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# ABOUT THE LKA 5-YEAR CYCLE

Not familiar with the Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment (LKA®)? It's a new kind of ABIM assessment designed to help you measure your medical knowledge over time, better melding assessment and learning by providing regular feedback along the way that you can use to identify and address knowledge gaps. Here's what you need to know about how it works:

## LKA ENROLLMENT WINDOW



You should begin the LKA in the year in which you are due for an assessment. The LKA cycle is based on the calendar year, and questions expire at the end of each quarter. Signing up early is a good idea as any expired questions will count against the 100 you can choose not to open over 5 years. You can find your assessment due dates or enroll in the LKA in your personalized ABIM Physician Portal, at [abim.org](http://abim.org).

## YEAR 1 (assessment due year)



First quarter's questions delivered. Receive 30 new questions each quarter thereafter.



Begin to receive question history.

## YEARS 2-5



Receive quarterly progress reports to let you know how you're doing.

## END OF YEAR 5



Receive a pass/fail decision. If you pass, you can continue with the LKA; otherwise, you will need to pass the traditional, 10-year MOC exam in the following year to stay certified.

**Continue to take questions on a quarterly basis and remain certified.**

*(As long as you are meeting all other Maintenance of Certification requirements)*