not a “one and done” effort, but a shift in how ABIM will work with the internal medicine community from here on out.
- With each prospective change, ABIM will reach out to diplomates for feedback, asking “did we get this right?”

Assessment 2020

- The Assessment 2020 Task Force has made recommendations on what skills physicians will need in the future and how to assess those skills.
- The Task Force was made up of expert stakeholders from inside and outside ABIM, selected for the diverse backgrounds and objective viewpoints they would bring to the project.
- ABIM is actively exploring the Task Force recommendations and seeks feedback on them.
- While aspects of the Maintenance of Certification program have already changed, improving assessment is a continuous process.
Assessment 2020

- Visit assessment2020.abim.org to view the report.
- ABIM will be engaging medical societies, consumer groups, and diplomates about the findings of the report.

Need Help?

- Not enrolled in MOC? Log in to www.abim.org and complete the online enrollment.
- Checking your MOC status? Log in to www.abim.org to view your MOC Status Report.
- Have questions?
  - Call ABIM’s Diplomate Services Department, 800-441-ABIM (2246).
  - E-mail us at request@abim.org
  - Go online to http://www.abim.org/maintenance-of-certification/

Questions?