ABMS Overview: Navigating the Evolution of Board Certification

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Presentation Outline

- ABMS Background
- ABMS Board Certification and MOC
- Standards and Innovations for MOC
- ABMS Board Eligibility Policy
- Display of Board Certification and MOC Data
- Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
24 Member Boards set their MOC program requirements (in compliance with the MOC Standards) that define the education, training and additional assessment requirements for certification.

About ABMS

9 Associate Members
ABMS Board Certification and MOC

880,000+
practicing physicians are
certified by one (or more)
of the 24 ABMS Member
Boards.

550,000
Approximately
520,000+
diplomates are currently
participating in MOC.

520,000+
engaged in continuing
certification.

Source: ABMS Certification Database

About ABMS

37
specialties

86
subspecialties

ABMS is the largest
self-regulating group of
physicians in the
United States

80%
Board Certified US physicians by one
or more ABMS Member Boards.

20%
Non-certified physicians in the US.

37 specialties
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ABMS Board Certification and MOC
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ABMS Member Boards set standards for certification in a particular specialty and subspecialty. The standards include necessary education, training requirements, and assessments needed.

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Six Member Boards have continuous certificates that do not require end dates but have reverification dates for credentialing purposes.

ABMS MOC Overview and FAQs

ABMS MOC DISPLAY

ABMS Board Certification and MOC

Goals of the ABMS Program for MOC:

- Improve the quality of care provided to patients and communities.
- Improve health outcomes and patient safety.
- Provide a systematic, rigorous, relevant method for ongoing assessment and learning in knowledge, skills, judgment and professionalism in medicine.
  - Trusted by the Public.
  - Believed in by the Profession.
ABMS MOC: One-Four-Six

- **One Continuing Certification Program** (must have achieved initial Board Certification)
- **Four Elements within One Program**
  1. Professionalism and Professional Standing
  2. Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
  3. Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skill
  4. Improvement in Medical Practice

- ABMS/ACGME Six Core Competencies
  1. Medical Knowledge
  2. Practice-based Learning and Improvement
  3. Patient Care and Procedures Skills
  4. Systems-based Practice
  5. Interpersonal and Communication Skills
  6. Professionalism

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MOC Standards and Innovations

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MOC Standards
MOC Standards

General Standards
- Member Boards’ MOC program will incorporate all six core competencies
  - Throughout the Program for MOC
  - In a manner that best serves the needs of patients and is relevant to the specialty and the practice of the diplomate
- Member Boards will work to increase program value, relevance, and meaning while being sensitive to time, administrative burden and costs
- Member Boards will engage in CQI of their Programs for MOC and engage in an ABMS-wide review process

Professionalism and Professional Standing
- Identify and convey professionalism expectations to diplomates and incorporate professionalism learning and assessment activities into MOC
- Establish and maintain a process that offers the opportunity for re-entry to certification
- Establish a process to consider circumstances of actions taken against a diplomate’s license or other determination of unprofessional conduct and act appropriately

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LL-SA)
- Each Member Board will establish and document requirements:
  - Focuses on current relevant knowledge and ongoing advances in the specialty
  - Incorporates accredited CME (free of commercial bias – control of commercial interest)
  - Works to ensure access to learning tools that address gaps in specialty/own practice
  - Integrates Patient Safety into MOC program requirements
MOC Standards

Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment and Skills (KJS)
- Secure examination of diplomates’ knowledge of core content, judgment and skills no less often than every 10 years
  - Encourages new methods of assessment and evaluation
  - Encourages feedback to diplomates about examination performance in order to assist in lifelong learning and self-assessment activities

MOC Standards

Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP)
- Each Member Board will incorporate practice assessment and improvement activities across a diplomate’s career in ways that allow specialty-relevant, performance-in-practice assessment and improvement
- Each Member Board should encourage diplomate involvement in performance improvement activities within the context of the health care team and system with other care-related QI programs

The Value of MOC in the Future
- Protects the profession
- Ensures a credential that is separate from employment
- Supports physicians
  - Mechanism to identify knowledge and practice gaps that direct learning
  - Demonstration to patients and colleagues that the specialist is up-to-date
  - Supports local quality improvement activities
  - Satisfies federal and other assessment activities
MOC Programs — Overarching Expectations

- Diplomate engagement
- Continuous QI for each Board
- Attention to maximizing relevance and minimizing burden
- Encourage innovation

Standards for the ABMS Program for Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

ABMS Member Boards are Responding

- Involving diplomates in MOC decision-making processes
  - Surveys, focus groups, committee appointments
- Expanding activities accepted for Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
  - All Member Boards now accept accredited CME
- Making examination more practice-relevant, formative, less burdensome
  - Remote proctoring, access to approved resources
  - Modular formats
  - More focus on clinical decision-making/patient management
  - Greater use of mobile technology (e.g., MOCA)

ABMS Member Boards are Responding

- Offering greater flexibility in how diplomates meet IMP requirements
  - Credit for quality improvement activities diplomates do in their practice environment
  - Registry participation
  - PI-CME
ABMS Innovations: The ABMS Portfolio Program

21/24 Board give MOC IMP credit to diplomates who meaningfully participate in QI/PI activities of sponsor systems.

- Aligns CPD with organization QI/PI/safety goals.
- Unique physicians received IMP credit instances.
- Exploring options for faculty, researchers, administrative physicians.

- Relevance
- Burden
- Physician Engagement

≈8,800 organizations
≈1,650 qualifying activities
≈10,200 instances

Multi-Specialty Portfolio Approval Program™

21/24 ABMS Member Boards
86 participating organizations
2,000+ approved QI efforts
21/24 approved QI efforts
>16,000 projects receiving MOC part IV credit
>16,000 unique physicians
Representing relationship with NCCPA

(As of May 30, 2017)
Select Portfolio Program Sponsor Organizations

- AAP — Ohio Chapter
- AHRQ EvidenceNOW Project
- American Heart Association
- American College of Cardiology
- ACOG
- American Hospital Association
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Marshfield Clinic
- Cincinnati Children’s
- Memorial Hermann
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock
- Envision New Mexico
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Wisconsin
- Virginia Mason Med Center
- Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- Stanford Department of Medicine
- St. Jude Children’s Hospital
- Mayo Clinic
- U Pittsburgh
- UNC Chapel Hill
- Wisconsin Medical Society
- UC San Francisco
- AAG
- Geisinger Health System
- Sharp Healthcare
- High Value Health Care Collaboration
- Maine Quality Counts
- University of Michigan
- Mayo Clinic
- U Pittsburgh
-パーマンente Federation (Kaiser)
- Expanded Blueprints Platform
- Innovations in Assessment
- ABMS Member Boards are collaborating to explore how adult learning theories and emerging technologies can inform new approaches to assessment of knowledge and skills.
ABA MOCA 2.0: MOCA Minute Application

ABMS collaborating with 13 Member Boards to pilot new approach to recertification examination

- Web-based longitudinal assessment platform incorporating spaced repetition to increase retention in addition to assessing knowledge and judgment
- Mobile and desktop access
- Diplomates able to customize content/items to align with their practice
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Longitudinal Assessment Pilots

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ABMS Boards Developing Longitudinal Assessments

CertLink™ Boards
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- Dermatology
- Medical Genetics & Genomics
- Nuclear Medicine
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Other Boards
- Allergy & Immunology
- Anesthesiology
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Pediatrics
- Radiology

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CertLink™

- Mobile and web-based platform
- Diplomate dashboard
- Confidence and relevance ratings
- Boards determine areas for diplomate customization
- Diplomate feedback captured

Key Program Elements of CertLink™ Pilots — Hallmarks

- Longitudinal administration with spaced repetition
  - Results accumulated over time to inform summative decisions
- Emphasis on targeted feedback to help close knowledge gaps
  - Immediate and detailed critiques
  - Diplomate dashboard displays areas of strength and weakness
- Practice relevance with diplomates able to customize content coverage
- Flexible administration which allows for diplomates to complete at time and place of their choosing

Key Program Elements of CertLink™ Pilots — Hallmarks

- Secure exam for low/no performance
- Individual Board innovations
Overview of CertLink™ Assessment Delivery

- Improves diplomates’ experience with MOC by increasing access to practice-relevant activities
- Improves engagement between Member Boards and CME Providers
- Improves consistency across Member Boards’ MOC Programs

LL-SA MOC: ABMS MOC Directory

- 16 Member Boards currently participating
- Active activities:
  - 539 Web-based and 5 Live
- Since launch:
  - 711 Web-based
  - 52 Live Activities
  - 3,637 Unique MOC Approvals
  - 53 Unique CME Providers

ABMS MOC Directory

Advancing Standards for MOC
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- **Diplomate Satisfaction**: Of all learners who completed an activity on the ABMS MOC Directory
  - 96% would recommend that MOC activity to peers
  - 96% agreed the MOC activity would improve their care processes or clinical outcomes associated with the activity
  - 92% would recommend the MOC Directory to one of their colleagues
  - 93% rated the completed activity as good to excellent related to its relevance to practice

IMP MOC Innovations

- Broaden array of quality improvement activities that are accepted within the MOC Program
- Registry-based activities
- OPPE/FPPE Metrics
- ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Program™
- Expanded options
- Integrate with QPP and Registries
- Encourage organizational improvement activity

ABMS Board Eligibility Policy
Board Eligibility Policy

- ABMS and its Member Boards established limits to the time that may lapse between a physician’s completion of residency training and achievement of Board Certification.
- This policy became effective January 1, 2012.

Board Eligibility Policy

- A candidate’s eligibility for Board Certification by an ABMS Member Board (Board Eligible period) expires on a date determined by the Member Board.
- Physicians who do not achieve certification within the specified time period will need to meet re-entry requirements of their individual Member Board(s) to regain Board Eligibility in their specialty.

Board Eligibility Policy

- That date must be no fewer than three (3) and no more than seven (7) years following the successful completion of accredited training, and in accordance with the corresponding Member Board requirements, plus time (if any) in practice required by the ABMS Member Board for admissibility to the certifying examination.
- Transition dates refer to candidates who had completed their training but not yet achieved initial certification in a specialty as of the ABMS Board Eligibility Policy’s effective date. Therefore, if the candidate had completed training, but had not become Board Certified before the effective date (Jan 1, 2012), then they have until that Boards’ transition date to be considered board eligible.
**Board Eligibility Policy**

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* These Member Board backboard eligibility policies in place prior to the effective date of the ABMS Board Eligibility Policy, and therefore no future transition dates are provided.

**State Legislation Opposing the Use of Certification**

**2016**
- Passed: Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma
- Died/Killed: Michigan

**2017**
- Passed: Georgia, Maryland, Tennessee
- Stalled: New York, Rhode Island
- Died/Killed: Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming
- Active: California, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Texas

**2018**
- Passed: North Carolina
- Died/Killed: Georgia, Maryland, Tennessee
- Active: Arizona, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina

**2019**
- Passed: Arizona, Kentucky
- Died/Killed: North Carolina
- Active: Michigan

**2020**
- Passed: Arizona, Kentucky
- Died/Killed: North Carolina
- Active: Michigan
Display of Board Certification and MOC Data

Data Display

- 23 of the 24 Member Boards of ABMS publicly display which diplomates are participating in MOC.
  - All Diplomate information available through ABMS
- Primary Source Verification provided through ABMS Solutions – not the public website (Certification Matters).
  - ABMS Solutions provides Primary Source Verification
  - Certification Matters provides public information

Certification Matters — Public Website

Is Your Doctor Board Certified

- American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology
  - Neurology — General (General Indicates Primary Certificate American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology)
  - Participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

- American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology (Learn more about Board’s MOC Program)
  - Psychiatry — Yes
### Sample Profile — ABMS Professional Product

**American Board of Pediatrics**

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**State of Licensure provided by Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB): Not for Primary Source Verification (PSV).**

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**American Board of Family Medicine**

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  - ABMS 100th Anniversary:
    - ABMS Updated Standards: http://www.abms.org/media/1109/standards-for-the-abms-program-for-moc-final.pdf
    - General MOC Program:
      - http://www.abms.org/boardcertification/verification-and-moc
    - MOC Part II Requirements by Board:
    - MOC Part IV Requirements by Board:
    - ABMS Board Eligibility Policy:
      - http://www.abms.org/boardcertification/eligibility/
    - ABMS Directory:
      - http://www.abms.org/directory/
    - FAQs:
      - https://www.mededportal.org/abmsmoc/continuingeducation/
  - ABMS Solutions (Professional PSV Products):
    - (800) 733-2267 abmsolutions.com
  - FAQs:

Questions?

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