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
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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.
The point of MOC is to move individuals and thus the profession to a higher level of performance.
Why Should We Have MOC?

Number of Diplomates

Performance of Diplomates
Individual Performance

without active effort tends to deteriorate over time
Without an Active Effort Group
Performance Also Deteriorates
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

Number of Diplomates

Performance of Diplomates
Improving Individual Performance

Part 2 – Lifelong Learning
Part 3 – Cognitive Examination
Part 4 - PQI
Unacceptable Performance
Removing the Tail

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


• Addresses common myths
• Has library of published research
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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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