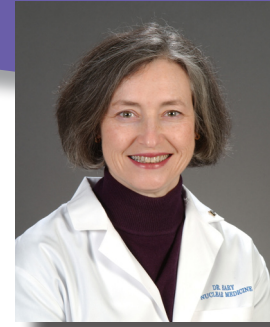


ABMS Maintenance of Certification

One Specialist's Story



Janet Eary, MD
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“Participating in MOC is an excellent experience that I am glad to be involved with.”

Dr. Eary says that the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program brings a new dimension to keeping her skill sets and knowledge current. “It means paying frequent and more focused attention to the requirements for maintaining good standing within the profession. The material needs to be continuously mastered to remain at the top of what the consensus is for the specialty.”

As a diplomate with a non-time limited certificate, Dr. Eary was not required to renew her board certification with the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. She chose to do so in order to benefit her practice and to serve as a model for others to participate. Through the renewal process Dr. Eary completed the MOC cycle for recertification. She continues to participate in MOC learning activities to advance her knowledge in Nuclear Medicine diagnosis and therapy procedures, ranging from standard practice to advanced procedures and including PET and high dose therapy with radionuclides. “The activities offered online by the Society of Nuclear Medicine are especially excellent in terms of content and the way they are presented,” she explained. “I also attend a number of societal meetings and regularly review journal manuscripts. Plus, my work as a faculty member at the University of Washington (UW) provides me with many avenues to accumulate the necessary requirements for MOC.”

Participating in MOC helps Dr. Eary maintain a high bar of practice with the UW staff. It has confirmed for her that the UW team continues to be at the forefront of the specialty and that the agenda for teaching her trainees and residents remains on the mark. She adds, “MOC is extremely beneficial for professional development and skill maintenance. The process is something that is important for the public to understand to fulfill their expectations for the care they receive.”

Dr. Eary holds general certification in Nuclear Medicine from the American Board of Nuclear Medicine as well as general certification in Pathology and subspecialty certification in Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology from the American Board of Pathology. She has been in practice for 25 years. Her clinical and research interests are focused on cancer imaging and therapy, with special expertise in molecular imaging and clinical trials. Dr. Eary is currently Director of the University of Washington - Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Cancer Consortium. She earned her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.



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