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A Requirement for Maintenance of Certification:

Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)



ABPN Maintenance of certification checklist

*See 10-year MOC and C-MOC flyers for more details

- ☐ Activate an ABPN Folios account at www.abpn.com/folios and attest to completed MOC activities
- ☐ Maintain your professional standing by holding an active, full, unrestricted medical license
- ☐ Complete CME and Self-Assessment activities
- ☐ Complete one Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP) unit
- ☐ Apply and pass a MOC examination
- ☐ Pay annual fee (with C-MOC program)



Still have questions?

- * Call the ABPN MOC department at 847.229.6512
- * Or email us at questions@abpn.com
- * Office hours M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST
- * Visit www.abpn.com/moc or your Folios account to learn more

Requirements for Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)

Requirements	Duration and Activities	Details
<p>Clinical Activity Quality Improvement Cycle</p> <pre>graph TD; A[Clinical Activity Modifications] --> B[Patient/Peer Data Collection]; B --> C[Data Comparison with Care Standards]; C --> D[Opportunities for Improvement]; D --> A;</pre>	<p>3 year block</p> <p>One PIP unit required, including a:</p> <p>Clinical Module (chart review) AND Feedback Module (patient or peer feedback)</p>	<p>Step A: Engage in Initial Data Collection Step B: Identify and Implement Improvement Step C: Reassessment</p> <p>These three steps are required for both the Clinical Module and the Feedback Module.</p> <p>Learn about PIP Products at www.abpn.com/moc-products</p> <p>Update your clinically active status at www.abpn.com/folios</p>

Details on completing a PIP unit

- The PIP unit is designed for 'Clinically Active' physicians and must be preapproved by the ABPN.
- Diplomates have three choices to satisfy the PIP requirements:
 - Choose a product from the ABPN Approved MOC Products List; a PIP product must be listed on the ABPN website,
 - Participate in an ABMS Portfolio Program through your institution, OR
 - Seek preapproval for an individual or institutional QI activity. The Approval Request Form is located on the ABPN website under Forms.
- The PIP unit must be completed within 24 months.
- There are two modules to a PIP unit -- a Clinical Chart Review Module and a Feedback Module -- and each module consists of three steps. See the following descriptions on how to complete the PIP modules.



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How to Complete the Clinical Chart Review Module

Step A: Initial assessment of five patient charts

- Collect data from at least five of your own patient charts in a specific category (diagnosis, type of treatment, or treatment setting) obtained from your practice over the previous three-year period.
- Compare the data from the five patient cases with published best practices, practice guidelines, or peer-based standards of care (e.g., hospital QI programs, standard practice guidelines published by specialty societies), using a minimum of four quality measures.

Step B: Identify and implement improvement

- Based on results from chart reviews, develop and carry out a plan to improve effectiveness and/or efficiency of your medical practice.
- If no areas for improvement are determined based on initial assessment, then maintenance of performance in medical practice should be reassessed in Step C.

Step C: Reassessment of five patient charts

- Within 24 months of initial assessment, collect data from another five of your own patient charts (may use same or different patients).
- Use the same category and practice guidelines for the initial assessment and reassessment steps.

How to Complete the Feedback Module

Step A: Initial assessment of patient OR peer feedback.

- Diplomates are required to choose ONE type of feedback:
 - Patient feedback from five patients,
 - Peer feedback from five peers,
 - Resident evaluation from five respondents,
 - 360 degree evaluation from five respondents,
 - Institutional peer review from five respondents, OR
 - Supervisor evaluation from one supervisor.

Step B: Identify and implement improvement.

- Based on results from feedback, develop and carry out a plan to improve effectiveness and/or efficiency of your medical practice.
- If no areas for improvement are determined based on initial assessment, then maintenance of performance in medical practice should be reassessed in Step C.

Step C: Reassessment of peer OR patient feedback.

- Within 24 months of initial assessment, collect data from another set of same or different patients or peers.
- Use the same feedback option for the initial assessment and reassessment steps.

*ABPN will not collect patient or peer data. If audited, ABPN will require that diplomates explain how they carried out the Improvement in Medical Practice unit and submit information about their process and improvement plan.

** All forms, including feedback, are available in the ABPN website under Publications and Forms.