

Why We Should Value Maintenance of Certification

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American Board of Radiology Mission

“To serve patients, the public, and the medical profession. . .”

“By certifying that its diplomates have acquired, demonstrated, and *maintained* a requisite standard of knowledge, skill, and understanding. . .”

Which of the following would you rather do?

A) Have a dental extraction

B) Pass a kidney stone

C) Take a MOC exam

Most people don't like MOC

- **Takes up time**
- **Causes anxiety**
- **Value is not self-evident**
- **Program is new and has changed**

Nobody is Perfect

Why Do We Have MOC

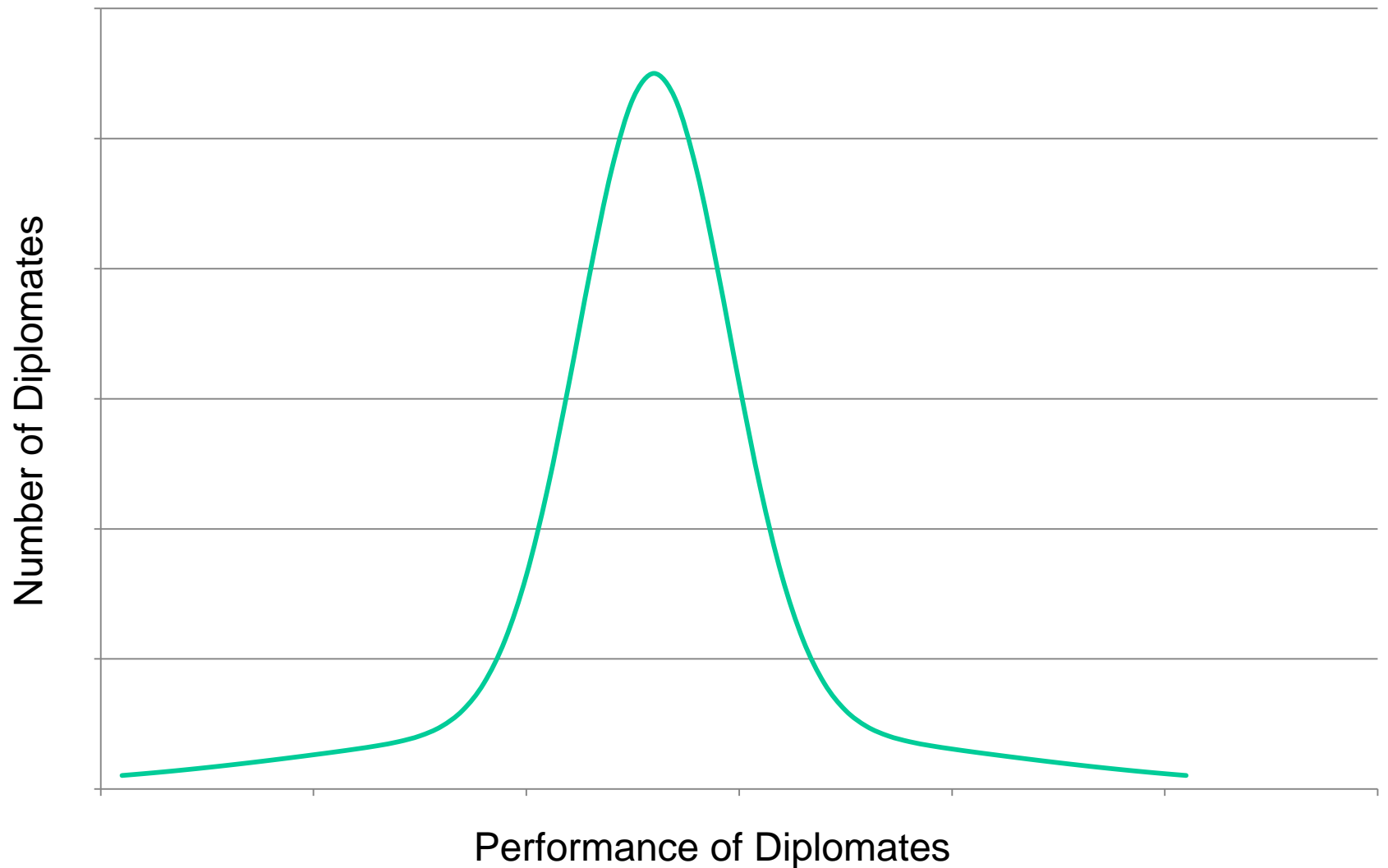
Studies have shown that the performance of professionals deteriorates as time from certification increases unless they undertake specific activities to improve and advance their skills

MOC is an organized process to help us maintain our skills at peak levels

MOC

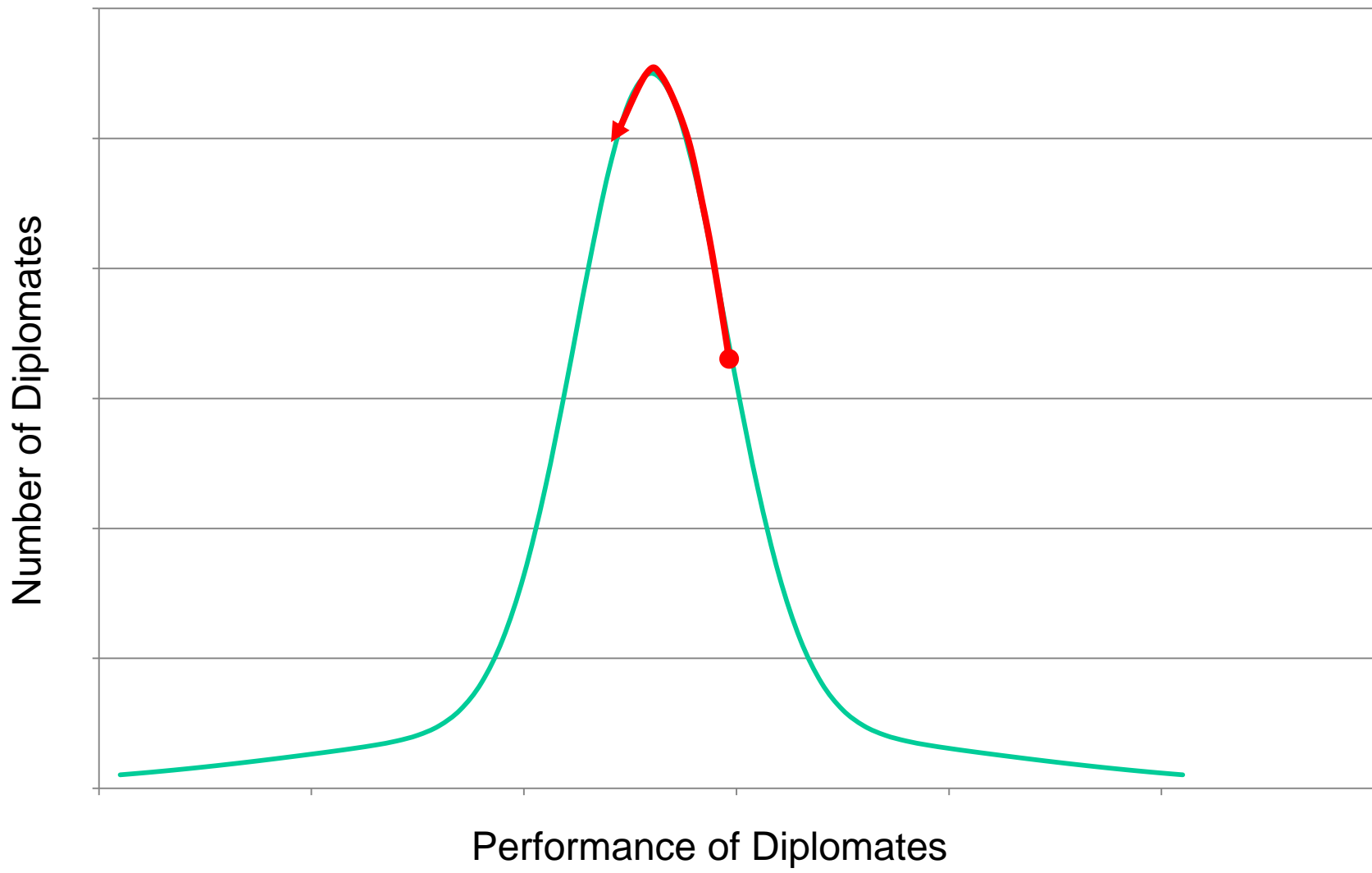
The point of MOC is to move individuals and thus the profession to a higher level of performance.

Why Should We Have MOC?

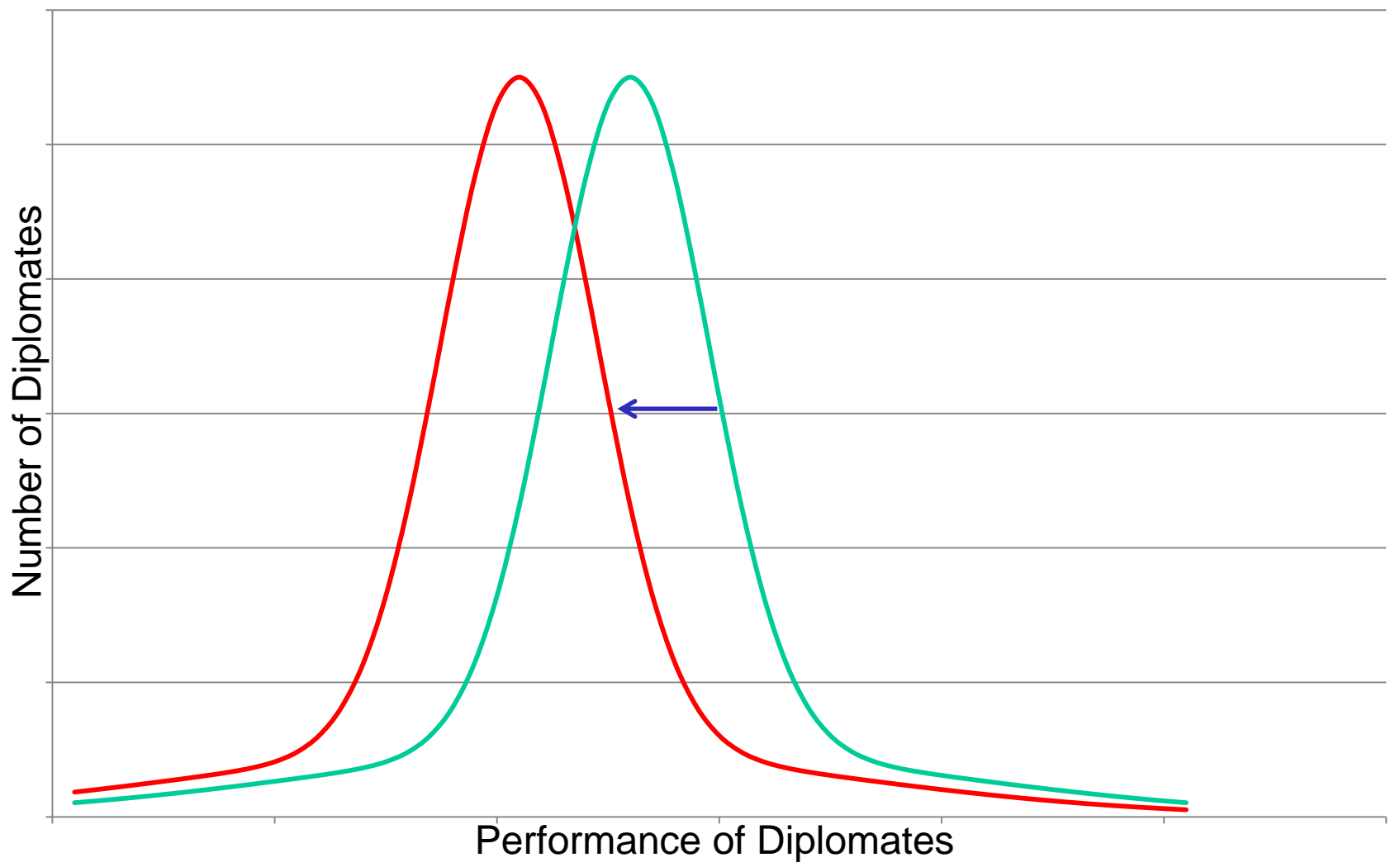


Individual Performance

without active effort tends to deteriorate over time



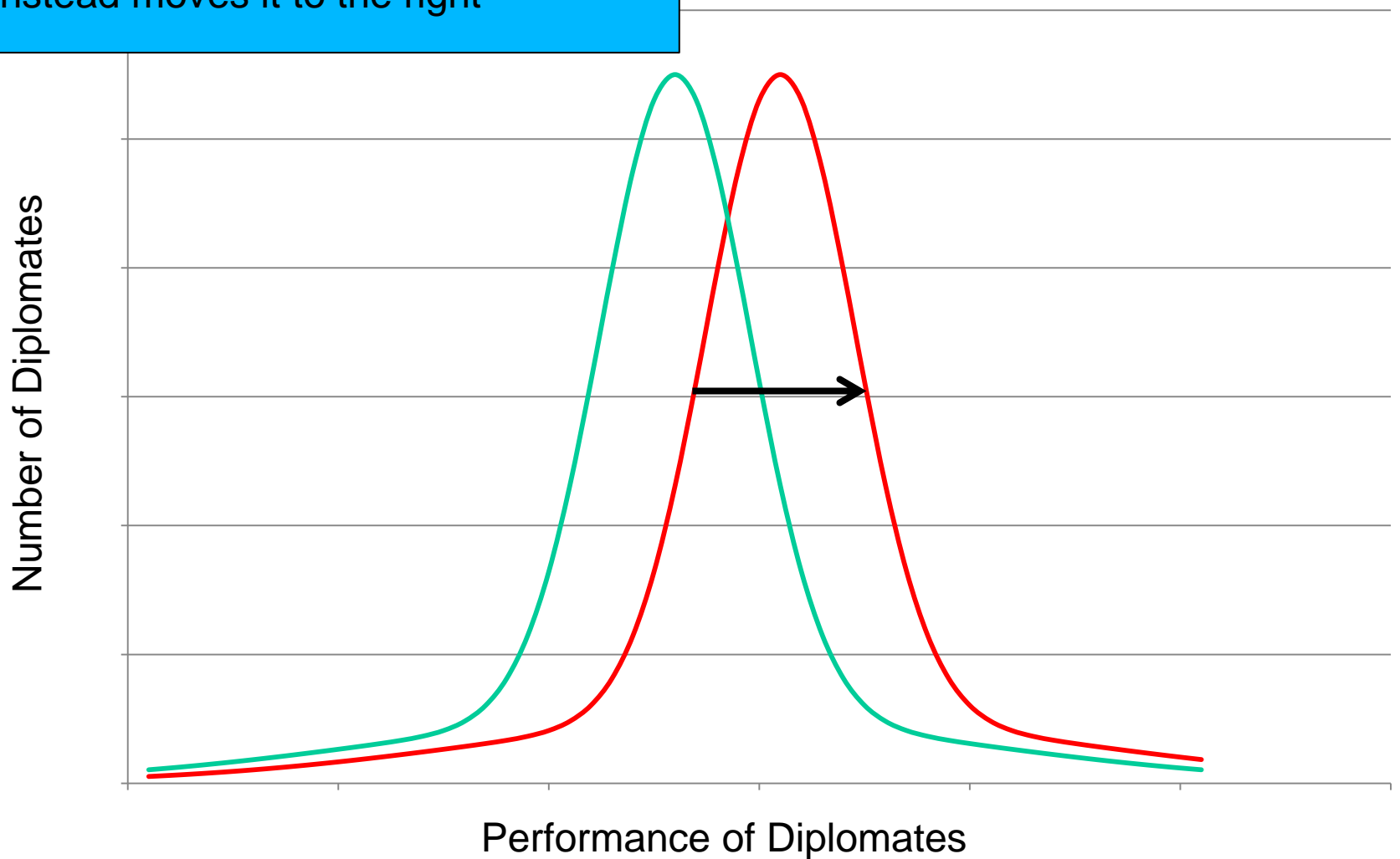
Without an Active Effort Group Performance Also Deteriorates





MOC Shifts the Histogram

MOC prevents the histogram from moving to the left and instead moves it to the right



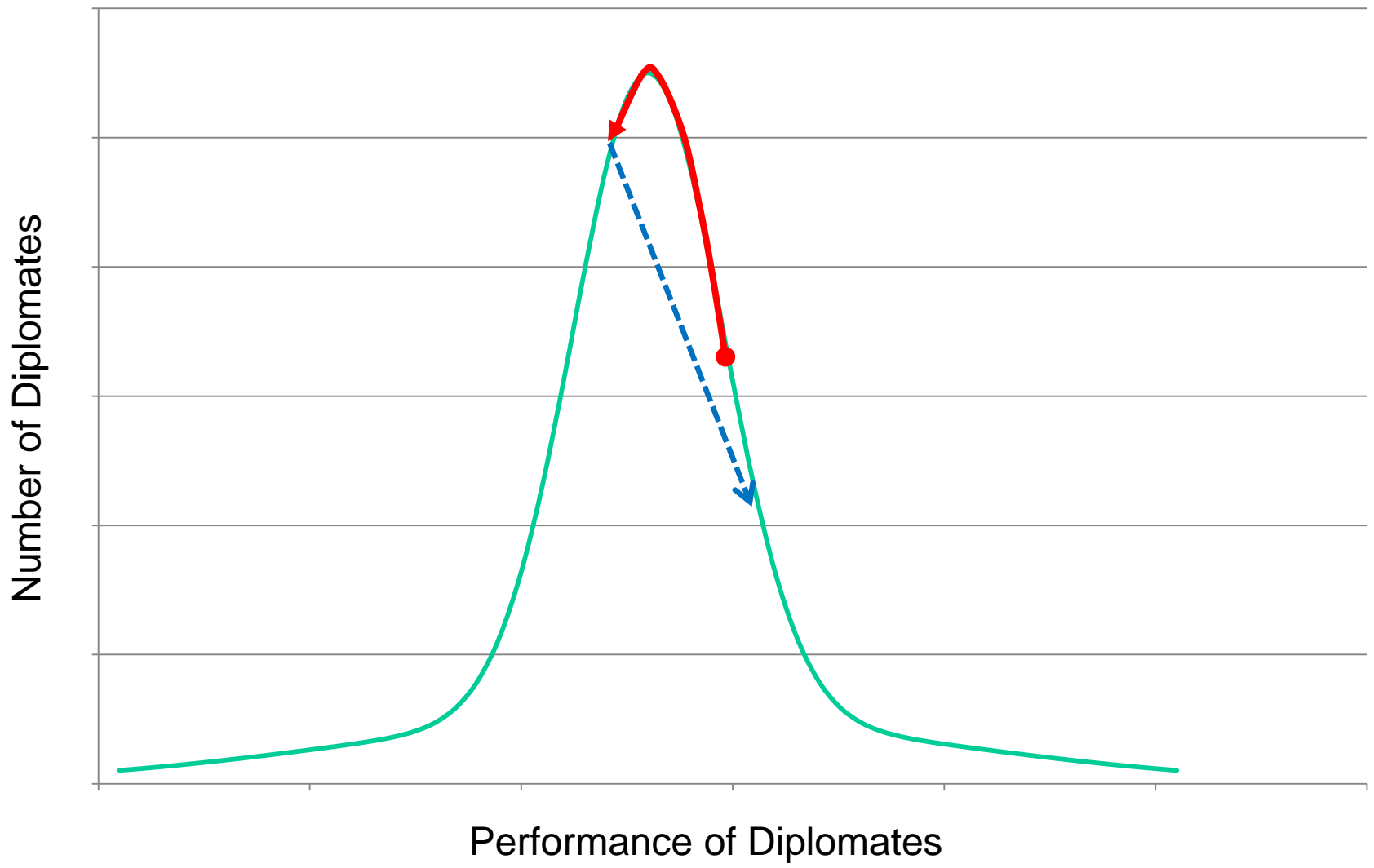
Shifting the Histogram

Part 2 – Lifelong Learning

Part 3 – Cognitive Examination

Part 4 - PQI

Individual Performance



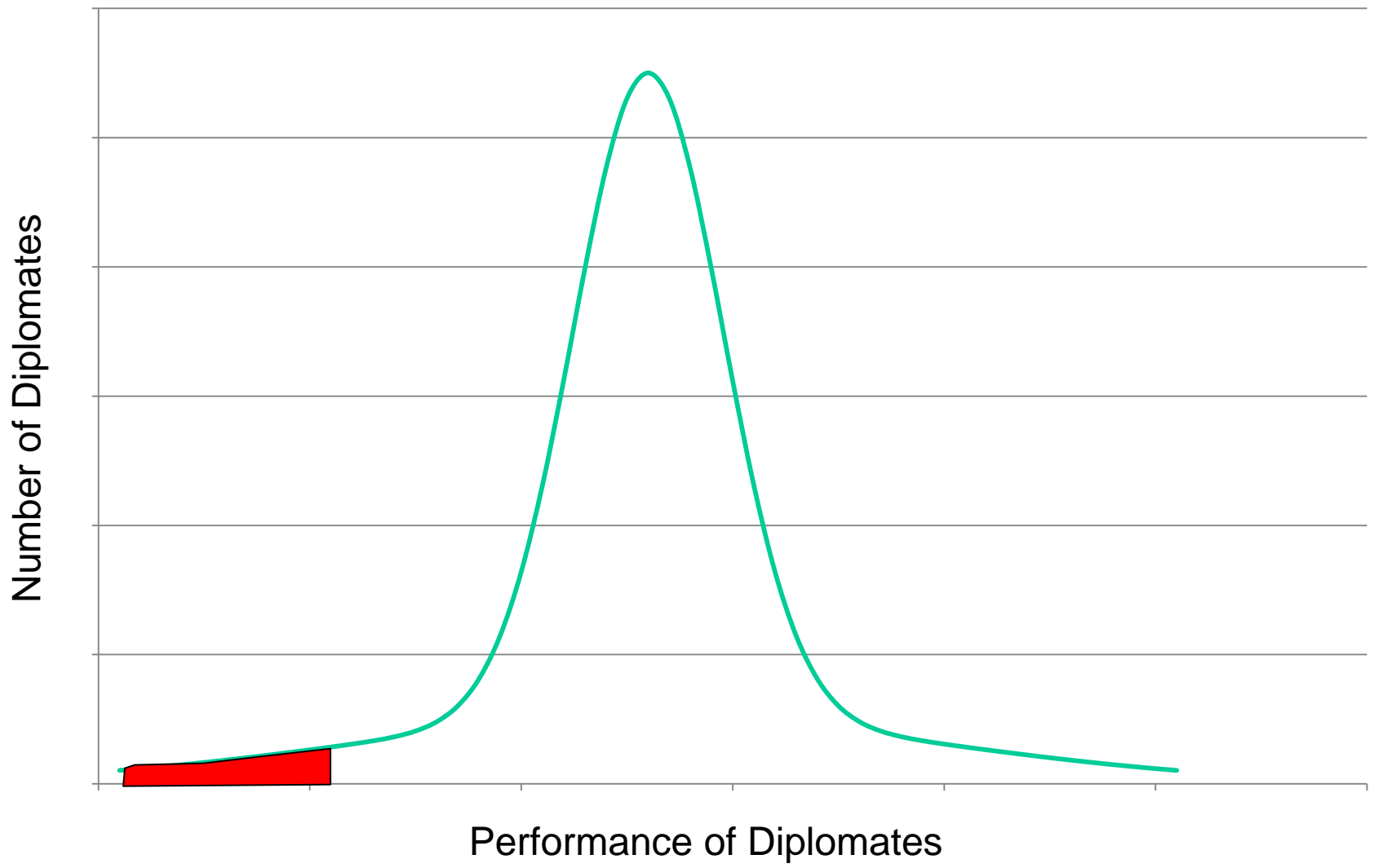
Improving Individual Performance

Part 2 – Lifelong Learning

Part 3 – Cognitive Examination

Part 4 - PQI

Unacceptable Performance



Removing the Tail

tail tends to be small

Part 1 – Licensure and Attestation

Part 3 – Cognitive Examination

**Most diplomates can move
from unacceptable
performance to acceptable
performance by SA-CE.
Those that cannot should
lose their certification**

Support for MOC

The American Board of Medical Specialties

http://www.abms.org/Maintenance_of_Certification/value_of_MOC.aspx

- **Addresses common myths**
- **Has library of published research**

Myth - Example

MYTH : The benefits of the ABMS MOC program are not based in evidence.

- Early studies show a link between MOC and improved clinical performance and outcomes

General Benefits

Recognized by JCAHO

**Recognized by most hospital
accreditation groups**

Easy demonstration of certification status



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Certification (For a definition of a specialty or subspecialty [click here](#))

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Radiologic Physics - General (General indicates Primary Certificate)



Meeting Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

American Board of Radiology ([Learn more about Meeting Board's MOC Requirements](#))

Radiologic Physics Yes

Why Should I Enroll in MOC?

- **Demonstrates commitment to lifelong learning and self-assessment**
- **Allows the physicist to self-direct own continuing education**
- **Results in continuous quality improvement**
- **State licensing boards & institutions are becoming more interested in MOC as a way to reach their goals**

