



## American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

# Maintenance of Certification News

### PIP Options Expanded

ABPN has expanded diplomate options for the Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP) requirement to include either one Clinical Module OR one Feedback Module activity.

For the Clinical Module, diplomates review their own patient charts on a specific topic (diagnosis, types of treatment, etc.).

Choose one of the following Clinical Module options:

- Select a Clinical Module from the ABPN Approved Products List
- Participate in your institution's QI effort that is approved by the ABMS Portfolio Program
- Participate in an approved registry such as the Axon Registry from the American Academy of Neurology or the PsychPRO registry from the American Psychiatric Association
- Participate in a Joint Commission Certified Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center
- Participate in a Joint Commission accredited, specialty-specific Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) that meets the ABPN MOC requirements; submit for preapproval
- Complete a quality improvement effort under the auspices of an International Certification Organization (e.g. RCPS-C) that meets the ABPN MOC requirements; submit for preapproval
- Seek individual preapproval for your own developed Clinical Module or your institution's quality improvement project.

For the Feedback Module, diplomates obtain personal feedback regarding their own clinical performance using questionnaires or surveys. Diplomates collect feedback using one of the following options:

- Patient feedback forms from five patients
- Peer feedback forms from five peers
- Resident evaluation feedback forms from five residents
- Supervisor evaluation feedback form from one supervisor
- 360-Degree evaluation feedback forms from five respondents

Diplomates may choose a Feedback Module from the Approved Products List, use an ABPN feedback form, or submit their institution's patient survey or peer evaluation for individual preapproval. Feedback forms must address the six general competencies. **See the [website](#) for more information.**

### Questions on MOC?

- Email us at [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).
- Or call the MOC Helpline at 847.229.6512
- Office hours M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST
- Visit [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com) or your Folios account at [www.abpn.com/folios](http://www.abpn.com/folios) to learn more.

### More Self-Assessment Options

The ABPN will waive eight Self-Assessment CME credits for completion of specific non-CME Self-Assessment activities. Up to 16 Self-Assessment CME credits may be waived per each three-year MOC block with two different types of non-CME Self-Assessment activities.

Eight Self-Assessment CME credits will be waived for EACH of the following options:

- Passing an ABPN certification or MOC exam within the current MOC block;
- Completing an approved scientific grant application; submit for preapproval;
- Completing a peer-reviewed journal article indexed in the MEDLINE database;
- Completing four hours of peer supervision with written feedback; submit for preapproval;
- Completing a formal institutional peer review committee with written feedback; submit for preapproval.
- Participation in an ABPN-approved registry (i.e. the Axon or PsychPRO Registry).

Note: Diplomates in C-MOC must complete the approved non-CME SA activity during the block for which they are earning non-CME SA credit.

Diplomates in the 10-year MOC program (who are due to recertify 2017-2021) must complete the non-CME SA activities within the three years prior to applying for the MOC examination.

**Some options must be submitted to ABPN for preapproval. Submit preapprovals to [questions@abpn.com](mailto:questions@abpn.com).**

# News About the ABPN MOC Program

## Reciprocal MOC Credit

ABPN diplomates who are currently completing Self-Assessment (Part II) and/or Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP/Part IV) requirements of another ABMS Member Board can claim that Self-Assessment and/or Improvement in Medical Practice credit for the ABPN MOC Program. Diplomates are still required to pass the ABPN MOC exam and pay the annual fee.

## 2018 Dates for Select MOC Exams

ABPN now offers exam dates twice a year for the Psychiatry, Neurology, Child Neurology, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry MOC exams. See [our website](#) for deadlines and more information. Exam information is available online 90 days prior to the application deadline.

## Use Your Folios Account to Attest to MOC Activities and Pay the Annual Fee

Diplomates who are in the C-MOC Program are required to attest to completed MOC activities (CME, SA, Patient Safety and PIP) and pay the annual fee within their [Physician Folios account](#) on the ABPN website. This fee covers Maintenance of Board Certification status, use of personalized Folios account with customized MOC tracker, and development and administrative costs of MOC exams, including credit towards a MOC exam fee in a ten-year period.

## MOC Activity Waiver for Fellowships

A three-year block of C-MOC requirements (CME, SA, and PIP) will be waived for diplomates who graduated from an ACGME-accredited subspecialty fellowship training program, an ABPN-approved Triple Board, or an ABPN-approved Post Pediatrics Portal program in 2011 or later and who pass the corresponding ABPN subspecialty exam. Diplomates will receive a three-year block MOC activity waiver for the current block they are in at the time they pass the subspecialty exam. Upon passing this exam, diplomates will see the waiver reflected in their Physician Folios account. Diplomates are also required to pay the annual fee.

## Modification to 10-Year MOC Activity Requirement

ABPN has modified the number of requirements for diplomates who are currently in the 10-Year MOC program (physicians who took an exam prior to 2012).

To apply for a recertification/MOC exam in 2017-2021, the requirements now include:

- 300 Category 1 CME credits, including 24 CME credits from Self-Assessment activities
- One PIP Unit

Visit [www.abpn.com](http://www.abpn.com) for more information.

## Patient Safety Activity

All diplomates entering the ABPN C-MOC Program whose first block begins in 2017 or later are required to do or have done a patient safety activity within three years prior or three years after entering the C-MOC Program. Diplomates of the ABPN are required to participate in an ABPN-approved patient safety activity to ensure they have adequate knowledge of safety science and principles.

Diplomates will be able to attest to a patient safety activity in their Physician Folios account. **This is a one-time requirement.** See [our website](#) for more information.

## Update Your Medical License(s)

Diplomates are reminded to keep their license information up-to-date in their ABPN Physician Folios account at [www.abpn.com/folios](http://www.abpn.com/folios).

## Combined MOC Exams

Combined MOC exams are available for those who wish to recertify in more than one specialty and/or subspecialty at the same time – saving both time and money.

See the [website](#) for more information.