

Maintain board certification at a pace that works for you

What is the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment?

By providing physicians with regular feedback on their performance, ABIM's Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA®) better integrates assessment and learning, helping you know and demonstrate you're keeping up with current practices in medicine.

Key Features Include



No appointment necessary!

Once enrolled, just sign in to your ABIM Physician Portal to access your LKA dashboard and answer questions.



You start engaging in your assessment due year



Four minutes per question

With a bank of 30 extra minutes you can use each year if you need more time.



Access any resources used in practice

Except another person



Provides immediate feedback, rationales, references and quarterly progress reports



Earn 0.2 MOC points for each correct answer



Participation Requirement: 120 questions offered per year*

Open at least 500 out of 600 questions over 5 years



Performance Standard: Feedback relative to standard will be provided, and a final score calculated at conclusion of 5-year cycle

^{*} Participation Requirement includes built-in flexibility to allow for life's circumstances, such as short-term medical issues, vacations, weddings, funerals, or other personal events.



Important things to know

- While you won't need to go to a test center, physicians who previewed the LKA suggest finding a quiet place so you can focus.
- You cannot lose certification if you don't meet the participation requirement or performance standard. In those instances
 you must pass the traditional, 10-year MOC exam the following year to remain certified as long as you are meeting all
 other MOC requirements.
- The LKA was designed based on physician feedback so it fits better within your busy life. On average physicians spend about an hour a quarter answering questions. And you'll receive regular progress reports so you'll know how you're doing along the way, and can utilize that feedback to guide your learning activities.
- The traditional, 10-year MOC exam will remain an option in all specialties.

Available Specialties

Cardiovascular Disease

Critical Care Medicine

Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism

Gastroenterology

Geriatric Medicine

Hematology

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Infectious Disease

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine: Inpatient

Interventional Cardiology

Medical Oncology

Nephrology

Pulmonary Disease

Rheumatology

Sleep Medicine

Sleep Medicine: Obstructive Sleep Apnea Emphasis

The LKA isn't available in some specialties because there are fewer physicians maintaining certification in these highly specialized areas. In Cardiovascular Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology the ABIM/ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway is available. All diplomates will continue to have the traditional, 10-year MOC exam available.