Directions for Completing an ABPN Feedback Module

For the PIP Feedback Module, diplomates obtain personal feedback regarding their own clinical performance using questionnaire/surveys. The Feedback Module is satisfied in a three-step process within a 24-month period.

How to complete the Feedback Module

Step A: Initial assessment of patient or peer feedback
Collect initial feedback from ONE of the following options:

- Patient* feedback forms from **five patients**,  
- Peer** feedback forms from **five peers**,  
- Resident evaluation forms from **five residents**,  
- Supervisor evaluation form from **one supervisor**, or  
- 360-degree evaluation forms from **five respondents**

Diplomates may choose a feedback module from the Approved Products List, or use an ABPN feedback form, or submit their institution's patient survey or peer evaluation for individual preapproval.

Step B: Identify and implement improvement

- Based on results from feedback, identify opportunities for improvement to the effectiveness and/or efficiency in practice as related to the general competencies and take steps to implement improvements as needed.  
- If no areas for improvement are determined based on initial assessment, then maintenance of performance in medical practice should be reassessed in Step C.

Step C: Reassessment of patient or peer feedback

- Within 24 months of initial assessment, collect data from another set of the same or different patients or peers.  
- Use the same feedback option for the initial assessment and reassessment steps.

* Patients may include those for which the diplomate supervises the care of another provider (e.g., resident).  
**Peers may include other professional healthcare staff such as counselors, nurses, physicians, psychologists, and social workers.

General Information

- Please allow ample time to complete the PIP Unit (Steps A, B and C).  
- Use the same feedback option for the initial assessment and reassessment steps.  
- One PIP Unit is required every 3 years for the Continuing Certification Program.  
- ABPN does not collect patient or peer data. If audited, ABPN will require that diplomates explain how they carried out the Improvement in Medical Practice Unit and submit information about their process and improvement plan. The ABPN Audit Guidelines for Diplomates document lists the documentation needed in the event of an audit.
**Patient Feedback Form**

Date of evaluation (mm/dd/yyyy): ___________________________

Name of physician being reviewed: ________________________________________________

Name of institution (hospital, clinic): _______________________________________________

**Performance Ratings**

Please select a performance rating for your doctor for each of the following questions:

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*Parents/caregivers can fill out this form on behalf of a child patient.*

Please return completed form to physician for his/her confidential records. Do not send to the ABPN.