American Board of Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification Definition

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) promotes lifelong learning and the enhancement of the clinical judgment and skills essential for high quality patient care. The Medical Knowledge component of the ABIM MOC program supports physician engagement in lifelong learning and self-assessment.

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ABIM Medical Knowledge Assessment Program Requirements

1. The activity is directly or jointly provided by a provider accredited within the ACCME system.

2. The activity is certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* in one of the following activity types:
   - Enduring materials
   - Live activities, including:
     - Courses
     - Internet live courses
     - Regularly scheduled series

3. The activity is relevant to physician learners certified by ABIM, as demonstrated by the professional practice gap(s) and content of the activity.

4. The ABIM MOC Recognition Statement is included in any activity materials that reference ABIM MOC credit with the exception of initial “save the date” or similar notices.

   “Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to [MOC point amount and credit type(s)] MOC points [and patient safety MOC credit] in the American Board of Internal Medicine’s (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity. It is the CME activity provider’s responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.”

   - Please note that CME providers offering MOC points for sessions or modules that are part of a larger, accredited CME activity may omit this sentence from the identification statement:
   “Participants will earn MOC points equivalent to the amount of CME credits claimed for the activity.”

5. The activity is registered for ABIM MOC up to the maximum allowable *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits* for which the activity is designated. The provider must select at least 1 ABIM MOC credit type for which points may be earned and must verify that the number of ABIM MOC points reported for physician learners is equivalent to the amount of CME claimed for the activity.
6. The activity or its content is **peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers** who are not the author(s). The process of peer review means that the activity or educational materials are reviewed by other physicians who are sufficiently familiar with the subject matter of the activity or material to be able to render an opinion as to whether the activity or materials align with the learning objectives and are fair, accurate, and free of commercial bias.
   - One reviewer can review the overall course content (gap, educational need, desired results, and objectives) and another reviewer must review all presentations.
   - Verification that the content of the activity was peer-reviewed by two physician reviewers who were not the original authors/presenters/planning committee:
     - The name, credentials, affiliations and qualification of the reviewers – CV Need
     - The results/conclusions of the reviewers – Completed Survey

7. The activity includes:
   - An **evaluation component** that measures the impact of the activity on the physician learners’ knowledge, strategies/skills, performance, and/or patient outcomes;
   - A minimum participation threshold demonstrating physician learners’ meaningful engagement in the activity - **70% is the passing score**.
   - Feedback to the participant must include learner results with **rationale for correct answers** or attainment of applicable skill(s) and include relevant citations where appropriate.
   - Need at least a minimum of 3 case vignette questions for the Post Test
   - Need at least 1 question from each speaker if multiple speakers

8. Participant Completion Information
   - The provider must have systems, resources, and processes in place to:
     - Obtain permission from the participant to share completion data with the ACCME; and
     - Transmit the completion data to the ACCME on behalf of the participant upon successful completion.
     - ABIM ID, First Name, Last Name, DOB (mm/dd), Activity Completion Date. And MOC points.

**Important Items for the Audit for ABIM:**
Verification that the number of MOC points reported for the physician learner is equivalent to the amount of CME claimed for the activity.

Information relevant to the method of evaluation that was utilized for the activity that measured learner change, including:

   - copy of the evaluation tool (e.g., multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, or longer-form tests; written or shared responses; or other formative and summative content-relevant exercises);
   - description of how the evaluation is conducted and the minimum participation threshold (e.g., score, correct written or shared response, etc.);
   - description of the process by which feedback was provided to learners; and
   - verification that the learners successfully met the minimum participation threshold for the activity
Peer Reviewers

There are 2 routes to be taken when doing Peer Review

1. Choose your own peer reviewers
   - Must be an MD or DO
   - Affiliated with Advocate Health Care
   - Board Certified Physician (copy of CV)
   - No one from the Planning Committee can be part of the Peer Review process

2. Utilize the Advocate Health Care Peer Review Group managed by the CME Office
   - Submit Peer Review Form located on the SharePoint Site
**Deadlines**

**8 weeks prior**

Required Attachments with the MOC proposal

- Speaker disclosure(s) and the Conflict of Interest (if applicable)
- Draft Flyer
- Peer Reviewers (2) – identify the peer reviewers or use the Peer Review Group
  - Disclosures and Conflict of Interest (if applicable) (optional)

**4 weeks prior**

Utilize the Advocate Health Care Peer Review Group managed by the CME Office

- Submit Peer Review Form located on the SharePoint Site include the required attachments:
  - Copy of the Presentation
  - Post Test with answer explanation

**1 week prior**

Site Coordinator would need to contact the System CME Coordinator to state when the Peer Review Process has been completes. A suggested timeframe to complete the Peer Review would be 2-4 weeks prior to the conference.

Submit the following items to the System CME Office

- Copy of Presentation
- Post test questions with explanations
- Confirm Surveys have been completed via Survey Monkey
- Peer Review Disclosures & COI (if applicable)
- CV’s of Peer Reviewers
- Copy of Final Flyer with MOC statement