AAPM Online Learning Center and Updated MOC requirements

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Objectives

1) Review ABR MOC requirements

2) Understand 2013 changes to ABR MOC requirements

3) Understand online continuing education offerings at AAPM website including changes made in response to new MOC requirements
In 2002 the ABR implemented time-limited board certification for medical physicists. Maintenance of Certification (MOC) demanded meeting certain requirements over a 10 year period to have board certification renewed:
- Professional Standing (practicing medical physics)
- Lifelong learning (250 category 1 CE credits + 20 SAMs over 10 years)
- Cognitive Expertise (an exam)
- Practice Quality Improvement (???)
Requirements were intended to be met continuously over the 10 year period.

MOC: 2013 changes
- Certificates are no longer 10 year, but continuing based on annual compliance with MOC requirements.
- Annual MOC evaluation is based on 3-year rolling average: 75 CE credits over previous 3 years.
  - After 3 years in the MOC you should have at least 75 CE credits.
  - From then on, any 3 year period should have at least 75 CE credits.
- In ADDITION, at least 25 of the CE credits must have "self-assessment" (CE-SA).
  - Could be a SAM, but no explicit SAM requirement
  - All AAPM ONLINE CE is now CE-SA!
CAMPEP certifies AAPM online CE as "enduring material"
  - Virtual library and journal articles linked to quizzes provide CE
AAPM has applied for and received "deemed status" from the ABR. Allows AAPM to approve SAMs without sending to ABR for review.
  - Meeting SAMs still count as self-assessment
Based on definition of CE-SA, all AAPM online quizzes now provide CE-SA credit.
  - Online SAMs provide CE-SA credit as well (no SAMs requirement) so the online distinction is gone.

AAPM Online CE: Virtual Library

Virtual Library (VL) consists of recordings of presentations from Annual Meeting, Spring Clinical Meeting, Summer Schools, CRCPD conferences and other selected meetings.

Previously produced and hosted by BlueSky, AAPM has moved the VL in-house. New format is live now.
  - Reduced cost to AAPM
  - Greater flexibility
  - Better integration with AAPM web site
  - Greater functionality for members
Conclusions

- ABR MOC has moved from 10 year requirements to 3-year moving average.
- 20 SAMs/10 years has been dropped.
- 25 CE-SA/3 years is added.
- AAPM online CE is now 100% CE-SA
  - AAPM has “deemed” status from ABR
  - Virtual Library has moved in house with enhanced features

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