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The CMP – A New MOC Assessment Option!

ACC and ABIM are providing a new option to offer cardiologists more choice, relevance and convenience in meeting the assessment requirement of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. The shared goal is to continually improve all educational and assessment processes for physicians to stay current in knowledge and practice – ultimately in the service of better patient care.

This assessment option, called the COLLABORATIVE MAINTENANCE PATHWAY, integrates lifelong learning with assessment.

You can participate in the Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP) if:

• It is offered in your specialty. The CMP is available for the following specialties:
  • Cardiovascular Disease (delivered through ACCSAP)
  • Interventional Cardiology ((delivered through CathSAP, which is developed in collaboration with SCAI)
  • Clinical Cardiac Arrhythmias & Electrophysiology (delivered through EP SAP)
  • Advanced Heart Failure & Transplant Cardiology (delivered through HF SAP, which is developed in collaboration with HFSA)
• You are currently certified by ABIM

How Will the CMP Work?

CMP SAPs will offer a new feature called a Performance Assessment. CMP Performance Assessments are tests, consisting of approximately 60 questions that are focused on specific topic areas in a field. A new Performance Assessment will be available each year, covering approximately 20% of the field, so that in a span of 5 years the breadth of the field will be covered.

If you successfully engage in CMP SAP educational materials and pass the Performance Assessment that is offered each year, you will be considered by the ABIM to be satisfying the assessment requirement towards maintaining your certification. You will not need to take a separate ABIM assessment.
YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CMP REQUIREMENTS!

ACC and ABIM have extended the deadline for meeting 2020 Collaborative Maintenance Pathway (CMP) requirements into 2021 to provide physicians with the flexibility to focus on their patients and communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently certified physicians with a Maintenance of Certification (MOC) requirement due in 2020 may take an additional year (through 2021) to complete that requirement.

What Does This Mean for the CMP in general?

- CMP topics for 2020 will extend into 2021.
- Performance Assessments will be spread across 2020 and 2021.
- If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021 and you complete your learning engagement requirement and take/pass a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020, you do not have to do anything additional in 2021. To continue meeting your MOC assessment requirement with the CMP, you must resume your yearly participation in 2022.

What does this mean for ACCSAP CMP Participants?

- A total of three (3) Performance Assessments will be offered through ACCSAP in 2020/2021:
  - December 2 – 8, 2020
  - May 5 – 11, 2021
  - August 11 – 17, 2021
- You may take any two of the three Performance Assessments. During each week that you choose to take a Performance Assessment, you may take the Performance Assessment only once.
- If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021, you must achieve a passing score on a Performance Assessment in 2020 or 2021 to be counted as meeting your assessment requirement. Please note that you must participate in the first or second Performance Assessment to have two chances to pass. If you miss or skip both of the first two Performance Assessments, you will only have one attempt to pass with the third Performance Assessment.
- If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021 and you complete your learning engagement requirement and pass a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020, you do not have to do anything additional in 2021. To continue meeting your MOC assessment requirement with the CMP, you must resume your yearly participation in 2022.
What does this mean for CathSAP and EP SAP CMP Participants?

- Two (2) Performance Assessments will be offered for each of these CMPs: one in 2020 and one in 2021.
  - November 4 – 10, 2020  •  June 23 – 29, 2021
- 2020/2021 are “no consequence” years for the CMP in these specialties so there is no need to achieve a passing score on a Performance Assessment. “No consequences” doesn’t mean you can skip the assessment. If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2020 or 2021, your status will change to Not Certified.
- You may take both Performance Assessments, but only once during each week of availability.
- If you want two chances to pass, you should take the first Performance Assessment in 2020. If you miss it or skip it, you will only have one opportunity to pass in 2021, although passing is not required in 2020 or 2021, which are “no consequence” years.
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What does this mean for HF SAP CMP Participants?

- HF SAP will offer two Performance Assessments in 2021. You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering:
  - February 17 – 23, 2021
  - June 23 – 29, 2021
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6 STEPS TO PARTICIPATING IN THE CMP

1. Be currently CERTIFIED BY THE ABIM and NOT IN AN EXAM GRACE PERIOD.

2. PURCHASE THE RELEVANT SAP.
   Your purchase provides you with 5 years of access.

3. ENROLL in the CMP.
   www.ACC.org/CMPEnroll

4. Spend 7 OR MORE HOURS “ENGAGING”¹ in the topic(s) of focus for the year

5. Take / Pass a PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT²

6. REPEAT STEPS 4 AND 5 each year
   (but on a different 20% of the field each year).

¹ Your 7 hours must include achieving a score of 70% or better on the practice questions
² 2020/2021 is a “No Consequences” year for the CMP in Interventional Cardiology, EP and Heart Failure, so you do not need to achieve a passing score on a Performance Assessment for 2020/2021 only. The CMP for Cardiovascular Disease requires a passing score in 2020/2021.
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You can participate in the CMP if you are currently Board certified by the ABIM and NOT in an MOC exam grace period. A grace period occurs when you fail an assessment in the year you were due but have met all your other MOC requirements. If you are in a grace period and you have questions, please contact the ABIM directly.

You can check your certification status by signing in to your ABIM Physician Portal at www.abim.org.

ABIM Contact Information:
Phone: 800-441-2246
Email: request@abim.org

FAQs Related to This Step

Can I use the CMP to regain my certification status if my ABIM certificate has lapsed because I have not taken the 10-year examination?

No, currently the only “re-entry” pathways for a lapsed certificate are (1) to take and pass the traditional 10-year MOC exam or (2) to take and pass two consecutive Knowledge Check-Ins within two years. Diplomates in this category should check with ABIM for specific actions and to note the dates when exams are offered.
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FAQs Related to This Step

My institution subscribes to CardioSource Plus. Will the CMP be available through it?

- Your institution’s subscription to CardioSource Plus includes the traditional elements of a SAP (text, presentations, and practice questions). It does not include the CMP. If you want to participate in the CMP, you will need to purchase your own personal version of the SAP.

- As long as you use the same ACC.org account to access the SAP through CardioSource Plus and to access your personal subscription to the SAP, your progress and usage data will be stored in one central location. This includes any time that you have already spent toward your 7 hours of Learning Engagement.

- CardioSource Plus users can order SAPs by
  - ENROLLING in the CMP, which will prompt you to buy the relevant SAP (technical difficulties prevent CardioSource Plus users from purchasing outside of enrollment).
  - CALLING ACC’s Member Care team at 800-253-4636, x5603 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.
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ENROLL in the CMP.
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Enrolling is easy! To enroll, you must:

- Have a PERSONAL SUBSCRIPTION to the SAP*.
- Have your ABIM DIPLOMATE number, DATE OF BIRTH, and the NAME that appears on your ABIM certificate.
- Have a CELL PHONE NUMBER or EMAIL ADDRESS that you can use for 2-Factor Authentication.

After enrolling:

- Go to ACC.org and LOG OUT. Then log back in and go to the SAP.
- You will now have ACCESS TO THE CMP HUB within the SAP, where you can track your 7 hours and access Performance Assessments.
- You can CONTINUE WORKING TOWARD YOUR 7 HOURS/70% (you don’t have to complete this prior to enrolling).

*SAPs through CardioSource Plus do not include the CMP
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Spend 7 OR MORE HOURS “ENGAGING” in the topic(s) of focus for the year.

This means you need to spend at least 7 hours:

a. Reading the text, watching/listening to presentations and/or completing practice questions in the CMP topic(s) for the year

b. Completing all practice questions and answering at least 70% of them correctly (you may answer as many times as necessary to achieve that score).

c. If you study online, the SAP tracks your time. If you download files to listen/read offline, that time will not be counted.

2020/2021 CMP TOPICS BY SAP

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FAQs Related to This Step

I have already completed all the topics within my CMP SAP and claimed all the MOC/CME. Will I have to redo the 7 hours every year before taking the performance assessment?

Yes, you will have to redo the 7 hours for the topic(s) featured in each year’s performance assessment, but ACC will be updating that topic. For example, the 2020 Performance Assessment in cardiovascular disease will focus on CAD. The 2019 CAD “learning material” (text, presentations, and practice questions) will be replaced by an updated version in 2020, so even though you have to spend another 7 hours engaging with it, it will be different material than what you saw last year.
What is a Performance Assessment?

Performance Assessments are TESTS that are:

- **SHORTER** in length (60 questions that are structured just like the Practice questions in the SAP)
- **FOCUSED** on only 20% of the ABIM blueprint each year.
- **OPEN BOOK**
- **TIMED** – you will have 2 hours to complete the test and you must complete it in one sitting.
- **ONLINE** – you may take a performance assessment in your home or office
- Available during specific weeks each year.

Because the CMP for 2020 has been extended into 2021, Performance Assessments will be spread across the two years:

**ACCSAP will feature a total of three Performance Assessments during 2020/2021, and you may participate in any two of them.** Please keep in mind that if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in either the first or second Performance Assessment. If you miss or skip them both, then you will only have one opportunity to pass with the third Performance Assessment. The exact dates are:

- December 2 – 8, 2020
- May 5 – 11, 2021
- August 11 – 17, 2021

**CathSAP and EP SAP will offer two Performance Assessments each: one in 2020 and one in 2021.** You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering and the exact dates are:

- November 4 – 10, 2020
- June 23 – 29, 2021

**HF SAP will offer two Performance Assessments in 2021.** You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.

- February 17 – 23, 2021
- June 23 – 29, 2021
How do I take a Performance Assessment?

To take a Performance Assessment, you must have:

- **CHROME, FIREFOX, OR SAFARI** on your laptop/desktop. (ACC recommends that you avoid using Internet Explorer)
- **A PRIVATE SPACE THAT IS FREE FROM DISRUPTIONS FOR THE 2 HOURS** allotted for the assessment.
- **RELIABLE INTERNET** access.
- **A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP.** You may not use a mobile phone or tablet to complete a Performance Assessment.

When can I take a Performance Assessment?

Performance Assessments are offered during specific one-week windows each year. During each one-week window, you may take the Performance Assessment **ONCE** at your convenience any time of day or night. You do not need to schedule a specific time. Please avoid waiting until the last two hours of the one-week window to take your Performance Assessment so there is time to resolve any unforeseen issues that may occur.

- Because the CMP for 2020 has been extended into 2021, Performance Assessments will be spread across the two years.
- **ACCSAP will feature a total of three Performance Assessments during 2020/2021, and you may participate in any two of them.** Please keep in mind that if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in either the first or second Performance Assessment. If you miss or skip them both, then you will only have one opportunity to pass with the third Performance Assessment.
- **CathSAP and EP SAP will offer two Performance Assessments each: one in 2020 and one in 2021.** You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.
- **HF SAP will offer two Performance Assessments, both of which will occur in 2021.** You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.

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Do I have to PASS the Performance Assessment?

That depends on which CMP you are participating in. You must pass for CMP SAPs in a “regular” year in 2020/2021 (ACCSAP). You do not have to pass for CMP SAPs that are “no consequences” in 2020/2021; as long as you fully participate in the CMP, including taking the performance assessment, you will be considered as meeting your assessment requirement:

2020/2021 IS A REGULAR YEAR

ACCSAP

CMP IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

You must PASS a Performance Assessment in 2020/2021.

2020/2021 IS A NO CONSEQUENCES YEAR

CathSAP

CMP IN INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY

You must take a Performance Assessment in No Consequence years, but you do not have to Pass. You must PASS in 2022 & beyond.

EPSAP

CMP IN ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

HFSAP

CMP IN ADVANCED HEART FAILURE & TRANSPLANT CARDIOLOGY

“No consequences” doesn’t mean you can skip the assessment. If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2020 or 2021, your status will change to Not Certified.

IN 2022 AND BEYOND, YOU MUST MEET THE ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT AND PASS the Performance Assessment every year to be considered as meeting your ABIM assessment requirement. You will have 2 chances to pass each year. Please note that if you want two chances to pass, you must participate in the first Performance Assessment; if you miss it or skip it, then you will only have one attempt to pass with the second Performance Assessment.

How do I know if I pass the CMP?

After you complete a Performance Assessment, you will gain immediate access to a Preliminary Score Report that includes your preliminary scaled score and the average score of a reference group of “pilot” participants who took the Performance Assessment earlier in the year. Within 30 days, you will gain access to a Final Score Report that includes your final scaled score, as well as the passing score.
What happens if I don’t pass the CMP Performance Assessment and I’m due for my assessment requirement in 2020 or 2021? That depends on which CMP you are participating in:

**ACCSAP / Cardiovascular Disease CMP:** If you do not pass a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020/2021, you will need to pass an ABIM assessment in the following year to remain certified. After passing one of ABIM’s alternatives, you can then return to the CMP.

**All Other CMPs (IV, EP, HF):** If you don’t pass in 2020/2021, you will still be counted as meeting your assessment requirement because 2020/2021 is “no consequences”. Starting in 2022, you must pass the CMP Performance Assessment every year to be considered as meeting your assessment requirement. But remember, you have two chances to pass each year — once with each Performance Assessment window.

Can I take the Performance Assessment as many times as I want during the administration windows?

No, you may take a Performance Assessment **once during each administration window.**
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REPEAT STEPS 4 AND 5 each year (but on a different 20% of the field each year).

Each year, the CMP will focus on approximately 20% of the field. The table below outlines the topics of focus over the next five years within each SAP.

With the exception of the 2020//2021 CMP extension, you have to do something EVERY YEAR to maintain your certification via the CMP – spend 7 hours engaging in the topic(s), achieve a score of 70% or better on the practice questions for the topic(s), and pass the Performance Assessment.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CMP

WHEN should I start participating in the CMP?

You are not required to do anything before the year your assessment is due. As long as you take the Performance Assessment and pass it in the year your current certificate expires, you will be counted as meeting your assessment requirement.

There are several reasons that you may want to consider enrolling in the CMP BEFORE the year your assessment is due:

1. You can gain experience taking Performance Assessments without the stress of achieving a passing score by participating in the CMP before the year you are due. Participation in the CMP prior to your due date does not change your due date. You are not required to pass a Performance Assessment until the year your assessment is due.

2. In addition to helping you become familiar with the Performance Assessment, CMP SAPs will also provide you with an abundance of CME and MOC Medical Knowledge (Part II) points.

3. If you decide that you would prefer to take a different assessment option (such as ABIM’s traditional 10-year exam or Knowledge Check-In), you may use the CMP SAP as a study tool.

My MOC assessment requirement is due in 2020 or 2021. When should I take a CMP Performance Assessment?

Because the CMP for 2020 has been extended into 2021, the Performance Assessments offered in 2020 & 2021 will count toward the assessment requirements for people with certificates due in 2020 and 2021.

• CMP in Cardiovascular Disease (ACCSAP): If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021, you must take and pass a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020 and/or 2021. ACCSAP will feature a total of three Performance Assessments during 2020 / 2021, and you may participate in any two of them.

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If you pass the Performance Assessment offered in 2020, you have met your assessment requirement and do not have to do anything else in 2021. To continue with the CMP, you would need to resume your yearly requirements (complete 7 hours of learning engagement and pass a Performance Assessment) again in 2022.

• CMP in Interventional Cardiology (CathSAP) and Electrophysiology (EP SAP): If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021, you may take a CMP Performance Assessment in 2020 and/or 2021. Because 2020 / 2021 is “no consequences” for these specialties, you do not have to pass.

CathSAP and EP SAP will offer two Performance Assessments each: one in 2020 and one in 2021. You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.

If you take the Performance Assessment offered in 2020, you have met your assessment requirement for 2020 or 2021 and do not have to do anything else in 2021. To continue with the CMP, you would need to resume your yearly requirements (complete 7 hours of learning engagement and pass a Performance Assessment) again in 2022.
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- CMP In Heart Failure (HF SAP): If your certificate is due in 2020 or 2021, you may take a CMP Performance Assessment in 2021. Because 2020/2021 is “no consequences” for this specialty, you do not have to achieve a passing score.

HF SAP will offer two Performance Assessments in 2021. You may take a Performance Assessment once during each offering.

If your certificate is due in 2020, you don’t need to do anything that year. You may begin meeting your assessment requirement with the CMP in 2021.

What does “no consequences” mean for the CMP?

- 2020/2021 is “no consequences” for the CMP in Interventional Cardiology, Electrophysiology, and Heart Failure, which means you will be considered as meeting your assessment requirement as long as you participate in both the engagement and performance components of the pathway. If you are successful on the CMP Performance Assessment in 2020 / 2021, it will count as a pass. If you are not successful and your exam was due in 2021, there will be no change to your certification status and you can continue to participate in the CMP. In 2022 and beyond, you must pass either the first or second offering of the Performance Assessment to be considered as maintaining your certification.

- “No consequences” doesn’t mean you can skip the assessment. If you skip it, and your certification expires in 2020 or 2021, your status will change to Not Certified.

- In addition to meeting other certification requirements, physicians with certifications expiring in 2020 or 2021 will need to take one of the three available MOC Assessment Options or they will no longer be certified. Available options include the ABIM 10-Year Traditional Exam, the ABIM 2-Year Knowledge Check In, and the CMP Performance Assessment.

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Besides meeting the Performance Assessment requirement, does participating in the CMP also fulfill ABIM’s MOC requirements?

Over time, continuous engagement with the annual CMP will earn you more than enough MOC points to meet the MOC 100-point requirement every five years. However, if your 5-year MOC points requirement is due within the next 2-3 years, additional points may be necessary. This would all depend on how many points you have already accrued when you enter the pathway. ACCSAP offers a total of 160 CME/MOC points, for example, so you may need to claim MOC points for topics above and beyond the topic(s) that are the focus of that year’s CMP.

Be sure to check your ABIM physician portal to see your specific circumstance. If you are maintaining certification in Interventional Cardiology, please note that the 5-year attestation requirement also remains in place.
What is the total cost to participate in the CMP?

Participation in the CMP involves two separate costs:

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<th>ABIM annual cost to participate in MOC*</th>
<th>SAP purchase, which gives you 5 years of access to all learning and assessment materials**</th>
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<td>- $132 per year if you pay BEFORE the year due</td>
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*Paid directly to ABIM regardless of the MOC option you choose

**Paid directly to ACC for access to all CME learning content plus the option to use the SAP as your MOC assessment option through the CMP.
REASONS TO CONSIDER THE CMP

1. **It’s delivered through a trusted resource — ACC’s self-assessment programs.** Chances are, you’re already familiar with ACC’s self-assessment programs and know that they are a great resource for refreshing your knowledge, testing yourself, and earning all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points that you need to stay licensed and certified. Now you will also be able to use them to meet your MOC assessment requirement.

2. **It helps you shift to a “continuous learning” mindset.** CMP Performance Assessments cover approximately 20% of the field each year, letting you refresh your knowledge of the whole discipline over a 5-year period rather than all at once. See the table on page 14 for the CMP topics of focus each year.

3. **It’s easy to track and remember.** Spend 7 hours “engaging” and take the 60-question Performance Assessment within your CMP SAP every year. (Your purchase of a SAP provides you with 5 years of access.)

4. **Similar to ABIM’s KCI and 10-year assessments, you get 2 chances to pass the CMP Performance Assessment each year!** You may attempt the CMP assessment one time during each of the two testing windows offered each year.

5. **You risk nothing by trying!** You can participate in the CMP for Interventional Cardiology, Electrophysiology and/or Heart Failure at no risk because 2020/2021 are a “no consequence” years (this means that you will continue to be counted as maintaining your ABIM certification simply by completing the CMP requirements). Plus, over time, you can earn all the CME and MOC medical knowledge points you need!