



LONGITUDINAL KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT

Maintain board certification at a speed 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



Four minutes per question, answer any place or time

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



Earn MOC points while participating



You start engaging in your assessment due year



Provides a re-entry pathway for lapsed certifications



Participation Requirement: 120 questions offered per year*

Can skip 100 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.

Embrace the freedom of flexibility. Define your road to success.



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Important things to know

- Physicians cannot lose certification if they don't meet the participation requirement or performance standard. In those instances they must pass the traditional, 10-year MOC exam the following year to remain certified as long as they are meeting all other MOC requirements.
- The traditional, 10-year MOC exam will remain an option in all specialties.
- The two-year Knowledge Check-In will end at the close of 2021.

ABIM's Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment Option Rollout Schedule

2022	2023
Cardiovascular Disease	Critical Care Medicine
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	Hospital Medicine
Gastroenterology	Infectious Disease
Geriatric Medicine	Pulmonary Disease
Hematology	
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	
Internal Medicine	
Interventional Cardiology	
Medical Oncology	
Nephrology	
Rheumatology	
Sleep Medicine	

Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment won't be available in certain specialties (Adult Congenital Heart Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology and Transplant Hepatology) because there are fewer physicians maintaining certification in these highly specialized areas. Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology will not be available at launch and will be re-evaluated for 2024. In Cardiovascular Disease, Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Interventional Cardiology the ABIM/ACC Collaborative Maintenance Pathway will be available. All diplomates will continue to have the traditional, 10-year MOC exam available.

Important Updates About MOC Requirements in 2021

Recognizing the unprecedented demands physicians are facing in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, ABIM has taken a number of steps to provide maximum flexibility so that they can dedicate their time and energy to caring for those in need:

- No one will lose certification if they aren't able to complete a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirement this year: Physicians that have an assessment, attestation or points due in 2020 or 2021 will have until 12/31/22 to complete them.
- If you were in your grace year in 2020 or 2021 you will get another grace year in 2022.
- If you're currently in the grace period, you won't be eligible for the longitudinal assessment and will need to take the traditional, 10-year MOC exam by the end of 2022.

Learn more on our website and sign in to your personalized Physician Portal at abim.org to check for any upcoming deadlines.