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FAQs – Continuous MOC Program

1. Why is ABPN moving to a Continuous MOC Program?

The Continuous Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program will facilitate the required annual recording and reporting of diplomate MOC participation.

2. What are the advantages of participating in the Continuous MOC Program?

- You only pay one small annual fee instead of a large amount every ten years.
- The Physician Folio system gives you a personalized list of all your MOC activities that you can provide to your employer/hospital/licensing board, if required.
- You are informed on a regular basis of what you must do to meet the MOC requirements so you don't fall behind with requirements.

3. Does everyone have to join?

Beginning in 2012, all diplomates who pass their initial certification or MOC examination must enter into the Continuous Pathway to Lifelong Learning.

Diplomates who pass their initial certification or MOC examination prior to 2012 will not be required to participate in this program unless they elect to do so.

4. What about lifetime certificate holders?

Lifetime certificate holders will not be required to participate in this program unless they elect to do so. However, all time-limited certificate holders will be required to participate in this program beginning with the 2012 initial certification and MOC examinations.

5. Why is there an annual MOC program fee?

The annual MOC program fee covers participation in the Physician Folio system and includes one MOC cognitive examination in a ten-year period. The fee also includes regular email reminders and updates from ABPN so that a diplomate does not fall behind with requirements.

6. What if I have multiple certificates?

The annual fee covers one cognitive MOC examination in a ten-year period. There is only one annual fee collected per diplomate. An annual fee is not collected for every certificate. You will be responsible for the full payment for any cognitive MOC examination taken in addition to the first one.

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7. What if I take a modular MOC examination (a combination of up to 3 specialty/subspecialties in one examination administration)?

The modular MOC examination fee is higher than the standard MOC examination fee; therefore, you will be required to pay the difference in fees at the time of registration for the examination.

8. What happens if I do not pay the annual fee?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' if they do not pay the annual fee.

9. What happens if I do not sign on to the Physician Folio system?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' if they do not sign on to the Physician Folio system.

10. What happens if I do not complete all of the MOC requirements?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' if they have not met all of the MOC requirements.

11. What happens if I fail the cognitive MOC examination?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' if they fail or miss the cognitive MOC examination. Diplomates will be allowed to retake the examination within one year of the failed/missed examination. If the diplomate fails or misses the cognitive MOC examination on the second attempt, he/she will be reported as 'Not Certified'.

12. How can I change my status from 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' to 'Meeting MOC Requirements'?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Meeting MOC Requirements' if they have not met all MOC requirements for one stage (three years). A diplomate may change their status to 'Meeting MOC Requirements' by completing insufficient stage activities, current stage activities, and payment of all required fees.

13. What if I miss more than 6 years (2 stages) of MOC activities?

A diplomate will be reported as 'Not Certified' if they miss more than 6 years (2 stages) of MOC activities. Diplomates may change their status back to 'Certified and Meeting MOC Requirements' upon successful completion of all MOC activities included in one stage:

- An unrestricted license(s) and no restrictions on any license
- 24 CME hours of self-assessment (SA) activities
- 90 Category-1 CME hours total (including CMEs from SA activities)
- 1 Performance in Practice (PIP) Unit (one clinical module and one feedback module)
- Pass MOC cognitive examination (pay full fee)