Maintenance of Certification

aka “Certification”

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New initiatives and recent changes in Part 4 at ABP

- New MOC Landing page and search functionality
- Redesign of the PIM platform to be more user-friendly
- New Pathways for recognition of QI work with Part 4 credit
- MOC for Residents/Fellows
- Repeat credit for approved projects
  - A diplomate who continues to participate in long term, substantial QI projects is eligible for Part 4 credit each time he or she meets participation requirements
Going Live in May 2015: Expanded QI Project Application Pathways

- QI Project applications from small groups (25 points)
- Simplified/streamlined QIPA applications (25 points, repeatable)
- Greater flexibility re QI models
- NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home (40 points)
- QI Program Development (40 points)
QI Project applications from small groups (25 points)

- Affectionately known as “SQIPA”
- Built for projects led by diplomates
- Up to 10 pediatricians can earn credit per project
- Simplified/streamlined QIPA application
  - 8 questions, directed to the physician project leader
- Application is for *completed* projects
  - Credit awarded immediately upon approval
- “Proposed project” pre-application also available
  - No credit, but will populate into the completed project application when finished
Other New Pathways

• Patient Centered Medical Home (40 points)
  ▪ NCQA 2011 and 2014 only

• QI Program Development (40 points)

• Under development:
  ▪ Exemplar applications showing QI projects around medical education
  ▪ Exemplar applications showing QI projects around research processes
  ▪ Additional application forms tailored to LEAN and other approaches
  ▪ Potential for credit for ACGME NAS program evaluation and improvement efforts
MOC for Residents

- Residents can now earn Part 4 MOC credit during residency for meaningful participation in QI activities (just like a diplomate)
  - PIMs
  - Approved QI projects in institutions and organizations
  - Authorship of qualifying QI articles or posters/platform presentations

- Resident MOC credit will be “in the bank” for when they become certified. It will then be applied to their first MOC cycle

- Residents can access ABP Part 2 activities (e.g. self assessments and QOWs), but will not receive bankable credit for any Part 2 activities.
MOC for Fellows

• BEFORE the Fellow passes his/her GP exam (and thus becomes a certified diplomate of the ABP):
  ▪ As long as an individual has a “training line” in the ABP system (eg is enrolled in an ACGME approved program), bankable credit can be earned.

• When the Fellow passes his/her GP exam, he/she is enrolled in the first 5-year cycle of MOC, needs 100 points just like any other diplomate
  ▪ Any already banked credit goes live
  ▪ 10 Part 2 and 10 Part 4 points are automatically awarded for each year of fellowship training after the fellow achieves initial GP certification
Residents and workplace-based QI Projects

• Both diplomates and residents can lead projects, and apply for approval of a local QI project.
  ▪ As of May 2015, 2 applications, one for smaller groups and one for larger (institutional) projects

• Small Group QI Project Application:
  ▪ 10 or fewer MDs who will get credit
  ▪ Simplified application, addressed to MD project leader
  ▪ Application includes QI project guidance
What else is in the works:

• Lower processing fees (May 2015)

• Redesign of the PIM platform to be more course-like and user-friendly (Fall 2015 forward)

• Redesign of the Search function within the portfolio (Summer 2015)

• Collaboration with BMJ Quality to publish QI projects (Fall 2015)

• Discussions with physician scientists about application of improvement science to all kinds of research