

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
 - ▣ 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

Need Valid
Medical
License

Perform
ONE Part
2 Activity

Perform
ONE Part
4 Activity

ENROLL in
MOC
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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

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
 - The exam is ONLY GIVEN 2 months each year so register early! You cannot do this last minute.
- 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

NASPGHAN Involvement in MOC



- Already involved in development of MOC Part 2 activities in conjunction with ABP – working on NASPGHAN-sponsored MOC Part 2 activities as well.
- Now offers MOC Part 4 activities – to provide ALL of the necessary credits you need for a 5-year cycle
- Register via NASPGHAN website. \$250/5 year cycle. Register by August of the year your MOC is due to qualify for MOC Part 4 activities!
- Current modules (More to come!)
 - Upper Endoscopy
 - Lower Endoscopy
 - Failure to Thrive
 - Informed Consent

Contact information



- For additional information and questions:
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