Maintenance of Certification—
A How-To Guide

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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. . .”

Stay up to date

Check the ABR website, www.theabr.org
and myABR for the latest news
Why 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

About Public Reporting

ABR Response to ABMS Public Reporting Requirements

- ABR online verification of board eligibility and MOC participation statuses in coordination with ABMS reporting
- Link from ABMS site to ABR site for further clarification on various statuses
- Diplomate look-up tool
- Immediate, current verification status
MOC helps further development of the six key competencies….

- Medical knowledge
- Patient Care and Procedural Skills
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Practice-based Learning and Improvement
- Systems-based Practice

…through the four MOC components.

- Professional Standing
- Lifelong Learning and Self-assessment
- Cognitive Expertise
- Practice Quality Improvement
Recent Improvements
Certificates have no end date
Continuous involvement
Annual “Look-back”
  • Begins in 2016
Much improved website (myABR)
  • Easier to enter information
  • Makes audits easier
  • Better reminders for diplomates

The Details
Components 1, 2, and 3

Component 1 – Professional Standing
State License
  • Renewed annually or biennially
OR
Professional Attestation
  • Once every 5 years
  • Attestation Letters
  • Certified Physician and
  • ABR-certified Physician

Simplified reporting via myABR
Component 2 – Lifelong learning and professional development

CE Credit
• Over 3-year period:
• 75 hrs of CE credit
  • 25 must be Self Assessment Continuing Education (SA-CE)

What is SA-CE?

SAMs
• Enduring Materials CME
• Self-directed educational projects (SDEPs)

Sources of SAMs
• AAPM Annual and Spring Meetings
• RSNA and ASTRO Meetings
• AAPM on-line learning center
• ABR/ACR/RSNA/AAPM/ASTRO/ARR/ARS Online Modules on Ethics and Professionalism
What is Enduring CME?

- They provide an assessment of the learner that measures achievement of the educational purpose and/or objective(s) of the activity with an established minimum performance level; examples include, but are not limited to, patient-management case studies, a post-test, and/or the application of new concepts in response to simulated problems.
- They communicate to the participants the minimum performance level that must be demonstrated in the assessment in order to successfully complete the activity for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.
- They provide a reference to appropriate bibliographic sources to allow for further study.

The key factor is that there is a post-test with a required score for successful completion.

Sources of SA-CE

- The AAPM
- ASTRO, RSNA, SNMMI and ACR
- Many other societies and journals.
- All SA-CE requirements can be obtained from the AAPM.
  - The AAPM on-line learning center
  - SAMs
SDEPs

- Medical physicists are permitted SDEPs as another source of SA-CE
- Up to 15 hours of SA-CE can be claimed for each SDEP
- No more than one SDEP can be performed each year
- SDEPs must be educational, must be developed prospectively, and records must be kept

Component 3 – Cognitive Expertise

MOC Exam

- Must have taken an ABR exam within past 10 years

Exam is 30% basic and 70% current material. A good study guide is available online.

Part 4 – Practice Quality Improvement Project

Complete One PQI Project

3 yr “look back”

To be continued...