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

Time

Learning Curve

Spaced Learning Curve

Normal Learning Curve

Forgetting

Reactivation Curve

Spaced Forgetting Curve

Normal Forgetting Curve
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 a assessment of your everyday 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=zCeWCAoG Azo&t=19s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCeWCAoG Azo&t=19s)
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