

MOC: The Next Generation

ABMGG's Evolution to a More Diplomate-Oriented Program

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Introduction

The ABMGG's MOC program was implemented in 2007 to encourage and assure diplomate excellence throughout the trajectory of their career, and was developed to satisfy the ABMS standards and its revisions over time within the context of ABMGG's specialties.

As the program matured, it is now apparent that a more continuous program better reflects the nature of practice in the ABMGG specialties. The program needs to be more meaningful, relevant and less burdensome to diplomates in the context of their current practice.

This requires:

- ✓ recognition of quality improvement activities that diplomates are *already* engaged in;
- ✓ streamlining the requirements structure;
- ✓ an improved diplomate portal, and more frequent ongoing assessment of competency.

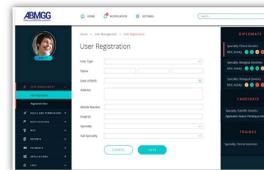
Methodology

In order to build a more valuable program, ABMGG has gathered input from its Board of Directors, ABMS, other ABMS boards, content experts, and diplomate feedback.

Changes to the MOC Program

In order to make the MOC program more relevant to diplomates and engage them in the process, ABMGG has been implementing the following activities and opportunities:

- accepting a wider range of activities which better reflect "improvement in practice" for diplomates certified in laboratory specialties;
- developing a new web-based diplomate portal;
- streamlining requirements for diplomates participating in MOC for more than one ABMGG specialty;
- accepting "improvement in practice" activities which are part of the diplomate's current practice;
- participating in the CertLink pilot with the potential for it to replace the Part III secure exam if successful;
- transitioning to more continuous approach to MOC.



Discussion

Many of the transitions and improvements discussed will be implemented alongside the launch of the new portal in the fall of 2017.

We anticipate that the modifications to the ABMGG MOC program will provide greater flexibility to the diplomate while upholding the standards and purpose of MOC.

A hallmark of the "Next Generation" of MOC will be greater diplomate engagement and satisfaction as the program continues to evolve.

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