



American Board of Medical Specialties

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ABMS Member Board	Maintenance of Certification Part IV Improvement in Medical Practice *	Contact
American Board of Allergy and Immunology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A practice assessment/quality improvement activity must be completed once every five years to help the physician investigate and evaluate their patient care practices, appraise and assimilate scientific evidence and improve their practice of medicine (MOC Part IV) 	www.abai.org
American Board of Anesthesiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points system beginning in 2016; simulation is optional Diplomates must earn a minimum of 50 Part 4 points during their 10-year cycle in MOCA 2.0 (25 points during Years 1-5 and 25 points during Years 6-10). 	www.theaba.org
American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually participate in a national, regional, or local outcomes database or quality assessment program. 	www.abcrs.org
American Board of Dermatology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two practice assessments or quality improvement programs every 10-year cycle. 	www.abderm.org
American Board of Emergency Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one Quality Improvement (QI) activity every 5 years Complete one Communication/Professionalism (CP) activity every 5 years 	www.abem.org
American Board of Family Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least one Improvement in Medical Practice module during every three-year cycle. 	www.theabfm.org
American Board of Internal Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective February 3, 2015, ABIM is not currently requiring completion of a Practice Assessment activity through 2018. However, points in the area of Practice Assessment can still be earned during this time period and will continue to count toward the 100 required self-evaluation points. 	www.abim.org
American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 1 Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) activity each interim cycle. 	www.abmg.org
American Board of Neurological Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in a practice improvement activity each year. 	www.abns.org
American Board of Nuclear Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three practice performance assessments per MOC cycle. Each project comprises three activities (1. Select and Measure; 2. Analyze, Plan, and Improve; 3. Re-measure and Analyze). The requirement is to complete one activity per year. 	www.abnm.org
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in one of the available Improvement in Medical Practice alternatives yearly in MOC years 1-5. Hospital QI projects and Portfolio Projects also may count as a Part IV module. 	www.abog.org
American Board of Ophthalmology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 practice improvement modules (PIM) every 10 years; diplomates choose 10 patients as well as 3 to 5 measures for improvement (one of which must be an outcome measure), and, after 4 months, they review the same process and outcomes measures on 10 newer patients to determine if improvement has occurred. 	www.abop.org

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American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit at least 35 cases spanning a minimum of six months 	www.abos.org
American Board of Otolaryngology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Development 	www.aboto.org
American Board of Pathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laboratory Accreditation every year Laboratory Performance Improvement and Quality Assurance (PI/QA) every year Participation in at least one PI/QI activity or program per year During the 4th and 8th year of the MOC cycle, diplomates must provide the names and email addresses of 4 references (the peer references attest to the diplomate's interpersonal and communication skills, professionalism, ethics, and effectiveness in systems-based practice) 	www.abpath.org
American Board of Pediatrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtaining a minimum of 40 Improvement in Medical Practice points every 5 years. 	www.abp.org
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified physicians meet a minimally competent standard 	www.abpmr.org
American Board of Plastic Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one Practice Assessment Module (based on 10 tracer cases for one procedure) every 3 years. Review the benchmarking report for comparison of data to peers every 3 years. Complete an action plan for improvement every 3 years. 	www.abplsurg.org
American Board of Preventive Medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete 2 practice performance assessments during their 10-year certification cycle (one each every 5 years) 	www.theabpm.org
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing one Performance in Practice module every 3 years. 	www.abpn.com
American Board of Radiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at least one Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) Project or Participatory Activity pertinent to their practice within the previous 3 years. 	www.theabr.org
American Board of Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued participation in an outcomes registry or quality improvement (QI) program such as NSQIP or ACS case log system (amongst others) 	www.absurgery.org
American Board of Thoracic Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer evaluations (2 letters) Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) project within years 3-5 and 8-10 (PQI begins in 2016) STS outcomes database or portfolio participation (until PQI begins) Multiple pathways including, participation in ABMS Multi-Specialty Portfolio Approval Program is accepted. 	www.abts.org

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