



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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Update on Maintenance of Certification

PIP Feedback Module Made Optional as of 2016

The ABPN Board of Directors has decided to make the Feedback Module an **OPTIONAL** component of the PIP Unit. As of January 1, 2016, the Feedback Module will become a highly recommended yet optional component for all ABPN diplomates enrolled in Maintenance of Certification. **The Clinical Module component will remain a requirement.**

More Options to Complete the PIP Clinical Module

Choose one of the following options:

- Select a Clinical Module from the ABPN Approved Products List;
- Participate in your institution's QI effort that is approved by the ABMS Portfolio Program;
- Participate in a Joint Commission Certified Stroke Center (Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center);
- Participate in a Joint Commission accredited, specialty-specific Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) that meets the ABPN MOC requirements*;
- Complete a quality improvement effort under the auspices of an International Certification Organization (e.g. RCPS-C) that meets the ABPN MOC requirements*;

OR

- Seek individual preapproval for your own developed Clinical Module, or your institution's quality improvement project.

*Must be submitted to ABPN for preapproval. See the website for more information on the PIP Clinical Module.

Questions on MOC?

- Call the MOC Helpline at 847.229.6512
- Or email us at questions@abpn.com
- Office hours M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST
- Visit www.abpn.com or your Folios account to learn more

New Self-Assessment Options

The Board may now waive eight Self-Assessment (SA) CME through completion of specific non-CME activities for a diplomate. Up to sixteen SA CME may be waived per each three-year MOC block with completion of two different types of non-CME SA activities.

Diplomates may choose to do one or two of the following non-CME SA activities to satisfy a part of the Self-Assessment requirement:

- Passing an ABPN certification or MOC exam;
- Approved scientific grant application;
- Peer-reviewed journal article indexed in the MEDLINE database;
- Non-CME self-assessment examinations that are part of patient safety courses and done post residency*;
- Four hours of peer supervision with written feedback*;

OR

- Formal institutional peer review committee with written feedback*

Note: Diplomates in C-MOC must complete the approved non-CME SA activity **during the block for which they are earning non-CME SA credit.**

Diplomates in the 10-year MOC program (who are due to recertify 2016-2021) must complete the non-CME SA activities **within the three years prior to applying for the MOC examination.**

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The Latest News on the MOC Program

Reciprocal MOC Credit

Those diplomates who currently meet another ABMS Member Board's MOC activity requirements (such as any CME, SA and/or PIP activities) may receive ABPN credit for those activities. Diplomates are still required to pass the ABPN MOC exam and pay the annual fee.

More Dates Available for Select MOC Exams

The ABPN now offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select MOC exams to give diplomates more choice within a given year. Diplomates who are due to sit for the Psychiatry, Neurology or Child Neurology exam in 2016 can apply for the February 2016 exam or the October/November 2016 exam. Diplomates who are due to sit for the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry exam in 2016 can choose from the April 2016 or October/November 2016 exam. See our website for deadlines and information.

Use Your Folios Account to Attest to MOC Activities and Pay the Annual Fee

Diplomates who are in the C-MOC Program must attest to completed MOC activities (CME, SA and PIP) and pay the annual fee within their Folios account on the ABPN website. This fee covers Maintenance of Board Certification status, use of personalized Physician Folios account with customized MOC tracker, and development and administrative costs of MOC exams, including credit towards a MOC exam fee in a ten-year period.

MOC Activity Waiver

A three-year block of C-MOC requirements (CME, SA and PIP) will be waived for diplomates who **graduated from an ACGME-accredited subspecialty fellowship training program in 2011 or later AND who pass the corresponding ABPN subspecialty exam**. Diplomates will receive a three-year block MOC activity waiver for the current block they are in at the time of passing the subspecialty exam. Upon passing the subspecialty exam, diplomates will see the waiver reflected in their Physician Folios account. Diplomates are required to pay the annual fee.

Modification to 10-Year MOC Activity Requirement

ABPN has modified the number of requirements for diplomates who are currently in the 10-year MOC program (physicians who took an exam prior to 2012).

To apply for a recertification/MOC exam in 2016-2021, the requirements now include:

- 300 Category one CME credits, including 24 CME credits from self-assessment activities
- One PIP unit

If you have already completed more than 24 SA CME or more than 1 PIP unit during the **three years prior** to the MOC exam, you may apply the additional credits to your first C-MOC block.

Visit www.abpn.com for more information.

2016 Patient Safety Requirement

Beginning with those who take and pass the board certification/recertification exam in 2016 or later, diplomates will be required to complete an approved Patient Safety Course within the three years prior to board certification/recertification OR during their first C-MOC block (beginning with those whose first block is 2017-2019). This is a one-time requirement. See our website for more information.