

ABPN Continuing Certification (CC) Update

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A. General Characteristics of the ABPN CC Program

- **Consistent with 2015 ABMS MOC Standards (Parts I – IV).**
- **Balances competing factors.**
 - Quality and credibility
 - Convenience and cost
 - Diplomate satisfaction and participation
- Likely **fulfills the requirements for Maintenance of Licensure (MOL).**
- **Contains components identified as crucial** by organizations that credential physicians and pay for services.

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A. **ABPN CC Program***

- Begins for **diplomates certified or recertified in 2012.**
- Requirements for CC:
 - **Unrestricted medical license(s)**
 - **Patient Safety Activity** (one-time)
 - **Cognitive examination every 10 years**
 - **Specific CC activities every 3 years**
 - **24 CME hours of Self-assessment activities**
 - **90 CME hours** (includes the 24 SA CME hours)
 - **1 PIP Unit** (Clinical Module or Feedback Module)
- **Annual attestation of CC activities** on the ABPN Folio.
- **Annual CC fee** (\$175 for 2019).
 - **No fee for one CC cognitive examination** in 10 years

Note: Formerly know as the Continuous MOC (CMOC) Program

C. **Components of the ABPN CC Program**

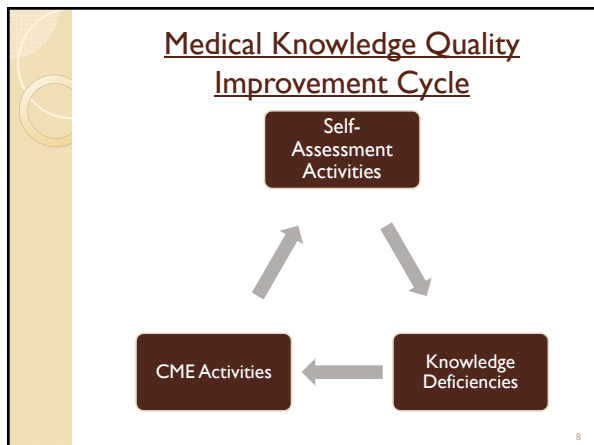
1) **Part I – Professionalism and Professional Standing**

- **Unrestricted medical license**
 - Measure of professionalism
 - Always been a requirement for ABPN certification
- **ABPN Statement on Professionalism**
 - Professionalism forms the basis of medicine's contract with society. The ABPN is concerned with those aspects of professionalism that are demonstrated through a physician's **clinical competence, commitment to lifelong learning and professional improvement, interpersonal skills, and ethical understanding and behavior.** In its credentialing, certification, and CC programs, the ABPN seeks to assess and document that its candidates and diplomates posses and maintain these aspects of professionalism.

2) **Part II – Lifelong Learning and Self-assessment (SA)**

- **CME**
 - Average of **30 Category I CME credits/year**
- **Self-assessment**
 - **24 SA CME credits required every three years.**
 - **SA examinations** developed by peers.
 - Provide feedback to guide CME and life-long learning
 - **Must earn CME credit**
 - **Must be on the ABPN-approved products list**
- **Patient Safety Activity** required one time.

- **8 SA CME credits waived** for specific non-CME activities.
 - **Certification/CC examination** passed
 - **Peer reviewed grant** accepted
 - **Peer reviewed paper** accepted in scientific journal*
 - **Peer supervision (4 hours)** documented
 - **Peer Review Committee review of clinical performance** documented
 - **ABPN-approved registry** participation
 - **ABPN Part III Pilot Project completion (16 SA CME credits waived)**
 - **Maximum of 16 SA CME credits waived** every three years.
 - From **two different non-CME SA activities**
 - SA and CME **complete a medical knowledge quality improvement cycle.**
- * Indexed in MEDLINE



- ### ABPN Patient Safety Activity Requirements
- Part of the 2015 ABMS MOC Standards.
 - Begins for **diplomates certified or recertified in 2016.**
 - **One-time requirement.**
 - Diplomates must complete an ABPN-approved Patient Safety Activity **prior to certification or in the first 3-year period of the CC Program.**
 - The ABPN will give **credit for any patient safety activities developed and given by accredited institutions** (e.g., hospitals, clinics, training programs).

3) Part III – Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

- Secure, **proctored, practice relevant examination.**
- Developed by peers
- Administered at Pearson VUE Professional Centers
- Diplomates **must complete all other CC requirements.**
- **Diplomates keep their own CC data and attest** completion to ABPN
- **One set of completed CC activities suffices** for multiple certificates
- **Random audits** of diplomate applicants
- Passing score extends the period before another exam is required to 10 years.
- **High pass rate expected**

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4) Part IV – Improvement in Medical Practice

- **1 Performance in Practice (PIP) Unit** required every three years.
- PIP Unit is a **Clinical Module OR a Feedback Module.**
 - **Modules must be on the ABPN-approved products list**

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Clinical Modules

- **Obtain data from at least 5 patients** in a similar category (diagnosis, treatment).
- **Diplomates select their own categories and cases**
- **Compare data to practice guidelines** developed by peers.
- Assess at least **4 quality indicators**
- **Identify opportunities for improvement.**
- **Implement improvements.**
- **Recollect data within 2 years** from at least 5 patients in the same category (**same or different patients**).

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- Diplomates may receive **Clinical Module credit** for:
 - “Meaningful participation” in the **ABMS Portfolio Project**.
 - Completing **institutional QI activities** that meet ABPN requirements.
 - Completing **professional society QI activities** that meet ABPN requirements (e.g., APA’s PsychPRO registry).
 - Completing **CC Part IV activities of other member Boards**.
 - Participation in **special accredited programs** (e.g., Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Centers) with QI activities.
 - Participation in **JCAHO Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE)** activities that are **specialty specific**.
 - Completing **international CC activities** (E.g., RCPS-C) that meet ABPN requirements.
 - Developing their own Clinical Module (must be preapproved by ABPN)

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- **Feedback Modules**
 - Diplomates choose one type of **Feedback Module** they want to complete.
 - **Patient Surveys** (at least 5 patients selected by diplomate)
 - **Peer Surveys** (of General Competencies)*
 - **Institutional Peer Review** (of General Competencies)*
 - **Supervisor Evaluation** (of General Competencies)
 - **Resident Evaluations** (of General Competencies)*
 - **360° Evaluation** (of General Competencies)*
 - **Identify opportunities for improvement.**
 - **Implement improvements.**
 - **Re-solicit opinions within 2 years.**

*Must include at least 5 evaluators.

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PIP Unit – A Three Step Process

To earn PIP credit, a three step process must be completed for **both** the **clinical module** and **feedback module**.

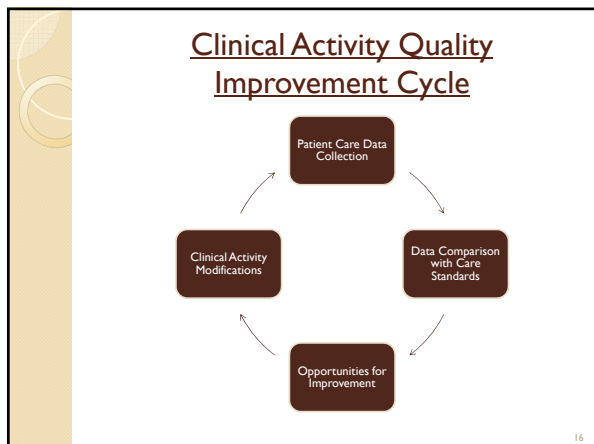
Step A: **Initial assessment***

Step B: **Identify and Implement Improvement**

Step C: **Re-assessment***

* Use same tools for Steps A & C (chart category, survey, etc.).

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- The ABPN **does not require** that diplomates complete specific PIP Clinical Modules or Feedback Modules.
 - **Diplomates themselves select the most relevant activities**
 - The ABPN **does not require** that diplomates submit PIP Clinical Module and Feedback Module results to the ABPN.
 - **Attest and audit approach**
 - The ABPN **does not require** that diplomates develop and complete a specific action plan to address deficiencies identified in PIP Clinical Modules and Feedback Modules.
 - **Diplomates themselves determine what action, if any, is necessary**
 - The ABPN **does not require** that diplomates improve their performance in PIP Clinical Modules or Feedback Modules.
 - **Process not outcome approach**
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- Diplomates who graduate from ACGME – accredited subspecialty fellowships and pass an ABPN subspecialty examination in 2012 or later **receive 3 years of CC credit** (SA, CME, PIP).
 - **Diplomates with “life-time” certificates** may now join the CC Program in two ways.
 - **Pass the CC examination**
 - Register for the CC Program, complete 3 years of required CC activities, and **pass the CC examination within 3 years**
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D. ABPN CC Part III Pilot Project

- **Optional** alternative to the ABPN secure, proctored 10-Year CC Examinations.
 - Only for **Psychiatry, CAP, Neurology, and CN**
- **Begins in 2019.**
- Lasts three years (**2019-2021**).
- Eligible diplomates **must currently meet CC requirements**.
 - CC diplomates who passed CC Examination in **2012-2014**
 - 10-Year CC diplomates whose certificates expire in **2019-2021**
- Participating diplomates read and answer 5 multiple choice questions on 30-40 journal articles.
 - **Online, open-book format** accessed via internet from a computer
 - **4 out of 5 questions** must be answered correctly to receive credit for an article
- Diplomates who **receive credit for 30 articles** during the Pilot Project will be **excused from the 10-Year CC Examination**.
 - 10-Year CC Examination available for diplomates who do not complete the Pilot Project

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The screenshot shows the ABPN website with a navigation bar and a main content area titled "MOC Part III Pilot Project". The content includes a description of the project as a professional educational activity, a "Frequently Asked Questions" section, and a "Pilot Participation" section. A red arrow points to the "MOC Part III Pilot Project" link in the navigation bar. The page number "20" is visible in the bottom right corner.

CC PART III PILOT PROJECT PARTICIPATION

Certificates As of 8/1/19	Eligible Diplomates 22,075 individuals	Enrolled Diplomates 14,392 individuals	Participation passed one or more mini-exam	Completion passed 30 mini-exams
Psychiatry	14,607	9,509 (65%)	4,225 (44%)	1,125 (12%)
Neurology	5,776	3,803 (66%)	1,766 (46%)	452 (12%)
Child Neurology	879	636 (72%)	298 (47%)	66 (10%)
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	3,306	2,221 (67%)	642 (29%)	151 (7%)

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CC PART III PILOT PROJECT SURVEY RESULTS

	Agree or Strongly Agree	Disagree or Strongly Disagree
Article is easy to access	96%	4%
Article is helpful to my practice	93%	7%
Test is a fair assessment of my understanding of this article	90%	10%
Questions are well-written	86%	14%
My experience of taking this test is satisfactory	90%	10%

(Number of completed mini-exams = 59,870)

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Questions about CC?

- Questions@abpn.com
- ABPN Physician Folios
www.abpn.com/folios
- CC Help Line
 - 847-229-6510

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