



Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA)

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Maintenance of Certification (MOC)

- MOC is an integral part of quality movement in health care.
- The ABR believes in the value of MOC and that is why all ABR volunteers including governors and trustees are required to participate in MOC.
- In 2012, ABR implemented a new MOC process, known as continuous certification for all participating MOC diplomates.
- The Continuous Certification method uses an annual review in March to evaluate all four MOC parts and fees and render MOC participation status. The four parts of MOC are:

Four Parts of MOC

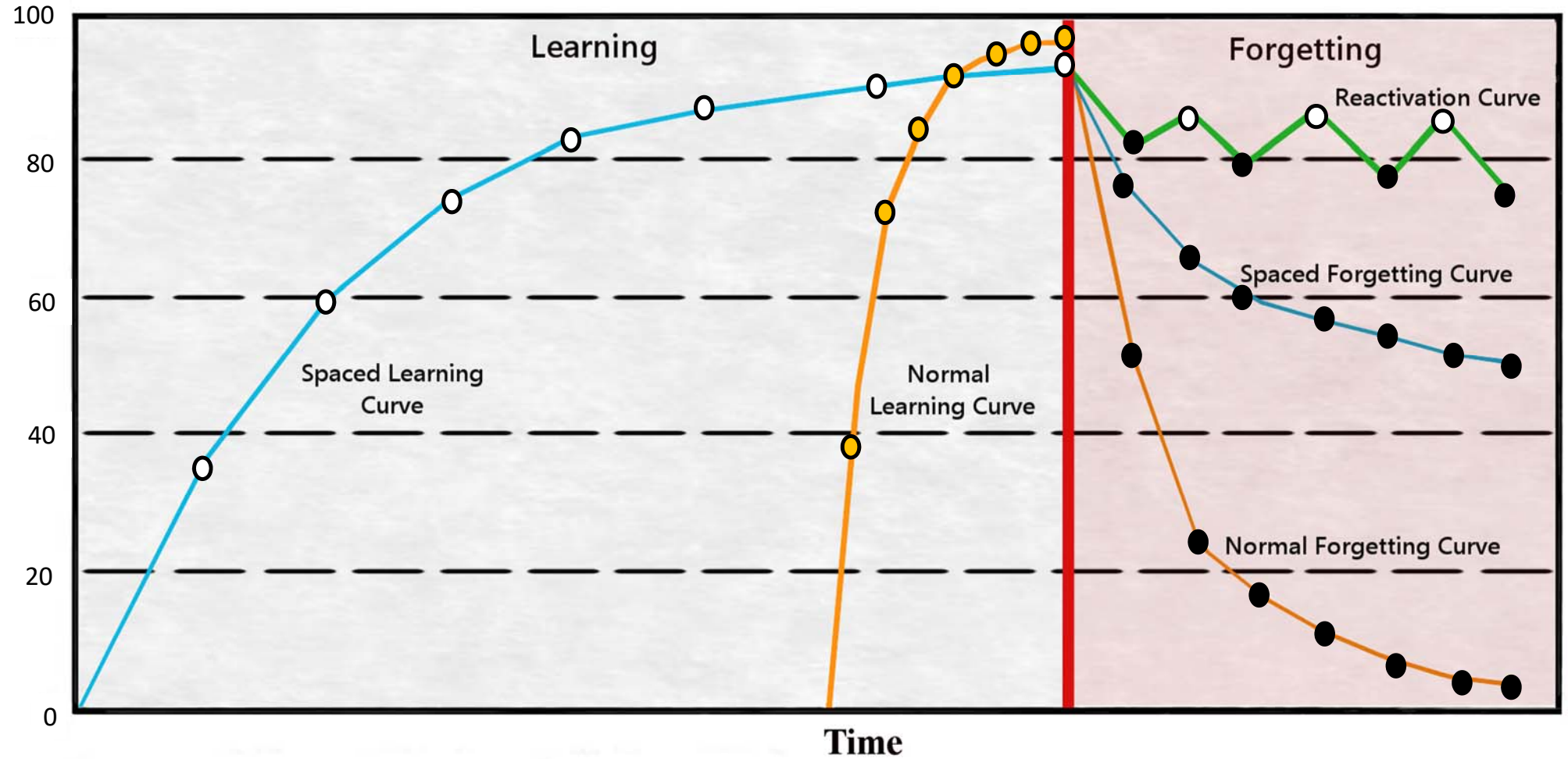
- Part 1: Professionalism and Professional Standing
 - Valid license (TX, FL, NY, HI) or professional standing attestation
- Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment
 - At least 75 category 1 CME (25 SA-CME) in the previous 3 years
- Part 3: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgement & Skills
 - ABR OLA or passed a traditional MOC Exam in the previous 5 years
- Part 4: Improvement in Medical Practice
 - Practice Quality Improvement, (PQI) or participatory activities

Introduction to longitudinal assessments

- Adoption by ABMS member boards
 - Initially tested by American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) in 2014
 - Full launch to all ABA diplomates in 2016
 - Many other ABMS Boards pursuing similar model

Learning and Forgetting Curve

% Retention



ABR Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA)

- ABR's implementation will be called ABR OLA
- New ABR volunteers (both academic and community) have been recruited to work on creating content (items = questions)

Why ABR OLA?

- To improve the formative aspects of assessment and better support more specific areas of clinical practice
- Focus on a more convenient assessment approach
 - While maintaining a rigorous evaluation of diplomate knowledge
 - Support continuous professional development through lifelong learning
- Target for OLA content – Walking Around Knowledge
 - The type of questions you may get from colleagues, referring MDs, trainees, patients

Who Can Participate In OLA?

- All diplomates with valid ABR certificate that are participating in MOC
 - 2019 – Diagnostic Radiology and Diagnostic Radiology subspecialties
 - To date we have had over 16k DR and DR Subspecialty diplomates answer at least one OLA questions. These diplomates have answered almost 290k OLA questions.
 - 2020 – Medical Physics, Radiation Oncology, & Interventional Radiology
- Diplomates with a Lifetime certificate may voluntarily enroll in MOC and must also meet all other MOC requirements. However if you are a volunteer with the ABR, you must participate in OLA

How Will ABR OLA Be Better For Me?

- OLA eliminates the need for, and the cost of, travel
- It does not require you to study
- It requires very little time away from your practice
- It offers immediate feedback with rationale and references
- Incorrect answers are followed-up with similar question a few weeks later
- It is designed to be a gradual non-stressful experience, also an educational one
- It is flexible – Within broad guidelines you decide how often to engage with OLA

ABR OLA Security

- Access to OLA is password protected as part of the diplomate's ABR account
- Diplomates will be required to attest annually that they are answering questions themselves without help or references
- Images will be watermarked to identify and deter the use of ABR OLA images through screen shots, etc.

OLA DEMO

<https://demo.theabr.org/>

OLA FAQs

- <https://www.theabr.org/online-longitudinal-assessment-ola#scoring-eval>

I Have Questions About OLA

- How will I know I have questions to answer?
 - You will receive a weekly email reminder with a link to your OLA home page
 - On your homepage you will see how many questions are available
- How many questions do I have to answer?
 - 52 per year
 - OLA will deliver 2 questions per week
 - OLA will store up to 8 questions
- What if a question is not relevant to my practice?
 - You can decline to answer up to 10 questions per year

I Have Questions About OLA, (cont.)

- How should I prepare for OLA?
 - Study should not be required. OLA is not an exam, it's an assessment of your every day knowledge which occurs over several years
- Weekly questions? What if I need time off?
 - OLA is flexible and designed to allow you up to 6 months off every year
- What if I only want to be reminded once a month, or not at all?
 - You can change your communication preferences from your myABR dashboard

I Have Questions About OLA, (cont.)

- Do I need to enroll in OLA if I'm already in MOC?
 - No. If you are currently participating in MOC, you will be automatically enrolled in OLA
- Which browser platforms are supported?
 - Chrome, Firefox and Safari.
 - Minimum display resolution of 1024x768

When Will My Performance Be Evaluated?

- Performance evaluations at Annual Review (March 2nd each year)
 - After you have answered 200 questions
 - Evaluations each year at annual review thereafter
- OLA is criterion referenced
 - OLA is not graded on a curve
 - Each question is evaluated individually and the aggregate rating for your 200 questions is the passing standard
- Participating as a question rater
 - Watch an online video which explains the question rating process
 - Take a short quiz

OLA Webinar

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCeWCAoGAzo&t=19s>



QUESTIONS?

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