

# MOC Questions & Answers



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# What is MOC?

- ❑ MOC = Maintenance of Certification
- ❑ 4-part process designed to engage physicians in continuous, lifelong learning (\*required for all diplomates initially certified after 1988)
- ❑ You must complete an examination every 10 years for each certification you wish to maintain – but activities for one certification may count towards another.
- ❑ You must enroll by December of the year your current certificate expires.
- ❑ If you hold a time-limited certificate, you are not yet in a points-based MOC program

# Key Points about MOC

- ❑ You must meet the requirements associated with your current certification BEFORE you are **eligible** to enroll in MOC
- ❑ THIS CAN TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS
- ❑ ABP states December 31 deadline but recommends completing activities and enrollment at least 2-3 weeks prior to this date to avoid lapse in certification status
- ❑ Therefore, ENROLL BY EARLY DECEMBER!

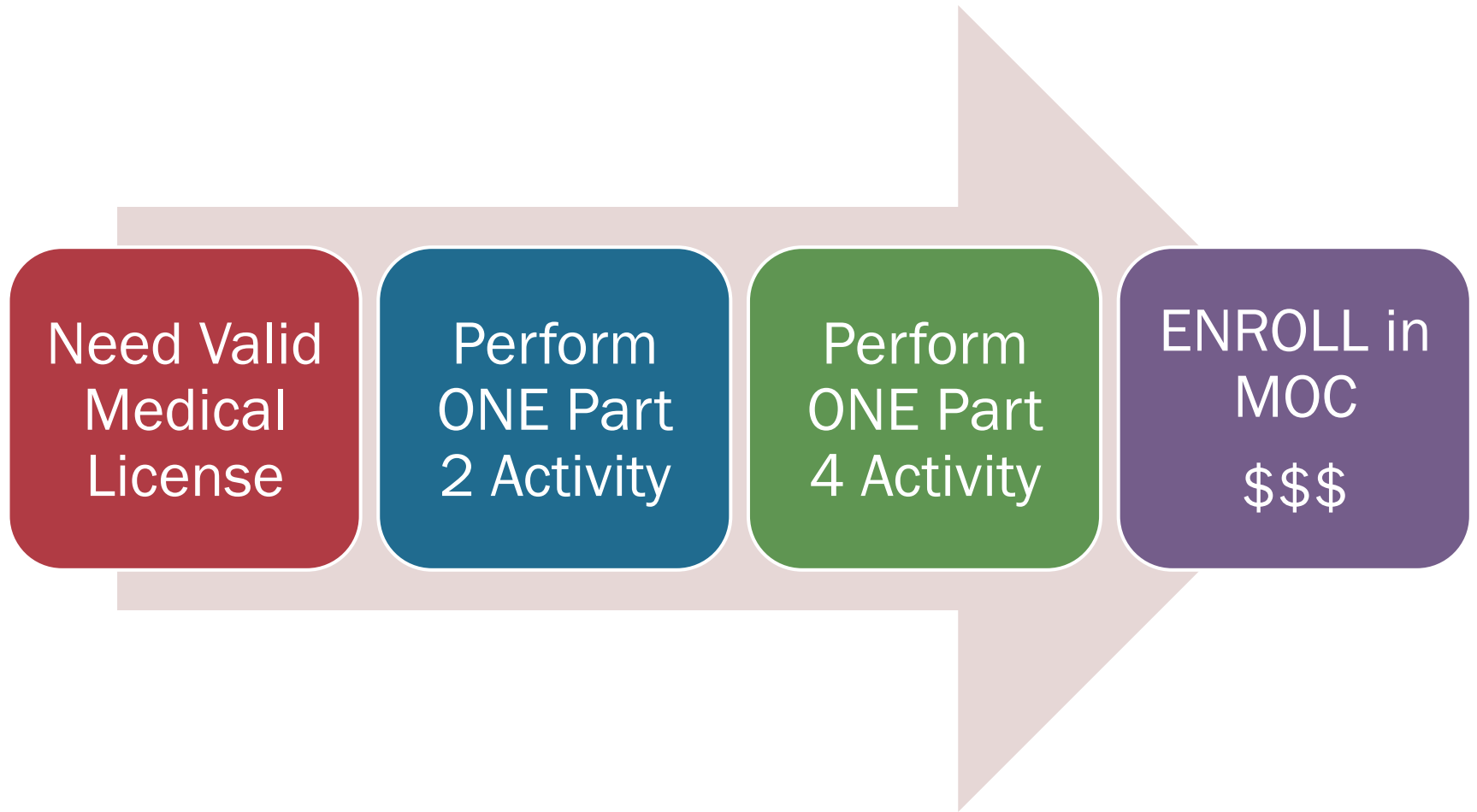
# How do I enroll in MOC?

- Log into ABP Website – [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)
  - ▣ Click on My ABP Portfolio
- Acknowledge you hold a valid, unrestricted Medical License

For those who hold a current, time-limited certificate, you must:

- ▣ Find and perform ONE Part 2 MOC Activity
- ▣ Find and perform ONE Part 4 MOC Activity
- ▣ Consider the TIME COMMITMENT needed to complete the activities in which you choose to participate
- ▣ **ONLY AFTER** performing above - may then enroll into Maintenance of Certification

# How To Maintain Your Time-Limited ABP Certification



# What is a MOC Part 2 Activity?

- Part 2 is a Knowledge Self Assessment Activity
- An approved Part 2 activity can be completed in ANY area of specialty; does not have to be specific to GI
- Activities currently offered which are specific to GI Specialists are literature-based activities
  - ▣ Involves reading articles and answering article-associated questions
  - ▣ Multiple choice
  - ▣ Receive continuing education credit
  - ▣ Can be performed in one sitting
  - ▣ Only one Part 2 activity required for diplomates with a time-limited certificate, regardless of point value

# What is a MOC Part 4 Activity?

- Performance In Practice Activity
- GI Projects:
  - ▣ Continuing education component
  - ▣ Requires baseline collection of patient data
  - ▣ Involves performance of quality improvement project to improve results of initial patient data collection
  - ▣ Requires REPEAT collection of patient data AT MULTIPLE LATER TIME POINTS
  - ▣ CANNOT BE DONE IN ONE SITTING
  - ▣ Simulated data provided for diplomates with limited or NO clinical activity
  - ▣ Time commitment varies greatly dependent upon activity chosen
  - ▣ Only one Part 4 activity required for diplomates with a time-limited certificate, regardless of point value

# How do I find Part 2 or 4 Activities?

- Log In to your ABP Portfolio from the ABP homepage.
  - ▣ Click Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
  - ▣ Click Parts 2 and 4 Activity Search
- Refer to ABP MOC Instruction Guide for Step by Step
  - ▣ Available at NASPGHAN website
  - ▣ Also available at [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)



# MOC Part 2 Activities



- ❑ Pediatric Gastroenterology Specific Activities available
- ❑ 2010 Gastroenterology Self-Assessment
- ❑ 2011 Gastroenterology Self-Assessment
- ❑ 2012 Gastroenterology Self-Assessment
- ❑ 2013 Gastroenterology Self-Assessment

# MOC Part 4 Activities

- ❑ NASPGHAN-sponsored activities
  - ❑ Upper Endoscopy
  - ❑ Colonoscopy
  - ❑ Informed Consent
  - ❑ Failure to Thrive
- ❑ Each module successfully completed provides 25 MOC Part 4 points and 20 CME credits
- ❑ Requires 4 month minimum period to complete EACH activity
- ❑ Need to participate in at least 2 modules to receive requisite 40 points for MOC Part 4 per 5 year cycle
- ❑ Not for members with no clinical activity

# How do I get proof of MOC?

- Once you have enrolled, you will receive confirmation of your MOC via email
- Otherwise, you may download your MOC Completion Letter by logging into your ABP portfolio
  - ▣ Select My Archives
  - ▣ Select the notice *MOC Completion*

# Now that I'm enrolled.....

- An examination is required every 10 years in each area of certification you want to maintain
  - ▣ If you took your last exam in 2003, you MUST take and exam in 2013 to maintain that certification
- 5 more years to perform the following:
  - ▣ 40 points with Part 2 Activities
    - Each activity 10-20 points
  - ▣ 40 points with Part 4 Activities
    - Each activity 10-25 points
    - Some 35 points but restricted access
  - ▣ An additional 20 points with either a Part 2 or 4 activity
  - ▣ Patient survey

# What If I did not enroll in MOC on time (before my certificate lapsed)?

- Your ABP Certification is now expired in this area
- To regain certification, you must:
  - Enroll via the ABP Web site so that you have access to activities (NOTE: You will not be considered certified until you have met ALL requirements)
  - Earn the required 100 points through completion of Part 2 and 4 activities
  - Take the MOC examination if your last examination wasn't completed in the past 10 years

# Other Things to Know.....

- The enrollment fee for MOC includes ONE MOC examination
- **Check regularly** under My MOC Requirements within **your ABP Portfolio** for your individual requirements and due dates
- Patient survey forms available in future
- Refer to ABP MOC Instruction Guide for Step by Step
  - ▣ Available at [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org)

# Contact information

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