

COMING SOON!

ABIM's Longitudinal Assessment Pathway

WHAT IS A LONGITUDINAL ASSESSMENT?

By providing physicians with regular feedback on their performance, longitudinal assessments better integrate assessment and learning, helping physicians know and demonstrate they are keeping up with current practices in medicine. Physicians participating in the longitudinal pathway will receive timed, multiple-choice questions each quarter that can be answered whenever they like using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

KEY FEATURES INCLUDE



Four minutes per question, answer any place or time

With a pool of extra minutes if you need more time



Access any resources used in practice

Except another person



Provides immediate feedback, rationales, references



Can be used for earning MOC points



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



Physicians can start engaging in the year in which their assessment is due



Provides a re-entry pathway for physicians with lapsed certifications

** Participation standard 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

- 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.
- 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 OPTION ROLLOUT SCHEDULE

2022

Cardiovascular Disease
Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
Gastroenterology
Geriatric Medicine
Hematology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Internal Medicine
Interventional Cardiology
Medical Oncology
Nephrology
Rheumatology
Sleep Medicine

2023

Critical Care Medicine
Hospital Medicine
Infectious Disease
Pulmonary Disease

The longitudinal option 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.

YOUR FEEDBACK DRIVES CHANGE

We want to hear from you as we develop the new longitudinal assessment option, and we're committed to providing you with regular updates on our progress.



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WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE DUE BEFORE '22?

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:

- Ensuring that 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 will have until 12/31/21 to complete them.
- Affording physicians currently in their grace year with an additional grace year in 2021.

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