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Introduction

Goal

To explore a longitudinal assessment model via the ABMS-powered CertLink platform to replace the Part III 10-year secure exam.

First 6 months

- Launched February 1st, 2018
- Concluded July 31, 2018
- **1193 registered participants**
(more than half of all MOC-participating ABMGG diplomates)

Objectives

The CertLink Program uses immediate performance feedback, exposure to practice-relevant information, and spaced repetition to help participants:

- ✓ Evaluate knowledge
- ✓ Fill knowledge gaps
- ✓ Demonstrate proficiency

Highlights

Program overview

- Voluntary participation
- Open to all diplomates
- 24 questions/6 months
- Meaningful participation required
- 1st year: general-genetics items; 2nd year to integrate specialty-specific items
- 2 surveys/year

Survey participation

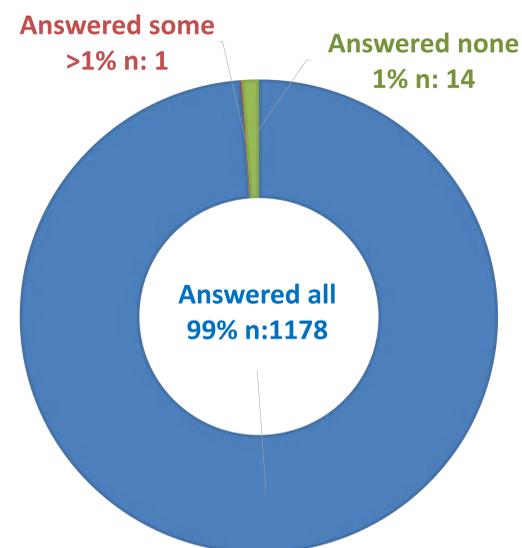
77% responded



89 seconds

Average time to answer a question

Participation



Feedback

I'm learning little things that I wouldn't have before and finding out things I should know.

Five minutes is more than enough time per question.

I do like that I get immediate feedback on my performance.

I found the format very easy to navigate.

The exam was fair, practical, informative, totally relevant to my clinical practice and overall a good learning experience.

Assessing Pilot Success

The pilot is continually measured in the following ways:

- Survey feedback
- Participation data via platform
- Diplomate satisfaction
- Performance comparison to exam
- Knowledge acquisition (percent initially correct vs. clone questions)

Reflections

Surveys, participation, and general feedback indicate participants are **highly engaged and optimistic** about the CertLink program as an alternative to the current Part III secure exam.

ABMGG's challenges include an increased burden in item writing, technical difficulties, and limited resources.